



Supporting participation program

Common questions

Part 2

Funding





Australian Government

Department of Health,
Disability and Ageing

- The Australian Government Department of Health Disability and Ageing

We say **DHDA** for short.



Australian
Human Rights
Commission

- The Australian Human Rights Commission

We say **AHRC** for short.

Wrote this together.

When you see the word **we** it means
DHDA and AHRC.



We wrote this in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

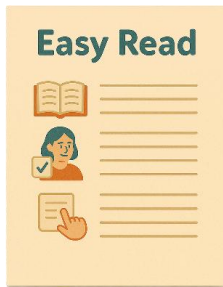
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We have some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

These are important words.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

This means it has the most important ideas.



We can answer any questions by email.

Email us disability@humanrights.gov.au



You can ask for help to read this document.

You can ask

- A friend
- Family members
- A support person.



We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the **Traditional Owners** of the land we live on.



They were the **first people** to live on and use the

- Land
- Waters.

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About the Supporting Participation Program



This talks about the
Supporting Participation Program.

We call it **SPP** for short.



Participation means taking part in something.



Programs are done to support people in the
community.



SPP supports people with disability to go to **international forums on human rights**.

Like the **United Nations Conference of States Parties**.



The **United Nations** is an organisation where countries come together to

- Talk about world issues
- Fix world issues.

We call it the **UN** for short.



The **Conference of States Parties** is a meeting for all countries that agreed to support the rights of people with disability.

We call it **COSP** for short.



International forums are meetings where people from different countries talk about important issues.



Human rights are rights that everyone has.

Rights are **rules** about treating everyone

- Fair
- Equal.



SPP helps Australia to follow the

- **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.**

We say **CRPD** for short.



CRPD is an agreement between different countries.

CRPD says how people with disability **must** have their **rights** respected.



SPP also supports people with disability to

- Speak up about their rights



- Represent their organisation.

About this document



This document has **4 parts**.



Part 1 is about

- The **grant**

A grant is when the government gives you money to do something.



- Where to find information about the grant



- Rules for the grant.



Part 2 is about

- **Funding.**

Funding is **money from the government** to take part.



Part 3 is about

- What information is needed



- Can I get help



- How organisations will know if they got a grant.



Part 4 is about

- Your **application**

Applications are forms you fill out to say you want funding to go to a forum.



- Going to the **forum**.

A forum is a meeting to talk about a problem.



This is **part 2**.

How much funding can I get



The amount of funding for each person will be different.



It will depend on what you write in your application.



Organisations could get funding for more than 1 person.



Organisations must make sure you can use all your funding.

Funding for the different forums



DHDA will decide who get funding.



DHDA will look at the report AHRC writes.

This will help them decide.



Most of the funding will go towards COSP20.

What can the funding be used for



You can use the funding for

- Travelling to the forum



- **Passport**

A passport is a document from the government.

It says

- Who you are
- What country you are from.

It helps you travel to different countries.



- **Visa**

A visa is a document that says you can go to another country for a certain amount of time.



- **Accommodation**

This is where you stay when you are away from home.



- **Support person**



- **Transport**

Transport is how people move from one place to another.

You can use

- Cars
- Buses
- Planes.



- **Assistive technology.**

Assistive technology can be things to help you

- Speak
- Move
- See
- Hear.

What you can not spend the funding on



You can **not** use the funding for

- Anything **not** needed to go to the forum like

- Buying **souvenirs**



Souvenirs are things you buy to remember a trip or event.

They are **not** things you need.



- Extra travel that is **not** needed to go to the forum



- Alcoholic drinks.

What if I do not spend all the funding



We will look at why the money was **not** spent.



You might need to pay the money back.

When will you get the funding



If you get funding your organisation will need to sign a **grant agreement**.

This says

- How the money can be used
- What rules must be followed.



The agreement needs to be signed by

- Your organisation
- DHDA.

This needs to be done before we make payment.



We think payments will be made in

- February 2027.



You should check with your organisation before you apply.



This will tell you

- How they will give you your funding



- When they will give you your funding.

Tax questions



The grant does **not** include

- **Goods and Services Tax**

We call it **GST** for short.

This is tax that is added to things we buy.



We can **not** give you any advice about

- **Tax.**

Tax is money that workers pay to the government.

It helps the government have money to spend on things that everyone uses like roads.

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