# Factors considered in funding decisions

1. **Determining whether a funding application will be recommended for funding**

Depending on demand, it may not be possible for all eligible applications to be successful and/or partial funding of an application may be offered. Applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. In particular, we will be looking to ensure:

* the application is put forward by disability peak organisations and disability advocacy organisations
* the applicant meets criteria for attendance at the event, for example, they have the necessary documentation or UN passes required to attend the event
* the applicant has a demonstrated connection to UNCRPD
* the applicant has demonstrated the capacity of their organisation to disseminate the outcomes of the COSP to the broader community
* the applicant has clearly outlined how attendance and participation in the forum will:

1) positively impact on the work of their organisation

2) promote and protect the rights of people with disability in

Australia

and/or

3) develop delegates’ capacity to contribute to international forums.

In general, we will also be considering:

* whether applicants have previously received funding under this program
* The number of other applications received for attendance at the COSP
* Whether the applicant’s organisation is proposing to make a co-contribution to funding (co-contributing organisations will be given
* preference, as this allows us to offer funding to a larger number of applicants)
* The relative numbers of male and female delegates with disability to be recommended

1. **Determining the amount of funding to be provided to successful applicants**

The exact amount to be provided to support participation by representatives of people with disability will be decided on a case by case basis by DSS, in consultation with the Commission and with regard to its recommendations. While funding decisions are based on the requirements of applicants, indicative funding caps have been nominated to maximise the equitable distribution of funds across delegations and across meeting events. They are as follows:

* $7,000 (GST inclusive) for a successful applicant without the need of an attendant
* $11,500 (GST inclusive) if an applicant is also bringing an attendant carer or requires other specialised supports.

Total funding received may also be limited by the number of successful applicants determined for that year.

In making funding decisions, DSS, in consultation with the Commission, may include consideration for expenses including:

* + - **air fares** — for return economy airfares with a quality airline that has a track record in providing appropriate support to passengers with disability; or return business airfares, where necessary
    - **accommodation** — for the duration of the event within a reasonable proximity to the event centre, a minimum of 3-star quality, and has accessible rooms
    - **conference fees**
    - a **daily allowance** or stipend for incidentals
    - **miscellaneous expenses** such as transfers and taxi fares for travel to and from airports
    - **additional support**, if required— the Commission will consider the needs of applicants in determining an appropriate amount to be provided for any additional support. Such support might cover specific accessibility needs around travel, accommodation, or conference costs for a carer, for example.
    - **Pre-event and post-event feedback meetings**—although funding may be available to support pre and post event meetings, email, video- and telephone-conferencing, web hosting and online captioning services should all be used as far as possible to promote a low-carbon footprint and represent value for money for such domestic activities.