



Innovation Fund: Tranche 2, 2023-24

A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030 (the Strategy)

In 2020, the State Government announced a \$5 million Innovation Fund (the Fund) to support the outcomes of the Strategy.

In line with the 'Delivering Community Services Partnership Policy 2020', Communities undertook targeted consultation with key stakeholders to scope and inform focus areas for tranche 2 of the Fund.

Communities released an Expression of Interest in March 2023 seeking applications from WA based organisations interested in creatively applying new knowledge, technologies, or processes to improve inclusion and participation for people with disability.

An evaluation panel assessed all offers. Nine (9) applicants were shortlisted for direct negotiation with a requested budget of \$2,500,000 over 2 years. An overview of the funded projects is provided below.

1. Citizen Journalism – Digital Strategy Project

DADAA

This project provides a place for every artist with a disability to share their story by learning new skills that will help them fully participate in the digital world.

Citizen Journalism will be in three parts:

- Unfiltered: a monthly podcast for artists with intellectual disability.
- Unrestricted: producing a short film to share on digital platforms.
- Library of Forgotten Lives: a collective digital story with an interactive exhibition displayed at Bunbury Regional Gallery.

Total Funding:	\$500,000
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	State-wide

2. Small Stories Project

My Place WA

Storytelling is a way to understand others and build connections. It gives the ability to share important information, advocate for yourself and build your identity.

Working together with the Centre for Stories, the project will give people with disability a voice to tell their story in an accessible and inclusive way. Stories could be shared in writing, using photographs or artwork.

Total Funding:	\$350,000
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	State-wide

3. Outreach Neuro-Clinics Project

Huntington's WA

The Outreach Neuro-Clinics will provide neurological supports to Aboriginal people with Huntington's disease living in remote communities. This will include:

- Four clinics across the Kimberley and Pilbara regions.
- A partnership with Lyfe Languages and Pilbara Voices to translate key medical terms into Aboriginal languages.
- Trialling telehealth options for Aboriginal people and their families.

Total Funding:	\$148,920
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	Kimberley, Pilbara

4. Accessibility Challenge Project

Curtin University

The project will bring together people with disability, Curtin University staff and students and disability service providers to:

- identify challenges experienced by people with disability; and
- establish innovative solutions to encourage change in the perception of disability.

The solutions will be published through a range of media platforms.

Total Funding:	\$265,000
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	State-wide

5. Open Doors Project

Inclusion WA

Working alongside people with disability, the project will develop educational resources and supports to increase disability awareness amongst local businesses.

Three community specific pocket guides will provide best practice tips and advice about disability access and inclusion, to support businesses to change their day-to-day operations creating a more welcoming and inclusive experience for people with disability.

Total Funding:	\$213,000
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	Perth metropolitan

6. Access and Inclusion Project

RUAH

This project will develop accessible strategies and tools for people with intellectual disability and/or complex communication needs to effectively engage with specialist support services, particularly for those experiencing homelessness and/or family and domestic violence.

Total Funding:	\$320,000
Term of Funding:	1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024
Regions:	Perth metropolitan, Midwest, Gascoyne

7. Online sexuality education and expression program for people with Complex Communication Needs

Microboards

This project will deliver an online sexuality education and expression program for people with complex communication needs to develop an understanding and vocabulary in exploring their own sexuality.

The educational program will be made available online and will be accessible to any person with a disability as well as parents and/or carers.

Total Funding:	\$331,200
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	State-wide

8. What's On Guide Project

Kiind (formerly trading as Kalparrin)

The 'What's On' Guide promotes inclusive communities by connecting children and young people with disability and their parents and/or carers with recreational, cultural, sporting and community organisations in their local area. Using existing technology and databases, the Guide will be further refined and tailored to meet individual needs, including their age, location and interests.

Total Funding:	\$73,126.20
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	State-wide

9. Creative Social Connections Project

Developmental Disability Council of Western Australia (DDWA)

This project will engage and support students in years 11, 12 and 13 with intellectual disability and/or complex communication needs, to increase their social connections beyond their high school years.

Using a mix of in-person and online workshops and coaching, school leavers will explore new places and spaces where they can socialise and build friendships.

Total Funding:	\$298,754
Term of Funding:	1 July 2023 - 30 June 2025
Regions:	State-wide