



## MEDIA RELEASE

# \$62 million in grants available for NDIS support

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Residents across the New England are invited to share in new grants for NDIS support designed to make mainstream services more accessible for people with disabilities and improve their job prospects in regional communities.

Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce, said the Coalition Government's \$62 million National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) grants program is available in two streams:

- The Mainstream Capacity Building Program – \$32 million of funding which is available this round will focus on health such as improving understanding of disability in the health sector or making community health clinics more inclusive.
- The Economic and Community Participation Program - \$30 million of funding is available for projects which provide people with disability better opportunities for meaningful employment, empowering them to participate in and benefit from the same community activities as everyone else.

Mr Joyce encouraged eligible organisations across the New England to consider applying for the grants.

"These two grant rounds will improve understanding and knowledge of disability in the health sector and amongst employers while also providing greater opportunity for people with disability to lead, shape and contribute to their own communities," Mr Joyce said.

"Last month our Government announced a [\\$70,000 grant](#) for Challenge Community Services to do just this and improve employment opportunities for people with an intellectual disability in the New England.

"I encourage all eligible organisations across the New England – those already well established and those laying new foundations for people with disabilities, families and carers – to apply for this latest round of funding," he added.

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Stuart Robert, said the announcement marks the first step in a \$122 million investment in the two flagship programs designed to improve access to health services and employment for Australians with disability.

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“People with disability should be able to access health services that are inclusive of their needs, and enjoy the same employment opportunities and participation in community activities as everyone else - these grants engage with these challenges,” Mr Robert said.

Applications for these grants close at 11pm AEDT on Monday, 21 October. Applications can be sent via the [Community Grants Hub](#).

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