



## Individual, Family Capacity Building 2025-2026 Grant Opportunity Successful Applicants

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Ability West Ltd	Capacity Building through Life Transitions	This project will build the capacity of young people with disability (18–25) in regional, rural, and remote NSW to navigate life's transitions and live more included lives. Delivered online in small, professionally facilitated peer groups led by people with lived experience, it will develop lasting knowledge, practical skills, and confidence. Participants will join a networked learning community to share strategies and overcome challenges together.	New South Wales	\$849,510.00
Amparo Advocacy Incorporated	Building the leadership, knowledge and skills of young people from CALD backgrounds with disability and their family members	This project builds on AMPARO's experience delivering ILC capacity-building projects for people with disability from CALD backgrounds and their families. Multicultural workers will provide evidence-based, culturally appropriate supports to increase knowledge of disability, confidence in navigating life transitions, and access to responsive services. Activities include face-to-face mentoring, tailored group training, and peer support networks to foster inclusion and self-advocacy.	Queensland	\$1,250,000.00
Association for Children with a Disability Incorporated	Empower Families	Empower Families will strengthen the capacity of over 1,200 Victorian families raising young people with disability (11–16) to support life transitions and build self-advocacy skills. The project will deliver 50 evidence-based activities, including peer-led workshops, personalised advocacy plans, and tailored support, with outreach and peer support for CALD families and 1-1 support for families needing additional assistance. At least 80% of project participants will be parents of autistic young people and/or those with intellectual disability.	Victoria	\$1,250,000.00
Autism Northern Territory Incorporated	Autism NT Active Hub	The Autism NT Active Hub will deliver targeted individual and peer-based capacity building for young Autistic people approaching key life transitions, and for families and carers across the NT. Operating from Darwin, Katherine, and Alice	Northern Territory	\$1,183,101.00

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		Springs, supports will be provided in-person and online, including remote areas, through mentoring, inclusive education and employment pathways, and peer-led groups. Families and carers will have access to resources, wellbeing support, advocacy guidance, and peer sessions to build knowledge and connections.		
Autism Queensland Limited	Owning My Future	This statewide project will empower young autistic Queenslanders to co-design transition plans and build skills for managing life changes. Guided by an AQ Inclusion Consultant using a coaching approach, participants will set goals, develop strategies, and strengthen self-advocacy, communication, and decision-making through coaching and reflective reviews. An online resource hub will also be made available to everyone.	Queensland	\$1,249,993.00
Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT)	Side by Side	This project will deliver a virtual, wrap-around transition program for Autistic young people (aged 16–25) and their families, offering peer mentoring, guided learning, and supportive forums. The program draws on existing resources such as My Way and An Autistic Guide to Adulthood, each offering modules that will cover diverse pathways for life after school, including employment, further education, and independent living, through live sessions or self-paced learning. The program will build confidence, knowledge of rights, and decision-making skills using practical tools aligned with individual goals and strengths	National	\$1,146,866.00
Belonging Matters Incorporated	The Inclusion Hub	The Inclusion Hub will empower people with intellectual disabilities to navigate major life transitions through peer-to-peer learning, tailored mentoring, and accessible resources. Families and carers will also build capacity via learning events, peer groups, and resources on key topics such as transitioning after school, moving out of home, and supported decision-making. This dual approach will ensure individuals and their support networks are equipped to make informed decisions for a more inclusive future.	Victoria	\$1,249,997.00
Blind Citizens Australia	Pathways to Independence	The Pathways to Independence will transform the leadership landscape for Australians who are blind or vision impaired through peer-led programs. These programs will span youth	National	\$1,249,884.00

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		leadership, emerging leaders, executive development and family advocacy, where participants will gain the skills, confidence and networks to drive systemic change. By embedding proven approaches and creating strong peer networks, the program drives inclusion. Its evidence base will enable national replication and lasting social impact.		
Brain Injury Association of Tasmania Incorporated	National Assistance Card – Building Accessible Futures	The National Assistance Card is a personalised tool that helps people with disability share key information about their needs, supporting inclusion and self-advocacy. The project will continue providing the Card to people with brain injury and Autistic people, expand accessibility, and offer co-designed resources and application support. Input from diverse communities will guide improvements and enable expansion and public awareness.	National	\$1,250,000.00
Byron Youth Service Incorporated	The Elevate Project	Elevate will deliver workshops, mentoring, peer support, and arts-based activities to reduce stress and uncertainty for youth with disability and their families during the transition from high school. The program will build capacity for community participation and self-expression through contemporary arts and music. It will also include capacity-building workshops for parents, carers, and kin to strengthen recognition and response to the needs and rights of young people with disability.	New South Wales	\$724,799.00
Centre for Participation Incorporated	Youthability Capacity Building Project	The Centre for Participation delivers a range of programs and operates 3 social enterprises to create learning, training, and employment opportunities for people with disability, guided by the vision that all people have opportunities to develop their potential. The project will train and support peer education, advocacy workers, engage people without NDIS funding in existing programs, and share learnings to drive systemic change. This approach is informed by extensive research and co-design with people with disability, families, and service providers.	Victoria	\$1,125,000.00
Childhood Dementia Initiative Ltd	Empowering Families	This project addresses a critical gap in information and support for families caring for children with progressive disability caused by childhood dementia. It will deliver four workstreams: education for early childhood professionals, a community of	National	\$1,249,694.70

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		practice for disability providers, digital inclusion, and a pilot guidance service for families. Together, these initiatives ensure children access appropriate supports and families gain tools, connections, and capacity to guide education and disability services.		
Children and Young People with Disability Australia	The Neurodivergent LGBTQIA Youth National and Community Leadership Program	The Neurodivergent LGBTQIA Youth National and Community Leadership Program will build capacity, independence, and leadership skills for Autistic and Neurodivergent LGBTQIA young people aged 18–25 across Australia. Delivered by CYDA with partner organisations, the program will deliver 6 local and national leadership programs, 4 community forums, and local community initiatives to strengthen participation and advocacy.	National Victoria Western Australia South Australia	\$1,249,442.00
Community Disability Alliance Hunter Incorporated	Deafblind Connect	The Deafblind Connect project will deliver peer-led, community-based support for Deafblind people, people with disability from priority cohorts, and their families in the Hunter region. Co-designed and led by Deafblind people and PWD, it will provide accessible monthly hubs, peer programs, mentoring, volunteering pathways, workshops, and tailored resources to build readiness for life transitions and strengthen informal supports. Activities will reduce reliance on formal services and enhance inclusion, participation, and citizenship across urban, rural, and regional areas.	New South Wales	\$1,249,999.92
Deafblind Victoria Incorporated	Hand in Hand – Deafblind capacity building	Hand in Hand is a Deafblind-led capacity-building project delivered through an integrated Community Hub. It combines five streams: community events, awareness raising, DBV Connect, skill-sharing, and service innovation. The project reduces isolation, builds skills and confidence, strengthens Deafblind identity, and provides capacity-building supports for families.	Victoria	\$1,249,698.00
Developmental Disability Council of Western Australia (Inc)	Building the foundational knowledge, skills and confidence of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families	Developmental Disability WA will support young people with developmental disability and their families to build knowledge, skills, and confidence for a successful transition to adulthood. The project delivers inclusive workshops, resources, advice, and peer connections tailored to diverse needs, including high support and complex communication. These activities empower	Western Australia	\$1,249,912.56

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		families to plan, make informed decisions, and access community supports to achieve individual goals.		
Down Syndrome Association of New South Wales Incorporated	Skills For Life	The Skills for Life program empowers people with Down syndrome and their families through targeted peer support and capacity-building opportunities delivered nationally, both online and face-to-face. Developed in consultation with participants, the program will focus on health, rights, and independence, using a nationally coordinated but locally delivered approach to build confidence, practical skills, and strong peer networks for individuals and families.	National	\$1,250,000.00
Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault Incorporated	Connect in Gippsland	Connect in Gippsland will support families and young adults with cognitive disabilities to build social connections, understand rights, and access supports during key life transitions. The project focuses on the transition from school to vocational pathways, developing life skills and creating individual and family connection plans. Using an intersectional approach, it recognises the importance of cultural identity for First Nations, multicultural, and LGBTQI communities in achieving positive futures.	Victoria	\$1,250,000.00
Inclusion Australia (NCID) Incorporated	Family Foundations	Family Foundations is a national program led by Inclusion Australia that will strengthen the capacity of families and carers of people with intellectual disability. It will be delivered with partners in Victoria, Tasmania, and the ACT, focusing on peer-led supports, co-designed workshops, and practical resources, while coordinating a national community of practice to share learnings and build a sustainable approach for future foundational supports.	National	\$1,250,000.00
Inclusion Solutions Limited	Pathfinders – Finding your way forward	This statewide project will prepare young people with disability for key life transitions and strengthen family capacity to support them. Delivered by a consortium of Inclusion Solutions, it will offer peer-led training and one-to-one futures planning co-designed by people with disability, and will cover education, employment, housing, health, and community life. The project will build skills, confidence, and long-term outcomes while promoting leadership and improved transition pathways.	Western Australia	\$1,249,398.00

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Mirri Mirri Productions Pty Ltd	Murruway, Pathways for Aboriginal students with disability	The project will deliver a culturally safe, strengths-based program supporting young Aboriginal people with disability, particularly those with intellectual disability, through key life transitions such as school to further education, employment, and independent living. Co-designed and delivered with Aboriginal people with disability, the program will run 150 workshops across NSW, QLD, and VIC, embedding cultural identity, resilience, and self-advocacy while addressing the intersection of racism and ableism.	Queensland New South Wales Victoria	\$1,170,300.00
New Horizons Tasmania Incorporated	Live Well Academy - Skills, connections and leadership	Live Well – Skills, Connections and Leadership is a statewide, co-designed initiative led by New Horizons Tasmania to empower people with disability, their families, and carers. Through 3 integrated streams, the program builds practical life skills, strengthens social and peer networks, and creates leadership and advocacy pathways, while supporting families to increase knowledge, confidence, and reduce isolation.	Tasmania	\$1,245,500.00
NT Friendship and Support Incorporated	Stronger Together Community Empowerment and Inclusion Hubs	The Community Empowerment and Inclusion Hubs will provide safe, welcoming spaces in Alice Springs, Katherine, Darwin, and remote communities for people with disability and kinship or foster carers. Co-designed and led by people with disability, the hubs will offer practical skills workshops, peer connection programs, and culturally safe resources, while empowering carers with trauma-informed strategies and support. The project will strengthen networks, foster inclusion, and promote leadership across communities.	Northern Territory	\$1,208,531.75
Parent to Parent Association Queensland Inc.	Stronger Steps Together	Stronger Steps Together will be co-designed and delivered with people with intellectual disability, parents with intellectual disability, and their families. The project will offer peer groups, rights-based workshops, future planning activities, and inclusive events across Central Queensland, Fraser Coast, Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Brisbane, and online. It will build skills, confidence, and leadership opportunities, welcoming people from diverse cultures and regional areas to increase community participation.	Queensland	\$1,249,150.00

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Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated	Empowering Futures Together	HNS will deliver an innovative, co-designed program across 5 hubs for people with intellectual disability, autism, sensory disability, and acquired brain injury, along with their families and carers. The program will offer tailored capacity-building workshops, peer mentoring, and advocacy training to support independence and community participation before, during, and after key life transitions. Inclusive and intersectional delivery will ensure Aboriginal, multicultural, LGBTIQ+, and regional participants receive appropriate support.	New South Wales	\$1,249,971.00
Queenslanders with Disability Network Limited	Lead the Way, Shaping My Future	The program supports young people with disability to build skills, confidence, and connections for key life transitions in housing, employment, and self-advocacy. Delivered online and in-person, it offers two streams—My Living and Employment and Entrepreneurship, plus foundation modules on rights and inclusion, peer mentoring, and co-designed tools. Activities include weekly workshops and monthly peer forums, with support for families and carers.	Queensland	\$1,226,242.00
Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia Incorporated	Vision Together Program	Vision Together is a peer-led initiative supporting people with blindness or low vision and their families across South Australia. Co-designed with people with lived experience, it delivers practical workshops, mentoring, and tailored resources, alongside a mobile app providing statewide access to tools and peer connections, especially for rural and remote families. The program strengthens knowledge, confidence, and networks to build capacity, foster inclusion, and support independence.	South Australia	\$1,209,782.00
Running Wild...Youth Conservation Culture Incorporated	Turning Tides	The program will support 15 SMBI young people (aged 9–25) with disabilities, over a period of 3–6 months through case management and tailored activities. It will build individual capacity through community connections, lived-experience mentors, social engagement, and referrals to specialist services, while integrating participants into Running Wild youth programs. Recruitment will prioritise those with recent diagnoses, intersectional needs, or key life transitions such as school changes, employment, or independent living.	Queensland	\$803,330.00

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Siblings Australia Incorporated	Strong Siblings, Secure Foundations	The program will leverage sibling relationships to deliver supports that empower siblings to advocate and assist throughout life. It will build on Siblings Australia's rights-based approach, offering in-person and online peer programs for teens and adults, counselling, and parent resources to strengthen family access to community connections.	New South Wales	\$1,250,000.00
South Australian Council on Intellectual Disability Incorporated	Our Future	This project will be co-designing and co-delivering future-proofing workshops for high school students with intellectual disability, supporting their transition to adult life. Families will attend workshops and peer support events, while NPYWC will adapt content for First Nations communities to ensure cultural safety. This work will inform a model for delivering foundational supports across diverse communities and regions.	South Australia Northern Territory	\$622,798.00
South West Autism Network Incorporated	Jumpstart Futures	The program will develop resources and factsheets to help rural individuals navigate disability and mainstream services, strengthen peer support groups, and deliver individual and small group capacity building. Peer-led workshops, webinars, and planning sessions will build self-advocacy skills, improve social connections, and empower families to navigate life transitions. Support will include voicing concerns, resolving issues, and identifying options, with outreach to underserved communities in the South West, Great Southern, and Goldfields.	Western Australia	\$1,231,924.00
Stepping Black Indigenous Corporation Australia	Strong Aboriginal Families and Elders Support (SAFE SUPPORT) in Bundaberg and North Burnett	The project will use traditional social structures to deliver capacity-building activities for people with disability, their families, and carers. Creative programs will foster inclusive communication, strengthen family relationships, and build community connections. The program will provide evidence-based supports at key life stages to improve participation, independence, and community access. Co-designed, culturally safe programs will be tailored to diverse needs, including First Nations peoples, culturally diverse communities, and those in regional and remote areas, promoting lasting empowerment and improved service access.	Queensland	\$1,222,281.00
The New South Wales Council for	Young Voices, Big Choices	The project will work with young people with intellectual disability (YPWID) and their families to co-design a life-stage transition	New South Wales	\$1,249,709.00

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Intellectual Disability		model through workshops and personalised follow-up. The model supports goal setting and planning, building capacity for ongoing future planning, and is underpinned by CID's Supported Decision-Making Framework from the <i>My Rights Matter</i> project. It will help YPWID and families explore key issues such as health, employment, and housing.		
The Onemda Association Incorporated	Beyond Silos - Community-Based Transition Support for Young People with Disability	Beyond Silos will support marginalised young people with disability (aged 16–25) to achieve employment, education, and independence goals. Building on the Breaking Out of Silos model, it will use Neighbourhood House Network partnerships for localised responses. Transition Coordinators will provide seamless coordination across families, employers, education providers, and community organisations, delivering person-centred support such as employment readiness training, work experience, life skills development, and educational pathways. Individualised, culturally responsive transition plans will be co-designed to reflect participants' strengths, preventing long-term dependency and fostering inclusive communities through integrated support ecosystems.	Victoria	\$1,156,581.00
Two Way Street Communication Pty Ltd	Visual Conversation Kits - Supporting Connection, Choice and Community	This project will empower people with communication disabilities by creating visual conversation kits that enable understanding and expression around key life events and intersectional experiences. Co-designed with participants and stakeholders, the kits will include videos with symbol subtitles, communication boards, AAC uploads, and resources to support ongoing conversations. Phase two will use a hub-and-spoke model to drive community awareness and uptake, bridging the gap between receiving information and actively participating in decisions about one's life.	National	\$1,242,274.00
Valued Lives Foundation Ltd	Link and Grow	LINK & GROW will help people with disability in Western Australia build the skills, confidence, and connections needed to participate in education, employment, and community life. The project will support young people and their families at key life stages through family-led workshops, a statewide conference, masterclasses, and peer support groups delivered online and in	Western Australia	\$1,249,119.62

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		person. An 1800 Peer Connect phone line, staffed by people with lived experience, will provide real-time advice and encouragement. All activities will be co-designed with people with disability and tailored for priority groups, including First Nations peoples, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, LGBTIQ+ people, and those in regional and remote areas, creating lasting opportunities for inclusion and leadership.		
Women with Disabilities ACT (WWDACT)	Bridging Gaps, Building Power - Co-Designed Support for Neurodivergent Communities	Activities will include capacity-building programs for Autistic people and people with intellectual disability in the ACT. These will feature a facilitated group for Autistic parents to strengthen understanding and community connections, peer-led short courses co-designed with Autistic people to build support skills for transitions into education or employment, and an annual symposium presenting panels and workshops on disability rights for Autistic and neurodivergent people. The project will also extend WWDACT's Our Autonomy initiative for six months, delivering inclusive supports for women and gender-diverse people, alongside collaboration with ACT Down Syndrome and Intellectual Disability to design activities and events tailored to their needs.	Australian Capital Territory	\$1,249,827.59
Youth Insearch Foundation (Aust) Incorporated	Strengthening and Expanding a Lived Experience Peer Work Service Model for Neurodivergent Youth in Regional Australia	This project will embed 3 social workers in the Darling Downs (QLD), Hunter New England (NSW), and Latrobe Valley (VIC). Working alongside Peer Workers, they will deliver trauma-informed, place-based clinical support and case management for neurodivergent young people aged 12–25 who face barriers to mental health care and community inclusion. This integrated approach will combine peer engagement with clinical expertise to provide advocacy, coordinated service connections, and early intervention, reducing service gaps, improving wellbeing, and creating inclusive pathways for participation. The initiative will strengthen the capacity of individuals, families, and carers to navigate services, foster resilience, and connect with their communities.	Queensland New South Wales Victoria	\$1,245,960.00

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