

Good Practice Guidelines for Funding Non-Government Organisations

The purpose of the NT Government Good Practice Guidelines for Funding Non-Government Organisations is to set the context for the provision of funding to service providers and establish fundamental principles and good practice guidelines that can be applied to funding practices across all NT Government agencies.

FUNDING PROCESS

To ensure accountability and to achieve quality and value,

NT Government will:

- use the most appropriate funding process and ensure selection criteria do not create unintended barriers, particularly for smaller organisations with limited resources.
- assess proposals in a timely manner and provide feedback to applicants regarding the process and the reasons for decisions.

Where possible, NT Government will:

- provide adequate timelines for service proposals to be developed, particularly when partnership arrangements are being encouraged.
- Include selection criteria which demonstrate cultural appropriateness (for example a service provider requires an Aboriginal Employment Strategy and/or a particular percentage of Aboriginal staff).
- Make information on the opportunity to apply for funding widely available and easy to understand.

FUNDING AGREEMENTS

To provide stability of service provision and better outcomes for clients and communities,

NT Government will:

- apply indexation to all eligible recurrent funding from the second year.
- complete negotiations three months prior to the expiration of existing agreements where funding has been confirmed.
- provide three year funding agreements for recurrent funding where funding is confirmed.

Where possible, NT Government will:

- initiate negotiations six months in advance of the expiration of existing agreements.

MONITORING AND REPORTING

To appropriately monitor the delivery and results of a service against the agreed outcomes,

NT Government will:

- align the reporting requirements to the amount of funding and the level of the risk.
- acknowledge the receipt of reports and provide timely feedback to the organisation about the quality and content of the reporting.

Where possible, NT Government will:

- focus on outputs and outcomes rather than input and process measures.

For further details refer to the NT Government

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