

Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)

The IAS is the main way the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) delivers programs and activities for First Nations communities across Australia.

It invests in community priorities like education, employment, health, safety, wellbeing and culture, helping deliver flexible services tailored for local needs



Around **\$2 billion** invested through the IAS each year



Reaching communities in every state and territory



Contributing to **Closing the Gap**

How the IAS works



Grant funding

Organisations apply for funding through a grant.



Working together

Funded organisations work with First Nations communities to design programs and activities.



Service delivery

A broad range of programs and activities are delivered in communities across Australia.



Monitoring & learning

Progress, performance and outcomes are tracked and assessed.



Positive community outcomes

Funded activities contribute to better outcomes for First Nations people and communities.

Investing in people and communities - making a real difference

IAS investment supports six key areas that respond to the needs and priorities of First Nations people and communities.

1

Jobs, Country & Opportunity

Supporting sustainable jobs, economic participation and caring for Country.

Creating jobs in remote communities and Indigenous Rangers, caring for Country.

2

Children & Learning

Helping children, young people and adults learn, grow and thrive.

Supporting students through schooling projects, academies, mentoring and scholarships.

3

Safety & Wellbeing

Building safer communities and supporting physical, emotional and social wellbeing.

Social & emotional wellbeing initiatives, Link-Up, and community safety patrols on Country.

4

Culture & Capability

Strengthening culture, language, community leadership and capability.

Connecting to culture through cultural activities, NAIDOC celebrations and supporting local leadership and governance.

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Strong Remote Communities

Providing flexible, tailored local solutions in remote areas.

Improving essential services, food security, community infrastructure and remote laundries.

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Research & Evaluation

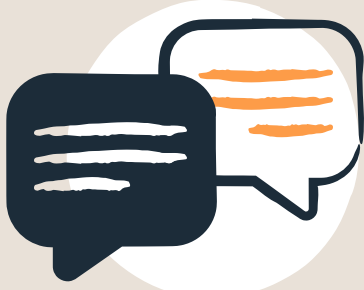
Building evidence, measuring outcomes and listening to communities to keep improving.

Learning from communities through community-led research and evaluation to help inform what happens next.

But we want to do better

We're looking to improve how the IAS works.

Your feedback can help make sure funding and programs best respond to community needs and aspirations.



Take the survey

Share your experience and help shape how the IAS can work better at niaa.gov.au/have-your-say