**Community led proposals – fact sheet**

Indigenous Advancement Strategy

This fact sheet provides an overview of the Community Led grants.

What does Community Led mean?

Community led means the project is supported, developed and delivered with, or in consultation with, the target community or group who will be impacted by the activity. All proposals for IAS funding should be community led.

Benefits of a Community Led approach?

The community led approach ensures Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are actively involved in the development and implementation of local and regional solutions, including deciding how they will be involved.

The Department will provide feedback on the proposal including whether the project addresses a priority area of need for the community or region and the IAS. This gives potential applicants the opportunity to receive feedback before deciding whether to submit an application for funding.

How do I apply?

You can discuss an initial proposal with the Department at any time by contacting the local PM&C regional Network Office or by calling 1800 079 098.

You must submit an initial proposal form before you apply for funding. You can complete the form before, during or after meeting with the local PM&C Regional Network Office. The local office is also able to assist with completing the form.

After you have received feedback from the Department, you can decide whether to submit an application for funding. If you decide to apply, we will give you access to an application form and a unique code. The unique code links your proposal to the application form and is required to submit an application.

You must complete the initial proposal stage of the process for your application to be considered for funding.