

Request for Costing an Election Commitment

Name of proposal:	Supporting the community sector
Person requesting costing:	Shane Rattenbury MLA
Date of request:	12 October 2020
Summary of proposal:	<p>This proposal would provide increased, guaranteed, long term funding to the groups that provide assistance and support to members of our community who are doing it tough.</p> <p>This plan would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more funding and increased funding certainty • Establish a Community Recovery Cabinet Committee with ministers and sector representatives, to listen, consult and respond to the sectors' expertise • Provide support for the community sector to access up to date technology.
Issue the proposal will address:	<p>The Community Sector consistently provides high-quality support to a diverse range of people in our community. The sector makes a significant contribution to the ACT economy, brings in new expertise and knowledge, and plays a central role in developing the well-being and the healthy functioning of our community.</p> <p>This is despite working in environments with inadequate, often short-term funding and inadequate engagement from government. COVID-19 is further exacerbating disadvantage and inequality, putting increased demands on our sector.</p> <p>There are 37,000 people and 6000 children in low-income households and 26,000 living below the poverty line in the ACT. We have known what the social determinants of poverty are for decades, and the ACT Greens recognise that now is the time to properly fund and support the community sector, in order to tackle the growing inequality crisis our community faces.</p>

What are the key assumptions that have been made in the proposal?

Note: The costing will be developed on the basis of information and assumptions provided in the costing request. The professional judgment of the Under Treasurer will determine whether these assumptions are adopted in the costing of the proposal.

- The needs analysis will inform future community sector funding amounts, however the amount of increase is not known at this stage so hasn't been included.

	2020-21 (\$'000)	2021-22 (\$'000)	2022-23 (\$'000)	2023-24 (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)
Undertake a comprehensive needs analysis that takes into account population growth, increased demand for support, increased complexity of client needs and increased costs of salaries and operation.	150				150
Establish a Community Recovery Cabinet Committee comprising Ministers and community sector representatives. (1 ASO6, \$10,000/yr project costs and sitting fees for 6 members meeting 8 times per year at \$480 per meeting)	96	161	163	166	586
Ensure that community sector organisations continue to have access to the technology, equipment and services they need through a dedicated technology upgrade fund.	350	350	350	350	1,400
Total	596	511	513	516	2,136

What are the estimated revenue and operating costs each year (if available) and what are the capital requirements for this proposal and estimated costs each year (if available)?

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue^(a)					
Expenses^(a)	-596	-511	-513	-516	-2,136
Capital					
Depreciation					

(a) A negative number indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses. The expenses row does not include depreciation costs.

Has any specific information or data been utilised in generating the proposal?
No
Where relevant, is funding for the proposal to be demand driven or a capped amount?
Capped
Will third parties, for instance the Commonwealth or other State/Territories, have a role in funding or delivering the proposal? Does the proposal provide additional funding to, or redirect, any existing Commonwealth/State or Territory funding arrangements?
No
Will funding/the cost require indexation?
No
Who will administer the proposal?
Community Services Directorate
How will the proposal be administered?
Secretariat support for the Cabinet committee is included in the costing. Administration of the technology fund, and any other administration, will be covered by the Directorate.
Is the proposal part of a broader package?
Yes. Supporting the community sector. Other elements will be costed separately or have no cost.
Has an allowance been made for expenses necessary to support the implementation of this proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If no, will the government agency be expected to absorb expenses associated with this proposal? – If yes, please specify the key assumptions.
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Will the proposal generate savings or offsets?
No
Has the proposal been previously costed by an external (third) party? Will a copy of this material, including any assumptions, be made available to Treasury?
No
What are the community impacts associated with the proposal? Who and how many people will be affected?
Are there any transitional considerations associated with implementation of the proposal? If so, how will they be managed?
No
What is the intended implementation date of the proposal?
Early 2021

When is the proposal expected to be fully operational? Please provide details such as the start and end dates, the level of commitment during each period etc.

Early 2021

Will the proposal cease, and if so, when?

June 2024

Is there any additional information relevant to this proposal?

No