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# **Reform of the Information, Linkages** and Capacity Building Program

This Budget provides a total of \$364.5 million over 5 years from 2024-25 to reform the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) program. A further **\$150 million** has been committed annually from 2029–30 to provide the supports on an ongoing basis.

## What has been announced

- A reformed program that will improve consistency, quality and national coverage of community projects to support people with disability, their carers and families.
- ▶ The program will fund 5 categories of support.

#### **Individual Capacity Building**



Empowering individuals with disability by helping them build knowledge and skills to understand their disability,

advocate for themselves, build connections and increase social and economic participation.

#### **Family Capacity Building**



Build knowledge and skills of families and carers to increase their ability to support their loved ones with disability and advocate for them.

#### **Community Capacity Building**



Build the capability of community organisations to adapt their services so they are disability-inclusive and accessible.

#### Information and Advice



Provide access to high quality, trusted information and advice on disability, rights, evidencebased supports, and available services.

#### **Emerging Practice; Independent Evaluation**



Improve coordination and provider capability and build the evidence base.

#### The reformed program will:

- deliver the building blocks for **General Foundational Supports**, as envisaged by the Independent **Review of the NDIS**
- complement the additional Foundational Supports to be cofunded with states and territories.

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The current ILC Program funds projects that create connections between people with disability and their communities, build knowledge and increase inclusion.

During 2024, the Australian Government announced **\$221.35** million in funding for community organisations through the ILC Program.



### For more information

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