

East Kimberley Community-led Support Fund (CSF)

Background

As part of ending the Cashless Debit Card program (CDC) in September 2022, Local Services Plans (Plans) for improving community services and addressing social issues were written by the Department of Social Services for the 4 former CDC locations of Ceduna, East Kimberley, Goldfields and Bundaberg-Hervey Bay.

The Community-led Support Fund (CSF) has been developed based on the findings of these Plans, based on stakeholder feedback and identified service gaps. BBY has partnered with DSS to administer funding to community organisations in the Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley (SWEK), with the objective of supporting services in line with findings from the [East Kimberley \(SWEK\) Local Services Plan](#) on service gaps, social issues, and priority needs, through flexible and responsive short-term funding arrangements.

The purpose of the CSF grant opportunity is to:

- provide short-term funding that meets the immediate needs identified in the Plans
- support the implementation or expansion of support services aligned with community needs.

The following thematic areas are featured in the Local Services Plan for the East Kimberley (SWEK) and are in scope to be addressed through the Community-led Support Fund:

- Family and domestic violence support services
- Alcohol and drug support services
- Emergency relief and financial capability building support services
- Child, youth, and family support services

CSF Design Workshops

Stakeholders are invited by BBY and DSS to attend the CSF Design Workshops which will aim to generate community agreement on the top priority initiatives for each thematic area, and the lead organisations best placed to develop proposals for each priority initiative.

Lead organisations will then develop proposals to submit for funding through the Community-led Support Fund. Capability building support services for organisations will be offered through BBY.

Grant activities must be completed by 31 June 2024.

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