



Early Intervention and Placement Prevention (EIPP) Program and Community Builders Program

Request for Tenders process 2010

Background

As part of the implementation of *Keep Them Safe*, the NSW Government's response to the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW, services funded under the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP) are being realigned to reflect State Plan priorities and *Keep Them Safe* directions.

Under this initiative, CSGP services have been streamed over time into:

- "community strengthening" services which will transfer into the Community Builders Program;
- Services provided directly to children, young people and families which will form the basis of the new Early Intervention and Placement Prevention (EIPP) Program.

To support the renewed focus and embrace services in partnership with the non Government sector, additional funding is being provided to the CSGP. A further \$10 million per annum has been made available for Community Builders, while *Keep Them Safe* initiatives will provide an additional \$4.3 million per annum for Early Intervention services and \$6.9 million per annum for Placement Prevention services.

The implementation of *Keep Them Safe* will also require service providers funded under the EIPP Program to ensure their services are targeted towards vulnerable children, young people and families and that they have appropriate service models to assist these clients.

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A key stage in this process was the identification of future EIPP service models and the preferred service providers for the additional EIPP and Community Builders funding. To achieve this, a transition and Request for Tender process was conducted commencing 1 September 2010. The transition and Request for Tenders process was limited to service providers with service specifications funded under the CSGP.

The closing date for the Tender was 13 October 2010. Tender Assessment Panels were established and operated concurrently to make recommendations across both the EIPP and Community Builders Program, by network and region. The assessment panels included representation from Community Services' Funding and Contracting Strategy and Reform Directorate, Communities and Early Years, Managers Regional Strategy and Regional Directors. The assessment panels concluded on 26 November.

Advice to Service Providers

The preferred service providers for negotiation of service specifications for new services funding will be advised in writing. The letters of advice will include a funding schedule detailing the notional funding allocations by program, the funding type, service delivery models and payments process. Letters will also be sent to service providers that applied for new funding but were unsuccessful or ineligible.

Letters to service providers that submitted for new services funding, advising of the outcome of their application/s, will be sent by 17 December 2010.

The new funding to service providers will commence from 1 January 2011. The first quarterly payment of the new funding will be deposited in the organisation's nominated bank account by 25 February 2011. Pending the finalisation of service specifications, the new funding payments for the period 1 January 2011 to 30 June 2011 will be made against one of the organisation's existing CSGP service specification identification (ID) numbers.

EIPP Transition Funding

Service Providers that have chosen to allocate their current funding under one or more of the approved EIPP service models, through the transition and Request for Tender process, will be paid one-off transition funding to assist with the change. Preserved services in the EIPP stream will also receive one-off transition funding. Service Providers will be notified shortly about the details of their approved service model funding allocations and one-off transition payments. EIPP one-off transition funding will be deposited in the organisation's nominated bank account by 25 February 2011. The one-off transition payments will be made against one of the organisation's existing CSGP service specification identification (ID) numbers

Community Builders Alignment and Transition Funding

Service Providers with Community Builders Program service specifications will also receive:

- A one-off funding payment to assist with the transition to the new program (except for Local Government salary subsidies)
- A renewable funding increase of 20% as alignment funding

Your Organisation will be notified shortly of the renewable funding alignment allocation and one-off transition payments for your existing Community Builders Program service specifications.

Community Builders renewable alignment funding will commence from 1 January 2011. The Community Builders alignment funding and the Community Builders one-off transition funding will be deposited in the organisation's nominated bank account by 25 February 2011. The renewable funding alignment and one-off transition payments will be made against one of the organisation's existing service specification identification (ID) numbers

Contact Details

If you have any questions about the transition or Request for Tenders processes, please email FundingQuestions.ServiceProviders@dhs.nsw.gov.au Responses to enquiries sent to the mailbox will be made through return email or phone.