# NSW Sexual Violence Project Fund – Consultation session

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# Agenda

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome, introduction to team and purpose of the meeting

Introduction to the NSW Sexual Violence Project Fund

Brief overview of the Registration of Interest (ROI) stage

The proposed structure and grant amounts

Draft program logic

Proposed monitoring and evaluation approach

Next steps

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- These slides and recording – will be available on Fund website

- Pre-submitted questions – responses integrated into today's material

- Live questions in today's chat thread – will inform the Guidelines and FAQs

- Your feedback on key elements – survey links in the chat

# Overview of the Sexual Violence Fund

**Overview**

- The fund is a grants program that will fund a range of one-off and time-limited sexual violence early intervention and response projects that address and respond to sexual violence.

- Almost $10m in total, for projects of up to two years' duration (2023/24-2024/25)

- Focusing on high priority groups

- women and children at risk of or experiencing sexual violence
- First Nations people
- culturally and linguistically diverse communities (including people of refugee, refugee-like experiences and asylum seeker backgrounds)
- rural and remote communities
- LGBTIQ+ people
- older women
- children and young people (including in particular those who have experienced trauma, sexual and domestic violence and those in or leaving out-of-home care)
- people with disability

# Overview of Registration of Interest (ROI) stage

A total of 198 ROI forms received.

The majority of these organisations:

- Provide services to:
    - Women and children at risk of or experiencing sexual violence
    - Children and young people (who have experienced trauma, sexual and domestic violence or leaving out-of-home care)
    - Culturally and linguistically diverse communities

- Would be interested in applying for funding to deliver *both* early intervention *and* response projects

- Would be seeking funding between $100k-$500k

- Would be interested in applying for funding in *partnership* with either a local government agency or a non-profit organisation
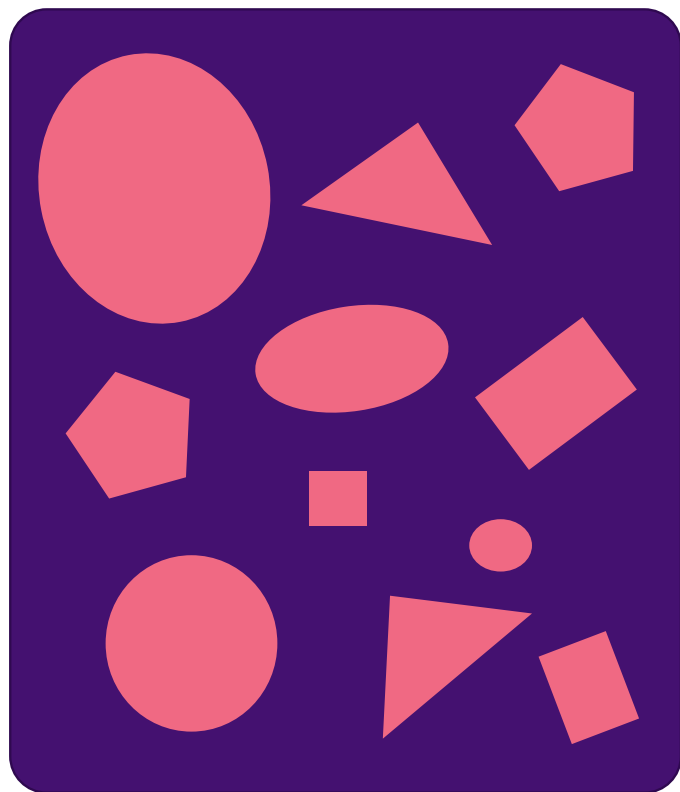
# Proposed streams and proposed grant amounts

| Stream 1 – single entity projects | Stream 2 – partnership projects |
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| Applications submitted by a single entity | Applications submitted in partnership with other organisation(s) |
| $100,000 – $1,000,000 per project | $500,000 – $1,500,000 per project |
| Total funding pool available: $4 million (approx) | The total funding pool available: $6 million (approx) |

# Program logic (draft)

| Drivers | Inputs | Activities | Outputs | Outcomes during the program (mid 2023-mid 2025) | | |
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| Needs we are responding to | Resources being invested | What is happening | What gets produced | Workforce capacity in grant holders | Early outcomes in priority populations | Later outcomes in priority populations |

**Drivers — Needs we are responding to**

Discrimination, and inequality (based on age, race, class, disability, sexuality and gender) can influence a person's experience of sexual violence, the impacts on them, the way they seek help and the response they receive

There is a need to expand the evidence-base for effective and innovative responses with priority popu-lations in NSW

**Inputs — Resources being invested**

The skills and time of personnel in DCJ, NSW Health, other government agencies and participating NGOs

Funding (~$10m) to distribute to well-placed single organisations and/or partnerships for two years

Support for grant holders around design and evaluation

The structure and focus provided by the SV Plan 2022-27

Research to inform the program scope and focus

Systems to manage grants and report/acquit

Resources for evaluation of the program as a whole

**Activities — What is happening**

**Announcement** of Fund, including comms, promotion and **ROI** process to test market

Development of **guidelines**, then distribution through networks

**Assessment** of applications, **funding** of selected grants

Grant holding agencies and partnerships:
- **refine** their project design, using **co-design** principles
- **deliver** their project
- **evaluate** outcomes and identify lessons learned

Grant management, associated reporting

**Evaluation** of the program as a whole:  planning, conduct, sharing of findings

**Outputs — What gets produced**

New and/or enhanced **early intervention and response projects** that target priority populations

**Tools, training and resources** that build the capacity of services to deliver tailored and effective responses for victim-survivors from priority populations

**Evaluation findings and insights**

**Workforce capacity in grant holders**

**Knowledge**: Greater understanding of the nature, scope and prevalence of sexual violence, and the particular experiences of priority populations

**Communication**: Greater capability to safely communicate with priority populations about risk factors and early intervention focused on stopping sexual violence occurring, escalating or recurring

**Response**: Greater capability to identify and develop opportunities for improving access to sexual violence services for priority populations

**Early outcomes in priority populations**

**Knowledge**: Community members are well-informed about how to seek help and report sexual violence

**Response**: Victim-survivors have timely access to trauma-informed responses that are appropriate, inclusive and effective

**Improvement**: Community changemakers have increased awareness, knowledge and capacity to intervene early and respond to sexual violence in their community

**Later outcomes in priority populations**

**Safety in help-seeking**: Victim-survivors are comfortable and safe to seek help and report cases of sexual violence

**Safety in support**: Victim-survivors access and engage with trauma-informed responses that are appropriate, inclusive and effective

**Safety in day-to-day life**: Priority populations are safer in private and public settings

**Later outcomes for grant holders and the system**

**Sustainability of improvements** beyond the life of the grant

**Capture and transfer of insights** within and between grant holders

**Sharing of insights, contributing to the evidence base** re. early intervention and response

So that victim-survivors in priority populations have a better chance of healing, recovery and not experiencing future violence

# Evaluation and learning in the grant scheme

**Project-level evaluation and reporting, for each funded project**

- Proportionate to the scale of each project
- Tailored to the specific nature and goals of each project
- Focused on learning and improvement within the life of the project
- Supported by the program team, e.g. to clarify outcomes and identify relevant data to collect (quantitative and qualitative)
- Will require time and skill as part of the project, e.g. to collect the agreed data and document reflections and lessons learned at several times during the life of the project
- Opportunities to learn from and share with others and contribute insight to the program level evaluation

**Program-level evaluation and reporting, for the fund as a whole**

- Harvesting outcomes and insights from across the projects
- Sharing insights with stakeholders, to strengthen system capacity