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| **Cluster** | Stronger Communities  |
| **Department** | Department of Communities and Justice |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | Finance Procurement and Strategy/Financial Planning and Strategy |
| **Location** | TBA |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 5/6 |
| **Role Number** | TBA |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 511112 |
| **PCAT Code** | 1223192 |
| **Date of Approval** | 16 October 2019 (DCJ Gen 0004)  | **Ref: Fin 020** |
| **Agency Website** | www.dcj.nsw.gov.au |

***This role description applies to multiple roles across DCJ. Please see job notes and/or advertisement for more information on specific role qualification requirements and relevant experience.***

**Agency overview**

The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) is the lead agency under the Stronger Communities Cluster. DCJ works to enable everyone's right to access justice and help for families through early intervention and inclusion, with benefits for the whole community. Stronger Communities is focussed on achieving safe, just, inclusive and resilient communities by providing services that are effective and responsive to community needs.

# Primary purpose of the role

The Assistant Project Officer undertakes a range of project research, analysis, reporting, implementation and administrative activities to support the development and delivery of projects, in line with established project plans and objectives.

# Key accountabilities

* Provide project and operational support, including monitoring and reporting on project plans, milestones and deliverables, to ensure time, cost and quality indicators are in line with approved project plans
* Update and collate documentation and records regarding relevant issues, policies and practices to ensure the delivery of projects complies with agreed project management methodology
* Undertake basic research and analysis in assigned project areas and contribute to the preparation of project briefs to support informed decision making and planning
* Assist the project team to complete tasks and implement project plans to ensure agreed outcomes are achieved
* Communicate with relevant stakeholders to provide updates regarding project status and implementation issues
* Provide a range of secretariat and administrative services, including coordinating committee meetings and preparing papers, to support project management delivery

# Key challenges

* Delivering multiple project support activities in line with agreed standards and objectives, given tight deadlines and competing demands and priorities

# Key relationships

| Who | Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Receive and clarify guidance and instructions and report on progress against work plans
* Escalate and discuss issues
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| Project Team | * Participate in meetings, share information and provide input on issues
* Support team members and work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes
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| Stakeholders | * Report to and provide updates on project status
* Respond to enquiries
* Coordinate meetings and activities
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| **External** |  |
| Customers/stakeholders | * Monitor, direct and address enquiries
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# Role dimensions

## Decision making

The role has autonomy in coordinating and managing their work. The occupant of the role will need to consult with the Senior Project Officer / Project Manager on more complex matters.

## Reporting line

The role reports to the Senior Project Officer/ Project Manager

## Direct reports

## Nil - TBC

## Budget/Expenditure

# Nil

# Essential requirements

Appointments are subject to reference checks. Some roles may also require the following checks/ clearances:

* National Criminal History Record Check in accordance with the Disability Inclusion Act 2014
* Working with Children Check clearance in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

# Capabilities for the role

The [NSW public sector capability framework](https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/workforce-management/capability-framework/the-capability-framework) describes the capabilities (knowledge, skills and abilities) needed to perform a role. There are four main groups of capabilities: personal attributes, relationships, results and business enablers, with a fifth people management group of capabilities for roles with managerial responsibilities. These groups, combined with capabilities drawn from occupation-specific capability sets where relevant, work together to provide an understanding of the capabilities needed for the role.

The capabilities are separated into **focus capabilities** and **complementary capabilities**.

## Focus capabilities

*Focus capabilities* are the capabilities considered the most important for effective performance of the role. These capabilities will be assessed at recruitment.

The focus capabilities for this role are shown below with a brief explanation of what each capability covers and the indicators describing the types of behaviours expected at each level.

| FOCUS CAPABILITIES |
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| **Capability group/sets** | **Capability name** |  | **Behavioural indicators** | **Level** |
| Personal Attributes logo | **Manage Self**Show drive and motivation, an ability to self-reflect and a commitment to learning | * Adapt existing skills to new situations
* Show commitment to achieving work goals
* Show awareness of own strengths and areas for growth, and develop and apply new skills
* Seek feedback from colleagues and stakeholders
* Stay motivated when tasks become difficult
 | Intermediate |
| Relationships logo  | **Communicate Effectively**Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | * Focus on key points and speak in plain English
* Clearly explain and present ideas and arguments
* Listen to others to gain an understanding and ask appropriate, respectful questions
* Promote the use of inclusive language and assist others to adjust where necessary
* Monitor own and others’ non-verbal cues and adapt where necessary
* Write and prepare material that is well structured and easy to follow
* Communicate routine technical information clearly
 | Intermediate |
| Results logo | **Deliver Results**Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | * Seek and apply specialist advice when required
* Complete work tasks within set budgets, timeframes and standards
* Take the initiative to progress and deliver own work and that of the team or unit
* Contribute to allocating responsibilities and resources to ensure the team or unit achieves goals
* Identify any barriers to achieving results and resolve these where possible
* Proactively change or adjust plans when needed
 | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers logo | **Project Management**Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | * Perform basic research and analysis to inform and support the achievement of project deliverables
* Contribute to developing project documentation and resource estimates
* Contribute to reviews of progress, outcomes and future improvements
* Identify and escalate possible variances from project plans
 | Intermediate |

# Complementary capabilities

*Complementary capabilities* are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying performance required for the role and development opportunities.

Note: capabilities listed as ‘not essential’ for this role is not relevant for recruitment purposes however may be relevant for future career development.

| COMPLEMENTARY CAPABILITIES |
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| **Capability Group/Sets** | **Capability Name** | **Description** | **Level**  |
| Personal Attributes logo |  |  |  |
| Display Resilience and Courage | Be open and honest, prepared to express your views, and willing to accept and commit to change | Foundational |
| Act with Integrity | Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Foundational |
| Value Diversity and Inclusion | Demonstrate inclusive behaviour and show respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives | Foundational |
| Relationships logo  |  |  |  |
| Commit to Customer Service | Provide customer-focused services in line with public sector and organisational objectives | Intermediate |
| Work Collaboratively | Collaborate with others and value their contribution | Foundational |
| Influence and Negotiate | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Foundational |
| Results logo |  |  |  |
| Plan and Prioritise | Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | Foundational |
| Think and Solve Problems | Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | Intermediate |
| Demonstrate Accountability | Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Foundational |
| Business Enablers logo |  |  |  |
| Finance | Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | Foundational |
| Technology | Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness | Intermediate |
| Procurement and Contract Management | Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | Foundational |