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| **Cluster** | Stronger Communities  |
| **Department** | Department of Communities and Justice |
| **Division/Branch/Unit** | Office for Youth  |
| **Location** | Parramatta |
| **Classification/Grade/Band** | Clerk Grade 7/8 |
| **Role Number** | TBA |
| **ANZSCO Code** | 511112  |
| **PCAT Code** | 2119192 |
| **Date of Approval** | 26 March 2024 | **Ref: PART028** |
| **Agency Website** | www.dcj.nsw.gov.au |

***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.

**Office for Youth**

The Office for Youth is led by the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People. Established on 1 July 2025, Office for Youth serves as a vital link between the NSW Government and young people, ensuring their voices influence policy and decision-making. It focuses on creating accessible and relevant platforms for youth engagement, aiming to empower young people with the information and resources needed to participate in issues that matter to them. The Office for Youth’s work is guided by five key priorities: consulting with youth to drive meaningful change, promoting their voices through co-designed policies, advising government via an expanded Youth Advisory Council, supporting key stakeholders with informed recommendations, and fostering innovation to meet evolving needs. Through creative outreach and active presence at youth events, the Office for Youth strives to rebuild trust and enhance communication between young people and government.

 Under the leadership of the Advocate for Children and Young People, Office for Youth also works to support the improvement of the safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children and young people in NSW as outlined in the Advocate’s enabling legislation, The Advocate for Children and Young People Act 2025.

**Primary purpose of the role**

Supports the design, initiation, administration, reporting and evaluation of grant programs in line with the NSW Grants Administration Guide. Work in partnership with grant applicants throughout the grant management life cycle.

**Key accountabilities**

* Review and assessment of grant applications against grant program guidelines.
* Provide a range of project management and support services, including preparation of reports and briefs, coordinating resources, maintaining project documentation and implementing and monitoring project plans, to ensure project outcomes are achieved on time, on budget, to quality standards and within agreed scope, in line with established agency project management methodology.
* Prepare and maintain project documentation for reporting, monitoring and evaluation purposes to ensure accessibility of quality information and contribute to the achievement of project outcomes.
* Communicate with key stakeholders and coordinate working groups, committees and consultations to facilitate exchange of information and support project completion in line with project plans.
* Source, collate and compile data and information to identify emerging issues . Monitor grant projects are completed against established milestones and deliverables and assess the financial acquittal of grant projects.
* Undertake research and analysis, identifying trends and preparing project briefs, to support informed decision-making and planning.

**Key challenges**

* Administer and advise on multiple grant programs and projects, given tight deadlines, limited resources and the need to manage competing priorities.

**Key relationships**

| Who | Why |
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| **Internal** |  |
| Manager | * Provide advice and contribute to decision making regarding projects and issues.
* Escalate issues and propose solutions.
* Receive guidance and provide regular updates on projects, issues and priorities.
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| Project Team | * Guide, support, coach and mentor team members.
* Support team members and work collaboratively to contribute to achieving team outcomes.
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| Stakeholders | * Develop and maintain effective relationships and open channels of communication.
* Exchange information and respond to enquiries.
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| **External** |  |
| Stakeholders | * Develop and maintain effective relationships and open channels of communication.
* Exchange information and respond to enquiries.
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**Role dimensions**

## Decision making

The role has autonomy in coordinating and managing their work and makes decisions on matters under their direct control. The Project Officer will need to negotiate tasks and deadlines with senior managers.

The role has discretion in deciding how a task will be conducted, including decisions on who to consult, both within and outside the organisation. The occupant of the role may consult with the senior project officer / project sponsor on more complex matters.

## Reporting line

The role reports to the Manager

## Direct reports

Nil

## Budget/Expenditure

# Nil

**Key knowledge and experience**

* Understanding of the NSW Grants Administration Guide and relevant legislation and experience in administering grant programs.
* Experience in the use of grants or contracting information technology systems, such as SmartyGrants or NSW Government’s One Grants Management System (One GMS).

**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 | * Keep up to date with relevant contemporary knowledge and practices
* Look for and take advantage of opportunities to learn new skills and develop strengths
* Show commitment to achieving challenging goals
* Examine and reflect on own performance
* Seek and respond positively to constructive feedback and guidance
* Demonstrate and maintain a high level of personal motivation
 | Adept |
| Relationships logo  | **Communicate Effectively**Communicate clearly, actively listen to others, and respond with understanding and respect | * Tailor communication to diverse audiences
* Clearly explain complex concepts and arguments to individuals and groups
* Create opportunities for others to be heard, listen attentively and encourage them to express their views
* Share information across teams and units to enable informed decision making
* Write fluently in plain English and in a range of styles and formats
* Use contemporary communication channels to share information, engage and interact with diverse audiences
 | Adept |
| Results logo | **Deliver Results**Achieve results through the efficient use of resources and a commitment to quality outcomes | * Use own and others’ expertise to achieve outcomes, and take responsibility for delivering intended outcomes
* Make sure staff understand expected goals and acknowledge staff success in achieving these
* Identify resource needs and ensure goals are achieved within set budgets and deadlines
* Use business data to evaluate outcomes and inform continuous improvement
* Identify priorities that need to change and ensure the allocation of resources meets new business needs
* Ensure that the financial implications of changed priorities are explicit and budgeted for
 | Adept |
| Results logo | **Think and Solve Problems**Think, analyse and consider the broader context to develop practical solutions | * Identify the facts and type of data needed to understand a problem or explore an opportunity
* Research and analyse information to make recommendations based on relevant evidence
* Identify issues that may hinder the completion of tasks and find appropriate solutions
* Be willing to seek input from others and share own ideas to achieve best outcomes
* Generate ideas and identify ways to improve systems and processes to meet user needs
 | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers logo | **Technology**Understand and use available technologies to maximise efficiencies and effectiveness | * Demonstrate a sound understanding of technology relevant to the work unit, and identify and select the most appropriate technology for assigned tasks
* Use available technology to improve individual performance and effectiveness
* Make effective use of records, information and knowledge management functions and systems
* Support the implementation of systems improvement initiatives, and the introduction and roll-out of new technologies
 | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers logo | **Finance**Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | * Understand core financial terminology, policies and processes, and display knowledge of relevant recurrent and capital financial measures
* Understand the impacts of funding allocations on business planning and budgets
* Identify discrepancies or variances in financial and budget reports, and take corrective action
* Know when to seek specialist advice and support and establish the relevant relationships
* Make decisions and prepare business cases, paying due regard to financial considerations
 | Adept |
| Business Enablers logo | **Project Management**Understand and apply effective planning, coordination and control methods | * Understand all components of the project management process, including the need to consider change management to realise business benefits
* Prepare clear project proposals and accurate estimates of required costs and resources
* Establish performance outcomes and measures for key project goals, and define monitoring, reporting and communication requirements
* Identify and evaluate risks associated with the project and develop mitigation strategies
* Identify and consult stakeholders to inform the project strategy
* Communicate the project’s objectives and its expected benefits
* Monitor the completion of project milestones against goals and take necessary action
* Evaluate progress and identify improvements to inform future projects
 | Adept |
| Business Enablers logo | **Procurement and Contract Management**Understand and apply procurement processes to ensure effective purchasing and contract performance | * Understand and comply with legal, policy and organisational guidelines and procedures relating to purchasing
* Conduct delegated purchasing activities in line with procedures
* Work with providers, suppliers and contractors to ensure that outcomes are delivered in line with time and quality requirements
 | Intermediate |

# Complementary capabilities

*Complementary capabilities* are also identified from the Capability Framework and relevant occupation-specific capability sets. They are important to identifying the 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 | Intermediate |
| Act with Integrity | Be ethical and professional, and uphold and promote the public sector values | Intermediate |
| 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 | Intermediate |
| Influence and Negotiate | Gain consensus and commitment from others, and resolve issues and conflicts | Intermediate |
| Results logo |  |  |  |
| Plan and Prioritise | Plan to achieve priority outcomes and respond flexibly to changing circumstances | Foundational |
| Demonstrate Accountability | Be proactive and responsible for own actions, and adhere to legislation, policy and guidelines | Intermediate |
| Business Enablers logo |  |  |  |
| Finance | Understand and apply financial processes to achieve value for money and minimise financial risk | Intermediate |