

Funding Guidelines & Application process

Dementia-Friendly Communities

Community Engagement Program (CEP)

The Community Engagement Program (CEP) supports local community associations, businesses, organisations and groups to develop dementia-friendly communities projects that engage community interest, in-kind contributions and existing resources. The program aims to achieve a national reach and showcase examples of grass-roots action in every state and territory on the Dementia-Friendly Communities [website](#).

The **aims** of the Community Engagement Program (CEP) are:

- To increase the number of Australian communities that accept, support and include people living with dementia so that they can live the life they choose and engage in the activities that are important to them
- To demonstrate the practical application of dementia-friendly principles in diverse Australian communities and locations
- To create new resources that complement those already available from Dementia Australia for use by other communities and which meet the needs of people living with dementia, their families and carers

The Community Engagement Program (CEP) will fund projects that incorporate the key **principles** of dementia-friendly communities:

1. Meaningfully engage people living with dementia
2. Challenge stigma and build understanding of dementia.
3. Provide accessible and inclusive places, spaces and activities for people with dementia and care partners
4. Acknowledge the potential of people with dementia to contribute and shape their communities
5. Provide practical community-based support and solutions to enable people impacted by dementia to actively participate in community life

6. Support consistent and reliable travel options
7. Promote easy to navigate environments
8. Enable respectful and responsive business, programs and services

Eligibility

Community Engagement Program (CEP) grant funding is open to applications from:

- Local community organisations, associations, and groups, and
- Large community organisations and health service providers **ONLY** in relation to proposals focused upon the development of an independent community dementia alliance.

Aged care providers are not encouraged to apply.

The selection process will prioritise applications that meet the following **criteria**:

- **Meaningfully involve** people living with dementia and their care partners in the design and delivery of the project
- Are delivered through **collaborative local partnerships** with dementia alliances, networks, councils, business, education and community organisations
- **Meet the needs** of one or more of the following **diverse communities**:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
 - Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities
 - Isolated, rural and remote communities
- **Serve under-represented geographical areas** from the previous funding rounds e.g., South Australia, Western Australia, Northern and Australian Capital Territories and Tasmania

Funding

To support the development of local dementia-friendly community activity, seven grants of up to \$10,000 each are available. Funding will support new project activity from 1 April 2023, for 12 months. Funds can be used to cover the costs of salaries, consultancies, printing, postage, event costs, catering, room hire, supplies and small equipment.

Administration overheads, construction and large equipment costs are ineligible.

Application and Selection Process

Applications will be administered via an Expression of Interest process through the Dementia-Friendly Communities online questions in **SurveyMonkey**. Expressions of Interest received will be assessed by Dementia Australia staff and the members of the Dementia-Friendly Communities Dementia Advisory Group, a group of people living with dementia and care partners. Applications will be reviewed for their degree of fit with the following:

- the aims of the Community Engagement Program
- the key principles of dementia-friendly communities
- the Community Engagement Program eligibility criteria

Successful applicants will be invited to draft a 12-month project work plan to describe how they will achieve the project set out on their Expression of Interest. The Dementia-Friendly Communities team will be available to support organisations with the development of their project work plans.

Applicants must be willing to work collaboratively on evaluation activities as required.

Timeframes and deliverables

Action	Date
Expressions of Interest applications open	21 November 2022
Expressions of Interest applications close	12 December 2022
Funding offers made	From mid-Feb 2023
Workplan finalisation and contracts signed by	31 March 2023
Project funding begins	1 April 2023
Project funding finishes	31 March 2024

Final project report, resources and story for inclusion on DFC website	30 April 2024
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Copy of the Expression of interest questions

A copy of the questions has been provided below to help you plan and complete the online application. Please complete your application by answering the questions at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EOICEP22>

If you experience any issues or need support to complete the online questions, please contact us at dementiafriendly@dementia.org.au

Details	
Organisation name	
Organisation overview	
Postal address	
State/Territory	
Contact	Name: Email: Phone no:
Role	

Criteria (please limit to 500 words)

1. Please provide an overview of your proposed dementia-friendly communities' project.

2. How does your project meet the **aims** (refer to page 1) of the Community Engagement Program?

3. How does your project incorporate the key **principles** (refer to page 1) of dementia-friendly communities?

4. How will your project include people living with dementia and carers in the design and delivery of the project?

5. What partnerships will be formed to deliver the project?

6. Will your project serve one or more of the **priority groups** (refer to page 2)? Please provide details

7. Any other information that is relevant to this dementia-friendly communities project?