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COVID-19 funding opportunities update

As members will be aware, the NADA CEO has been nominated the leader for the NSW Ministry of Health's NGO Community of Practice and a representative on the overarching COVID-19 Clinical Council. To this end, he has led the development of a proposed funding package for the NGO sector to assist with the extra costs to agencies that COVID-19 has placed on our sector. This funding request covers issues like the additional costs of telecommunications/telehealth infrastructure and training; personal protective equipment; and additional infection control measures, staff redeployment and outreach for client management. This is in addition to any other costs associated with the substantial business realignment processes members have had to undertake.

We have also been following up on how, and when, cost escalation will be applied to the Ministry's NGO grants payments. At this time, we can advise members that due to the delay with handing down a state budget, we will not know what the cost escalation figure will be, or exactly when it will be announced. This may not occur until the late in the second quarter of the 20/21 financial year. NADA will continue to follow up this critical issue in the coming months and advise you when we get clear information regarding the passing on of next year's cost escalation figure to NGO budgets.

Not-for-profit stimulus packages: Covid-19 response

NADA has worked with the NGO Community of Practice staff in the Ministry to identify the COVID-19 related funding sources available at this time for your information. We urge members to access further information on these funding opportunities.

Jurisdiction	Response	Description
Current – Commonwealth	Boosting cash flow	Up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium sized businesses, and not-for-profits (including charities) that employ people, with a minimum payment of \$20,000.
	Instant asset write-off	For assets first used or installed ready for use from 12 March until 30 June 2020, the Government is increasing the instant asset write-off threshold from \$30,000 to \$150,000
	Apprentices and trainees support	Wage subsidy of 50 per cent of an apprentice's or trainee's wage for up to 9 months from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020. Where a small business is not able to retain an apprentice, the subsidy will be available to a new employer that employs that apprentice.
	SME guarantee scheme	Support small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to get access to working capital to help them get them through the impact of the coronavirus. Under the Scheme, the Government will guarantee 50% of new loans issued by eligible bank and non-bank lenders to SMEs.
	Tax support	Existing debts with ATO can be deferred to reduce payments and interest
	Tax support	Deferring by up to 4 months the payment date of amounts due through BAS (including PAYG instalments), income tax assessments, FBT assessments and excise

Tax support	Hardship arrangements for businesses who have shut down with taxation payments will be handled on a case-by-case scenario	
Wage subsidy/guarantee	JobKeeper payment - Businesses will receive a fortnightly wage subsidy up to \$1,500 per employee to be passed on directly to employees. About 6 million people are expected to be eligible. Exclusions for employees that are casual and worked less than 12 months and non-citizens.	
Community support package (emergency and food relief)	An additional \$200 million will be provided to support charities and other community organisations which provide emergency and food relief as demand surges as a result of coronavirus. This includes providing emergency relief funds, increasing and retaining workforce capacity, providing assistance for food relief organisations to source and transport food, scaling up the National Debt hotline and financial counselling services, and expanding access to affordable financial products (No Interest Loan Scheme). <i>From <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/11-billion-support-more-mental-health-medicare-and-domestic-violence-services-0></i>	
Mental health support	An initial \$74 million will be provided to support the mental health and wellbeing of all Australians. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$10 million will be provided to create a dedicated coronavirus wellbeing support line, delivered by Beyond Blue. \$14 million will bolster the capacity of mental health support providers who have experienced an unprecedented surge in call volumes with funding increasing their capacity, including \$5 million for Lifeline and \$2 million for Kids Helpline. Some other non-profits will also be funded.	
Domestic violence support	An initial \$150 million will be provided to support Australians experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence. This includes funding counselling services, hotlines, and programs to help victims stay in their homes.	
Backing business incentive	Time limited 15-month investment incentive to support business investment and economic growth over the short-term, by accelerating depreciation deductions. A deduction of 50% of the cost of an eligible asset on installation will apply, with existing depreciation rules applying to the balance of the asset's cost.	
Temporary relief for financially distressed businesses	The Government is temporarily (6 months) increasing the current minimum threshold for creditors issuing a statutory demand on a company under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> from \$2,000 to \$20,000.	
Current state – NSW	Tax support	\$450 million for the waiver of payroll tax for businesses with payrolls of up to \$10 million for three months (the rest of 2019-20).
	Tax support	\$56 million to bring forward the next round of payroll tax cuts by raising the threshold limit to \$1 million in 2020-21.
	Business fee relief	\$80 million to waive a range of fees and charges for small businesses including bars, cafes, restaurants and tradies.
	Maintenance	\$250 million to employ additional cleaners of public infrastructure such as transport assets, schools and other public buildings.
	Maintenance	\$250 million to bring forward maintenance on public assets including social housing and crown land fencing.
	Social sector	\$10 million to support charities for food security https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Covid-19Stimulus
	Social sector	\$6 million in extra funding for Lifeline's operations in NSW https://www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/Covid-19Stimulus
	Social sector	\$34 million to prevent homelessness
	Small business grants	\$10,000 grants to small businesses (1-19 employees) highly impacted by COVID-19. The NSW Government will put \$750 million into the Small Business Support Fund as the centrepiece of a third wave of support measures to keep

		small businesses afloat. (https://preview.nsw.gov.au/news/10000-grants-to-provide-fast-relief-for-nsw-small-businesses-battling-covid-19)
	Research grant	COVID-19 Research Grant https://www.medicalresearch.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-research/
Current – local government	Community sector, including NGOs	https://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Newcastle/media/Documents/COVID-19/Community%20and%20Economic%20Resilience%20Packages/Community-Grant-Guidelines.pdf

Please check your local government website for opportunities in your area.

Useful sources (which summarise stimulus packages):

[Social Traders COVID-19 stimulus package summary](#)

[ATO website](#)

[Service NSW website](#)

NSW's [small business grants](#)

[Policy watch](#)

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