

Indigenous Business Support Funding (IBSF) Round 2 - ACCO Round Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is IBSF for?

IBSF is to help ACCOs to become NDIS providers.

Having ACCOs register as NDIS providers will help grow the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NDIS market, improving access to the NDIS, and choice and control, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NDIS participants and potential participants.

2. When do applications open/close?

IBSF applications will open on Monday 31 May 2021 and close at 11:00pm AEST Friday 11 June 2020.

3. Should I apply for IBSF?

IBSF is for Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and we encourage all ACCOs to apply.

However, ACCOs who received Transition Assistance Funding (TAF) under the Boosting the Local Care Workforce are **not eligible** for IBSF (<https://blcw.dss.gov.au/grow/transition-assistance-funding/>).

4. I am not an NDIS registered provider. Should I apply for IBSF?

Yes. You do not need to be an NDIS registered provider to be eligible for IBSF.

All eligible ACCOs can apply for IBSF regardless of their current NDIS registration status.

5. I am already an NDIS registered provider. Should I apply for IBSF?

Yes. ACCOs that are already NDIS registered providers are also encouraged to apply and are eligible for IBSF. All eligible ACCOs can apply for IBSF regardless of their current NDIS registration status.

6. How do I apply?

The IBSF Application Form and Readiness Assessment can be found on the [IBSF webpage](#). To apply for IBSF please:

1. Download and complete the Application Form –upload the completed form to the [IBSF webpage](#).
2. Complete a Readiness Assessment which can be found [here](#).

Both the Application Form and Readiness Assessment **must be completed** to apply for IBSF.

The NACCHO NDIS Ready team are here to support you in your application. This Frequently Asked Questions document will be updated fortnightly as required during the application period.

If you require any additional assistance in completing your IBSF Application Form or Readiness Assessment please reach out as early as possible to the NACCHO NDIS Ready at ndisready@naccho.org.au.

7. How much IBSF can I apply for?

Eligible ACCOs can apply for \$20,000 (GST exclusive).

8. What is a Readiness Assessment?

A Readiness Assessment is a self-assessment of your organisation's overall readiness to transition into registering and delivering services sustainably under the NDIS.

You **must complete a [Readiness Assessment](#)** as part of your application.

The outcome of the Readiness Assessment will not impact your eligibility for IBSF. The results of the Readiness Assessment will be used to highlight how IBSF might best benefit your organisation.



9. When will I find out if I am successful?

Successful applicants will be notified from 21 June 2021.

10. When will I find out if I am unsuccessful?

Unsuccessful applicants may not be notified until IBSF Agreements have been executed with successful applicants. We anticipate unsuccessful applicants will be notified by 13 August 2021.

11. Am I expected to co-contribute funds?

No. There is no expectation or requirement for you to co-contribute funds.

If the services you choose cost more than the \$20,000 (GST exc.) provided under IBSF, your organisation may choose to contribute additional funds.

12. What are the requirements for IBSF?

- a. Must be an eligible ACCO (i.e. an ACCO who has not previously received Transition Assistance Funding).
 - b. Complete both the IBSF Application Form (and upload to [IBSF webpage](#)) and a Readiness Assessment
 - c. Participation in the post-agreement outcomes reporting and Satisfaction Survey.
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13. Are there any reporting requirements?

Yes, there will be minor reporting requirements and will include a:

- i. Short survey regarding your experience and satisfaction with IBFS.
- ii. Short 1-2 page report on what you spend your IBSF on, further needs, and improved NDIS readiness.

All reporting will be due 31 March 2022.

If you require any assistance with completing your reporting requirements the NACCHO NDIS Ready (at ndisready@naccho.org.au) are here to support you.



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14. If I apply for IBSF do I have to register as an NDIS provider?

There is no requirement to become a registered NDIS provider within the duration of the service agreement. IBSF is to help ACCOs move towards becoming NDIS ready.

15. Can I pool my funding with other successful applicants?

Yes.

If you are successful in applying for IBSF, we encourage you to pool funding with other successful applicants who have similar needs. This will help make sure you get the most out of your funding. However, each organisation is still responsible for their reporting requirements and must ensure eligible activity requirements are met.

16. Can we apply as a consortium?

No. But you are encouraged to pool your funds with other successful applicants who have similar needs.

17. Is there a list of preferred consultants?

There is no list of preferred providers.

18. What can IBSF used for?

What IBSF can be used for has been left purposefully broad to acknowledge that you are the experts in what will be most useful for your organisation.

1. Access business and/or technical advice to develop systems and/or business models within your ACCO to register and establish themselves as an active NDIS provider.
2. Basic establishment costs associated with becoming an NDIS service provider (e.g. disability aids, technology, financial systems/modules).
3. Assist to train and/or optimise your workforce.
4. Broadly develop skills and capabilities required to effectively operate in the NDIS market.

19. What can't IBSF be used for?

There is only a limited set of activities that IBSF **cannot** be used for:

5. Staff wages – this includes for community connector, evidence and access, or support coordination roles.
6. General administration costs of your organisation.
7. Capital expenditure.
8. Expenditure not related to NDIS or disability more broadly.
9. Activities which have previously been funded by the Commonwealth or State or Territory Governments.