



MEDIA STATEMENT

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\$1.25 million to support the community-controlled sector to deliver NDIS services for their communities

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) has delivered over \$1.25 million in grants to 57 Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to support the delivery of culturally safe and appropriate National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) services to their communities. The grants were delivered through the NDIS Ready program which is funded by the Department of Social Services.

The Indigenous Business Support Funding (IBSF) grants, worth \$22,000 each, are designed to build the capacity of ACCHOs and ACCOs to deliver disability services sustainably under the NDIS by empowering them with the resources they need to be NDIS ready. This will support the growth of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NDIS market and workforce and help improve access to culturally safe services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Chief Executive Officer Pat Turner welcomed the funding.

“These grants will enable the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation sector to expand into the NDIS, to provide additional essential supports for people with disability” Ms Turner said.

Chief Executive Officer of Danila Dilba Health Service in Darwin, Rob McPhee, said:

“Danila Dilba is committed to helping our Mob with disabilities live the life they want. The IBSF grant will help us further the work we do in supporting our communities in accessing NDIS services. Demand for support and services is much higher than what we can provide alone - but the IBSF grant can assist in strengthening our internal business planning and development and organisational readiness for addressing the unmet need of many in our community with a disability.”

Chairperson of the South Australian West Coast ACCHO Network (SAWCAN) Cindy Zbierski said that “Access to culturally respectful and Aboriginal-led disability services is vital to improving life outcomes and achieving equity for our Mob. The IBSF grant provides us with the opportunity to scope what these Aboriginal-led disability solutions look like within our communities”.

Michael Graham, the CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, said the “IBSF grant will not only assist our community to access [the] NDIS, but the grant will also enable us to operate our NDIS program within governance frameworks, and to expand it after robust business modelling”.



NACCHO

National Aboriginal Community
Controlled Health Organisation

List of IBSF Recipients

ACT

Winnunga Nimmitjiah Aboriginal Health and Community Health Services

NSW

Aboriginal Medical Services Cooperative
Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Services
Awabakal Ltd
Bandaar Walaaybaa Community Hub. Aboriginal Corporations
Bourke Aboriginal Corporation Health Service
Brewarrina Aboriginal Medical Service
Bullinah Aboriginal Health Service
Condobolin Aboriginal Health Service
Coonamble Aboriginal Health Service
Galambila Aboriginal Corporation
Ngaimpe Aboriginal Corporation (The Glen)
Pius X Aboriginal Corporation
Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation
Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service
Ungooroo Aboriginal Corporation
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service
Walhallow Aboriginal Corporation
Waminda
Yoorana Gunya Family Healing Centre Aboriginal Corporation

NT

Ananguku Mimili Maku Arts Aboriginal Corporation
Danila Dilba Health Service
Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation
Tjungu Palya Arts Aboriginal Corporation

Qld

Bidgerdii Community Health Service
Charleville Western Areas Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Health
Cherbourg Regional Aboriginal & Islander Community Controlled Health Service
Galangoor Duwalami Primary Health Care Service
Girudala Community Co-operative Society
Gladstone Regional Aboriginal and Islander Community Controlled Health Service (Nhulundu)
Goondir ATSI Goondir Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health Services
Institute for Urban Indigenous Health
Kambu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health



NACCHO

National Aboriginal Community
Controlled Health Organisation

Mamu Health Service

Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation Primary Health Care Service

North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health

NPA Family and Community Services Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation

Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Service

SA

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation

Moorundi Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service

Nunkuwarnin Yunti of South Australia

Oak Valley Health Service

Pangula Mannamurna Aboriginal Corporation

Pika Wiya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation

Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service

Tullawon Health Service

Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation

Yadu Health Aboriginal Corporation

Vic

Budja Budja Aboriginal Co-operative

Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative

Mallee District Aboriginal Services

Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative

Oonah Health & Community Services Aboriginal Corporation

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service

WA

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Aboriginal Corporation

Geraldton Regional Aboriginal Medical Services

Mawarnkarra Health Service

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[NACCHO](#) is the national peak body representing 143 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) across the Country on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing issues. NACCHO is the third largest employer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia, with over 3,500 out of the 6,000 staff working in ACCHOs being either of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander background.

Many ACCHOs have almost 50 years of experience in the delivery of comprehensive primary health care. Services are delivered through fixed, outreach and mobile clinics operating in urban, rural and remote settings across Australia.