# **Questions and Answers**

## Q. What is the Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies Program?

**A.** The Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies Program is a new coordinated approach for funding disability peak bodies services. It is designed to address some identified gaps in previous peak funding arrangements. The program includes funding for disability category-specific peak services and funding for peak services for carers.

## Q. What is the purpose of this grants round?

**A.** The purpose of the Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies Sector Capacity and Capability Building Program is to deliver disability peak body services that support the development of responsive and high quality disability service providers.

## Q. What does an open grant round mean?

**A**. An open grant round is a way of making sure that all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria can apply for available funding. Open grant rounds are advertised with open and closing dates for applications, and eligible applications are assessed against set assessment criteria.

## Q. How can my organisation apply for a grant?

**A.** Details about how to apply for a grant, as well as the Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies Sector Capacity and Capability Building Program Guidelines can be found at: [Funding available - Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au)](https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/about-us/funding-sponsorship/funding-available)

## Q. When does the funding start and end?

**A.** The Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies Sector Capacity and Capability Building Program funding will commence from 1 July 2023 and end on 30 June 2026 (3 years).

## Q. What if my organisation is already funded to deliver disability peak body services on behalf of the Queensland Government?

**A**. Organisations currently funded to delivery peak body services can apply for this funding if they meet the Eligibility criteria in the Program Guidelines found at: [Funding available - Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au)](https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/about-us/funding-sponsorship/funding-available)

## Q. Who is eligible to apply for a Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies Sector Capacity and Capability Building Program grant?

**A.** To be eligible to apply your organisation must meet the following eligibility criteria:

* demonstrated experience in delivering programs or services that support the capacity and/or capability of Queensland disability service providers (and potential providers), including through representative activities and/or sector and workforce development
* direct involvement and/or employment of people with disability (or lived experience as appropriate) in the operation and or governance of the organisation
* compliance with relevant requirements of the Disability Services Act 2006, including worker screening requirements
* have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
* have operations or deliver services in Queensland
* be registered for the purposes of GST
* hold public liability insurance to the value of not less than $10 million, or provide evidence of plans to obtain insurance to the value of not less than $10 million to cover the proposed work
* be one of the following entity types:
  + a company incorporated in Australia
  + a company incorporated by guarantee
  + an incorporated trustee on behalf of a trust
  + an incorporated association
  + a partnership
  + an entity auspiced by an eligible organisation
  + a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation
  + Local Government body
  + a consortium
  + have no outstanding performance/legal/financial matters that would impact the organisation being able to enter a contract with the department due to legislative requirements.

More detailed information on all the eligibility criteria can be found in the Program Guidelines located at [Funding available - Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au)](https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/about-us/funding-sponsorship/funding-available).

## Q. How much funding is available for the grants round?

**A.** The total funding amount available for the grant round is $1.95 million (excl GST) from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2026 (3 years). The detailed funding distribution is outlined in the Program Guidelines located at [Funding available - Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au)](https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/about-us/funding-sponsorship/funding-available).

## Q. How will the applications be assessed?

A. All eligible applications will be evaluated against each of the assessment criteria by an assessment panel. The assessment criteria are detailed in the Program Guidelines located at [Funding available - Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au)](https://www.dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au/about-us/funding-sponsorship/funding-available).

# **How to apply**

**Q. How do I apply?**

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**Q. When do applications open and close?**

**A.** Applications open on Thursday 9 March 2023 and close at 5pm Thursday 6 April 2023.

# **More information**

**Q. Where can I find more information?**

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# **For people who currently access peak body services in Queensland**

**Q. Who should I contact if I am worried about accessing peak services?**

**A.** You should contact your service provider first who will let you know if there are any changes to your peak services.

If you have any concerns after talking to your service provider, please contact our Complaints and Advice Unit:

* phone 1800 491 467 (free call)
* email [feedback@dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au](mailto:feedback@dsdsatsip.qld.gov.au)
* complete the [**online complaints form**](https://www.complaints.services.qld.gov.au/)
* post your feedback to:  
  Complaints and Investigations Unit  
  Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships  
  GPO Box 806, Brisbane Qld 4001.