

Community Builders

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When applying for Community Builders (CB) you will need to

- Identify the aspects of community strength that your project will address
- Identify the projects nominated community ie the Community of Location and the Community of Identity
- Identify the Priority Group
- Provide evidence of consultation
- Select the service model that your project fits within

Aspects of Community Strength: (CBG 2.5)

You will need to identify one or more aspect of community strength that your project will address

- Connected – *have a sense of belonging with others in the community and with the community as a whole;*
- Respectful – *encourage a diversity of ideas and opinions, where alternative views are respected;*
- Participatory – *have opportunities to be, and are, involved in areas of community life and decision-making;*
- Resourceful – *have access to and use a variety of resources, where these resources are used to respond to or adapt to change;*
- Trusting – *of each other and the institutions in their community.*

Nominated Community / Target Population (CBG 3.1)

You will need to identify the community of location and community of identity that your project will benefit

Community of location: *This may be people who live in an area (more than one LGA), example, people who live in the same LGA, people who live in the same suburb or people who live in the same street.*

Communities of identity: *This is people who identify as part of a specific group within the larger community. They may be*

- *people who share a language*
- *people who share an ethnic affiliation*
- *people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background*
- *people who share a common interest e.g. a cultural activity*
- *people who are at a similar life stage e.g. youth, young parents.*
- *all people living in the location*

Example: **Young parents** (community of identity) living in **Blacktown** (community of location) OR **All people** (com. of identity) living in **Parramatta** (com. of location)

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Priority Groups (CBG 3.2)

CB aims to connect the more disadvantaged members of a community with their broader community, thereby strengthening the whole community. The nomination of priority groups is one way of identifying known **disadvantaged members of a community** for particular focus in building their connection to their community.

Projects/services must identify at least one, and up to three, priority groups.

1st Priority

The first priority group must be one of the following CB overarching priority groups:

- socially disadvantaged members of a community e.g. people who are isolated geographically from their community, such as people living in remote areas; or
- financially disadvantaged members of a community i.e. people whose participation in their community is compromised due to their financial situation, such as people who are unemployed; or
- socially and financially disadvantaged members of a community.

Optional 2nd & 3rd Priority Groups

These priority groups must be sub-sets of the 'community of location' and 'community of identity'. The second and third priority groups can be used to refine the focus of a project/service. 2nd & 3rd priority groups can be chosen from the follow (2nd & 3rd priority groups can not be the same group of people)

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (only if not chosen as Community of Identity)
- culturally and linguistically diverse community (only if not chosen as Com. of Identity)
- men
- women
- people of specific age groups

Example with 1 priority group

Young parents (community of identity) **living in Blacktown** (community of location) with priority given to people within that community **who are financially and socially disadvantaged** (priority group).

Example with 3 priority groups (2nd & 3rd priority groups are optional)

Young parents (community of identity) **living in Blacktown** (community of location) with priority given to people within that community who are financially and socially disadvantaged (1st priority group) focussing on women (2nd priority group) aged between 14 & 18 yrs (3rd priority group).

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Consultation (CBG 3.3)

New Community Builders projects or services are required to provide evidence to demonstrate that the project/service is both needed and important to the nominated community and also provide evidence for the selection of the nominated priority groups (disadvantaged groups). **It is recommended that discuss the need for the project, selection of the priority group/s and evidence with your local council representative in the first instance.** Other sources of evidence could include:

- NSW State Plan
- ABS Census data
- Community Builders regional priorities
- local government social plans
- information from other government agencies
- government publications
- consultations or surveys undertaken by the applicant
- local newspaper articles
- published research and/or data.

Community Builders service model (service activity description)

You will need to indicate which of the Community Builders service models and associated service activities your proposed project will undertake to achieve the results you identified for the nominated community.

Community Builders service models:

- Community Capacity Building
- Community Skills Development
- Community Sector Development

See Appendix 12.4 of CBG for a full description of each service model.

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