

PARTNERSHIP FORUM

FACT SHEET

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS

The Partnership Forum is working to improve outcomes for all Western Australians through a number of initiatives. These include:

- **Sustainable Funding and Contracting Reforms with the Not-For-Profit Sector** –Additional funding of \$600 million over four years was provided in the 2011-12 State Budget to support a sustainable not-for-profit sector and ensure that government pays a fair and appropriate price for the services it purchases from the not-for-profit sector. This will enable organisations to improve the quality and sustainability of services they provide to the Western Australian community. This funding will assist not-for-profit community sector organisations to improve wages and conditions for employees and attract and retain appropriately skilled staff.
- Funding is being distributed in two tranches:
 - **Component I**–a 15% across-the-board price adjustment on all eligible not-for-profit community service contracts from 1 July 2011; and
 - **Component II**– a second funding injection equivalent to an average increase of 10% across eligible contracts linked to key contracting reforms in the *Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy*. This funding will be available from 1 July 2013.
- The Partnership Forum also oversees the implementation of the *Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy*. The Policy has been effective since July 2011 and was developed jointly by the public and not-for-profit community sectors. It is intended to ensure that the not-for-profit community sector can be more flexible and responsive in the way it provides care. This includes less onerous and cumbersome reporting requirements and standardising contracting practices across government agencies.
- **Self-Directed Service Design**–the Partnership Forum is promoting self-directed service design in the delivery of community services. This involves giving service recipients greater choice and control over the services they receive.
- **Supporting Social Innovation and Enterprise** - The Social Innovation Grants Program aims to promote social innovation in the delivery of human services. The Program provides grants to enable not-for-profit organisations to develop and trial new ways of delivering human services that produce better outcomes for Western Australians in need. The Partnership Forum has also established a Social Enterprise Fund to support for the emergence of social enterprise as one approach to addressing social issues. The Fund provides grants and support for not-for-profit organisations to establish social enterprises.
- **Policy, Planning and Service Design** –the Partnership Forum is taking steps to redefine how the public and not-for-profit sectors work together to develop policy, plan joint responses to community need and design services that are tailored to the needs of individuals and communities.