

# PARTNERSHIP FORUM

## FACT SHEET

### SUPPORTING SOCIAL INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE

#### Social Innovation Grants Program

- Social innovation is about developing new products or service delivery models that better meet social needs and bring social benefits to the community. A socially innovative organisation understands the needs of the community it serves and is willing to try new strategies to meet those needs in a more tailored and targeted way.
- The Social Innovation Grants Program aims to make effective changes to community services by:
  - helping community sector organisations develop and trial new ways of delivering services to produce better outcomes;
  - applying the most effective ideas to other service delivery areas facing similar challenges; and
  - promoting the development of strategic partnerships between community sector organisations.
- Grant applications can be submitted by not-for-profit organisations at any time. Applicants must be an incorporated, not-for-profit community sector organisation. However unincorporated, not-for-profit community sector organisations may apply for funding under the auspice of an incorporated body or a local government authority.
- Program guidelines and application forms can be found under the Grants section of the Department for Communities website at [www.communities.wa.gov.au](http://www.communities.wa.gov.au)

#### Social Enterprise Fund

- \$10 million has been allocated to establish a Social Enterprise Fund to support community organisations establish or enhance social enterprise(s).
- Social enterprises are organisations or programs that:
  - Have an economic, social, cultural or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit;
  - trade to fulfil that mission;
  - derive a substantial portion of their income from that trade; and
  - reinvest the majority of their profit/surplus into the fulfilment of their mission.
- The goal of the Social Enterprise Fund is to increase the number, effectiveness and efficiency of social enterprises in Western Australia. It provides grants and support for not-for-profit organisations to establish social enterprises, and provides information and training on social enterprise to the community sector and other interested stakeholders.

- A consortium led by [Social Ventures Australia \(SVA\)](#) and including [Social innovation in Western Australia \(SiiWA\)](#) , [Social Traders](#) , [Centre for Social Impact \(CSI\)](#) and the [Western Australia Council of Social Service \(WACOSS\)](#), works to provide a support service to applicants and grant recipients. This includes information sessions, support in preparing applications and aftercare business support to successful funding recipients.
- For more information on the Social Enterprise Fund and details of information and training sessions visit these websites:
  - <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/grantsandfunding/Grants/sef/Pages/default.aspx>
  - <http://www.socialventures.com.au/employment/social-enterprise-fund-western-australia/>
  - [http://www.wacoss.org.au/sector\\_development/Social\\_Enterprise.aspx](http://www.wacoss.org.au/sector_development/Social_Enterprise.aspx)