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The Australian Government today launched the $51 million National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) National Information Program grants to help people with disability live more accessible and connected lives.

Minister for Families and Social Services, Paul Fletcher said the first of four grant rounds opening today will fund innovative projects that deliver up-to-date, high quality, accessible information about disability and specific disability types.

“This $51 million investment over three years is part of the new Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) strategy announced in December last year.

“Organisations will be able to apply for grants from $300,000, with no upper limit, across the period 2019 to 2022.

Assistant Minister for Social Services, Housing and Disability Services, Sarah Henderson, said the program also aims to fund projects which develop and distribute information that meets the needs of specific audiences.

“This includes people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and LGBTQI+ communities, as well as those living in rural and remote areas,” Ms Henderson said.

“The resources produced from the funded projects will be shared by NDIS Local Area Coordinators and the new network of organisations run by people with disability and their families.

“The NDIS is all about choice and control for people with disability and by providing easily accessible information, we are increasing individuals’ ability to choose and access disability supports and services that are right for them.”

The open and competitive National Information Program grants round will open on 5 April 2019, and close at 11:00pm AEST on 10 May 2019.

For more information on the ILC National Information Program, visit the DSS Community Grants Hub website or GrantConnect , the Australian Government’s grants information system.

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