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The Australian Government is supporting Western Australians with disability with today's announcement of grants to enable the growth of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) workforce.

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Stuart Robert, said projects funded under the first round of the Jobs and Market Fund (JMF) will help build a robust NDIS market that fosters workforce and provider capability and growth, particularly in Western Australia.

'The Australian Government is proud to invest in projects that work at the grassroots level, driven by local organisations, to meet this workforce demand and ensure Western Australians with disability, their families and carers get the support they need,' Minister Robert said.

'Up to $2.7 million of projects will directly benefit the growth of the WA workforce delivered by National Disability Services, Regional Disability Australia and Summer Foundation. A further $4.7 million of projects delivered across Australia will also support the growth of the WA workforce.'

'Today's announcement builds on the recent price increases announced by the Australian Government for supports provided under the NDIS. It is anticipated these projects will also go towards helping address under-supplied markets, including in rural and remote parts of this state.

'These innovative projects are targeting key areas of priority, such as attracting school-leavers to the disability sector, trialing an innovative model of training, employing and supporting Aboriginal Therapy Assistants to support NDIS participants and increasing the supply of Specialist Disability Accommodation.'

The grants will run over two financial years from 2019-20 to 2020-21. See the full listing of successful Round One Projects

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