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Feros Care has been announced as the successful Local Area Coordination (LAC) partner in Barossa, Light and Lower North and Northern Adelaide to support the rollout of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) from 2017.

The \$23.3 million investment will see Feros Care provide services focussing on participant capacity building, including plan development, implementation and review.

LACs support NDIS participants in their local community find and start receiving services, including mainstream and community services.

The Hon Jane Prentice MP, Assistant Minister for Social Services Disability Services, congratulated Feros Care and recognised the importance local experience will have in supporting people with disability in their community.

“Local knowledge will be invaluable as Feros Care work closely with the NDIA in delivering this world-leading Scheme,” Mrs Prentice said.

“This is a significant investment for South Australia at a time when we are preparing for people aged 18 to 64 to enter the Scheme.

The Partners in the Community Program provides funding for community organisations to partner with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to help deliver the NDIS across the country.

The second South Australian Partners in the Community Program grant round is now open.

Applications are being sought from community organisations to provide LAC services in the following services areas:

- Southern Adelaide
- Fleurieu Kangaroo Island
- Eyre & Western and Far North
- Yorke Mid North
- Eastern Adelaide
- Western Adelaide
- Adelaide Hills

The NDIA did not appoint an LAC partner in Limestone Coast and Murray and Mallee in round one and will be reapproaching the market in round two.

Round two closes on Friday 5 May at 2pm AEST. A webcast on key information on the Partners in the Community Program will be available on the [NDIS website](#) in mid-April.

Background

The NDIS will provide 460,000 Australians, including more than 32,000 South Australians, under the age of 65 with a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life.

The NDIS became available to young people aged 15 to 17 in South Australia from 1 January. From 1 July, adults aged 18 to 64 will gradually enter the Scheme, based on where they live.

Information about the Partners in the Community Program, including future grant rounds, is available on the [NDIS website](#).

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