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The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has established a second round of demonstration projects titled Empowering participants: Information, assistance and connections.

This round sought innovative projects that empower participants to explore and understand their home and living possibilities.

A total of $1.018 million in grant funding has been awarded across the following 4 projects:

- Summer Foundation
  $174,000 over 1 year
  This project will co-design a Home and Living Journey Roadmap to enable participants to feel confident to action their home and living goals.
- Self Advocacy Sydney Incorporated
  $280,000 over 2 years
  This project will focus on the development of a peer mentoring network to build capacity and empower people with intellectual disability to make informed decisions about home and living support options.
- Victorian Advocacy League for League for Individuals with Disability (VALID Inc)
  $358,000 over 2 years
  This project will design and deliver small workshops to people with intellectual disability to improve their knowledge of home and living opportunities.
- University of Melbourne
  $206,000 over 2 years
  This project aims to build a training module to build the capacity of people with multiple and complex disability support needs (specifically CHARGE Syndrome and Deafblind) and their families to work towards independent support living arrangements.

These projects share a commitment to co-design. This will also create employment opportunities for people with disability.

They will allow people with disability to share their lived experience of home and living to help other NDIS participants make informed decisions about their own options.

For more information on Empowering participants: Information, Assistance and Connections grant round, visit Home and living demonstration projects round 2.

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