

Strength in Community: Family Gathering

Empowering, connecting, and building opportunities for inclusive communities where people with disability thrive



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Can I use my NDIS Funding to buy a ticket to the event?

If you self-manage or have a plan-managed NDIS plan you may be able to use your NDIS funding to pay for your ticket to attend the **Strength in Community: Family Gathering**.

The NDIS can fund supports that relate to the person's disability and [meet NDIS reasonable and necessary criteria](#). It is important to use your NDIS funding in line with the NDIS supports included in your plan. The NDIS usually describes supports generally, so you have more choice in how to use your funding¹.

This two-day event will gather and connect people with disability and family members and friends for meaningful conversations, sharing experiences, and ideas to nurture inclusive communities. This event puts people with disability and their families at the heart of every conversation, ensuring all experiences and practical strategies help to advocate for inclusion and drive meaningful change in your community.

Please consider the [Event outcomes on page 3](#) to see if this support will help you /your family member achieve your goals.

Accommodation costs: Under the new rules of the NDIS you cannot use your NDIS funding, on accommodation to attend the event.

The following [Reasonable and Necessary questions on Page 2](#) can help you decide if it is appropriate to use your NDIS funding on your ticket to this event. (*In the questions, "the support" refers to the Strength in Community: Family Gathering*)

If your funds are plan-managed, you might wish to work through the questions below and share this document with your plan manager.

You can also call us to help work through the questions.

Call Us: 1800 774 764

Email us: info@ric.org.au

¹ [NDIS Guide to Self Management](#) page 18

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Reasonable and Necessary Criteria

1. Is the support needed **because of the disability (or disabilities) that made the person eligible for NDIS supports?**

Notes: This event is for people with disability and their families and not specific to a particular type of disability.

2. Will this support help you/ your family member **pursue goals** and aspirations?

Notes: This event focus is “Empowering, connecting, and building opportunities for inclusive communities where people with disability thrive”. Does this align with your/ your family member’s goals?

3. Will this support help you/ your family member’s **social and economic participation?**

Notes: This event promotes the social and economic participation and community inclusion of people with disability

4. Is this support **value for money**, relative to benefits achieved and costs of alternative supports?

Notes: Resourcing Inclusive Communities strives to keep costs low for people with disability and families. Thanks to subsidies, the event ticket is already offered at a reduced rate.

5. Is the support considered **good practice and likely to be beneficial to the participant?**

Notes: All Resourcing Inclusive Communities events are informed by contemporary inclusive approaches for supporting people with disability to thrive in the heart of the community.

6. Does the support take into account **what is reasonable for parents, carers, informal networks and the community to provide?**

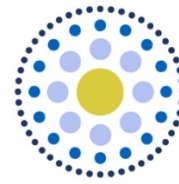
Notes: This event offers something different to the support generally provided by family, friends and community.

7. Is the support most appropriately funded through the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

Notes: This event is designed to build the capacity of people with disability and family members and is not the responsibility of health, education or other government departments.

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Support Items

If you have answered YES to all of the questions you may be able to use your NDIS funding to pay for your ticket.

The below Core and Capacity Building support items may be relevant for claiming this support.

NDIS category	NDIS Line item	NDIS Support
Core	Self-Management Capacity Building	01_134_0117_8_1
Capacity Building – Increased Social and Community Participation	Life Transition Planning Incl. Mentoring Peer-Support And Indiv Skill Develop	09_006_0106_6_3
Capacity Building – Increased Social and Community	Skills Development and Training	09_009_0117_6_3
Capacity Building – Improved Relationships	Individual Social Skills Development	11_024_0117_7_3
Capacity Building – Improved Daily Living	Assistance With Decision Making Daily Planning and Budgeting	15_035_0106_1_3
Capacity Building – Improved Daily Living	Training For Carers/Parents	15_038_0117_1_3
Capacity Building – Improved Daily Living	Community Engagement Assistance	15_045_0128_1_3

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Event Outcomes

The Strength in Community: Family Gathering aims to empower people with disability and their families to promote a ripple effect of positive change that nurtures inclusion for people with disability to thrive in the heart of our communities.

The event will cultivate a supportive environment to bring together a community of people with disability, families and friends to share experiences, exchange ideas, and create actionable strategies for enhancing community participation and advocacy.

By building meaningful connections and strengthened relationships, attendees will leave the event energised, with a deeper sense of community and a renewed commitment to supporting inclusion in everyday life.

Guiding Principles

- I. **Family and Person-Led Collaboration:**
People with disability and their families are at the heart of all planning, contributing their knowledge, experiences, and needs.
- II. **Peer networking & Learning:**
Sharing and amplifying experiences across different regions, support needs, and stages of life through an array of pressing topics.
- III. **Positive Social Change:**
Leave with actionable strategies that enable people with disability and families to advocate for a better future and a more inclusive society.
- IV. **Community Building:**
Nurture opportunities to make long-lasting connections and gain mutual support.