

Strong and Resilient Communities (SARC) **indicative** Program Logic: unemployed people



Project Goal

To put vulnerable and disadvantaged people on pathways to self-reliance and empowerment through local community driven solutions that support them to participate socially and economically.

Project / activity  
Need

Marginalised and disengaged vulnerable and disadvantaged unemployed people need to be reconnected to local community activities, networks and services, assisted to access and maximise the benefits of education, training, and employment opportunities, in order to achieve positive life outcomes

Target Group /  
beneficiaries

Vulnerable and disadvantaged unemployed people of workforce age (15-64 years) - including but not limited to people who have experienced family violence and/or trauma, have caring responsibilities, single parents, young parents, long term unemployed, geographically isolated

Project/activity  
Partners

DSS: Reconnect, DES, VMA, TTL; DESE Job Active; Health; Home Affairs; State/Territory programs, Indigenous, CALD and Disability groups; Youth Hubs

Inputs

\$63M 2022-23 from to 2026-27:  
\$12.365 million 2022-23  
\$12.553 million 2023-24  
\$12.553 million 2024-25  
\$12.553 million 2025-26  
\$12.553 million 2026-27

SARC projects to be capped at \$180,000 pa with a 2 year funding limit

Up to \$3.14m pa (25% of total funded SARC projects) directed to unemployed people of workforce age (15-64 years)

Activities

Grant recipients design & establish projects with a focus on unemployed people of workforce age in areas of highest need

Grant recipients develop & implement culturally safe and inclusive approaches

Grant recipients develop networks & relationships with relevant support & social services

Grant recipients provide project partners and participants with information about local community supports & services

Grant recipients set up evaluation strategies to report on project outcomes

Outputs

@ 10 projects targeted at people of workforce age and worth up to \$3.14m are funded in up to 10 locations per annum

SARC projects accessed by people in particularly vulnerable communities

Referral of participants to additional community health & social services to reduce barriers and increase supports that facilitate greater participation in education, social and/or work readiness activities

SARC participants have greater knowledge of community support services & networks

Grant recipients report on project outcomes for unemployed people

Short-term Outcomes  
(Immediate 0-12 months)

Unemployed people in areas of high disadvantage are supported to identify barriers to participation and engage with learning & development opportunities in their community

Participants learn practical skills and gain knowledge that increase participation readiness such as: literacy, licenses, digital literacy, job seeking skills

Participants learn life skills & soft skills that increase participation readiness such as: communication & interpersonal skills, budgeting and self-care

Participants access support networks and opportunities to increase engagement in social, recreational and civic groups

Participants access additional supports designed to reduce individual barriers and increase participation

Mid-term Outcomes  
(12-24 months)

Increased new skills & knowledge that improves readiness for economic participation: increased literacy and digital literacy, engagement in activities such as volunteering, mentoring, work placements / employment, training, apprenticeships.

Increased new skills & knowledge to support increased social participation and reduce social isolation

Participants have increased social supports, sense of connectedness and improved mental health

Participants address individual barriers to participation through access to networks of supports

Impacts  
(Long-term Outcomes  
2-5 years)

People who have participated in SARC projects experience Increased engagement with education/training and/or employment through sustained participation in:  
Education;  
Work experience;  
Job placements;  
Volunteering;  
Casual employment;  
Apprenticeships;  
contributing to greater self-reliance and reduced levels of welfare dependence in the community

People who have participated in SARC projects experience sustained sense of confidence, belonging, and wellbeing, supporting participation in their communities, and contributing to greater community cohesion and reduced discrimination