

The State Government allocates funding to support people with disability and their families and carers. The Disability Services Commission (the Commission) operates a number of streams through which funding is allocated. This funding is used to purchase a wide range of supports and services. Additional funding for disability services has increased at an average of 14 per cent per annum over the past six years (including indexation).

This bulletin provides information on funding for services and individuals and the Commission's existing expenditure on people with disability in Western Australia. In the 2012/13 financial year, \$48.5 million of new funding was available for people with disability, their families and carers, of which \$33.7 million was provided for new recurrent services to individuals and \$14.8 million for supports that included Local Area Resource funding, continence management and aids and equipment. This represents nearly six per cent of the Commission's expenditure on individualised services for people with disability, which reached more than \$600 million in the past year. Funding for services provided to individuals is referred to as individualised funding. **Table 1** details the streams and dollar value of growth allocations in 2012/13 and the number of people who accessed supports and services through these funding streams.

Table 1: New growth funding allocated by funding stream and the number of people who accessed support in 2012/13

Individualised funding accessed through the Combined Application Process, including Accommodation Support, Alternatives to Employment and Intensive Family Support (see Note 1 below)	\$23.6 million	294 people
Individualised funding accessed through the Community and Family Living Initiatives	\$4.2 million	241 people
Individualised funding accessed through:		
• Post School Options or	\$5.9 million	248 people
• Local Area Resource Funding	\$1.9 million	1,348 people
Supports and equipment accessed through the Community Aids and Equipment Program and the Incontinence Pad Scheme	\$12.9 million	8,883 people

\$48.5 million total funding allocated

Note 1: Accommodation Support includes funding for people to live in out-of-home accommodation arrangements or with support in their own home.

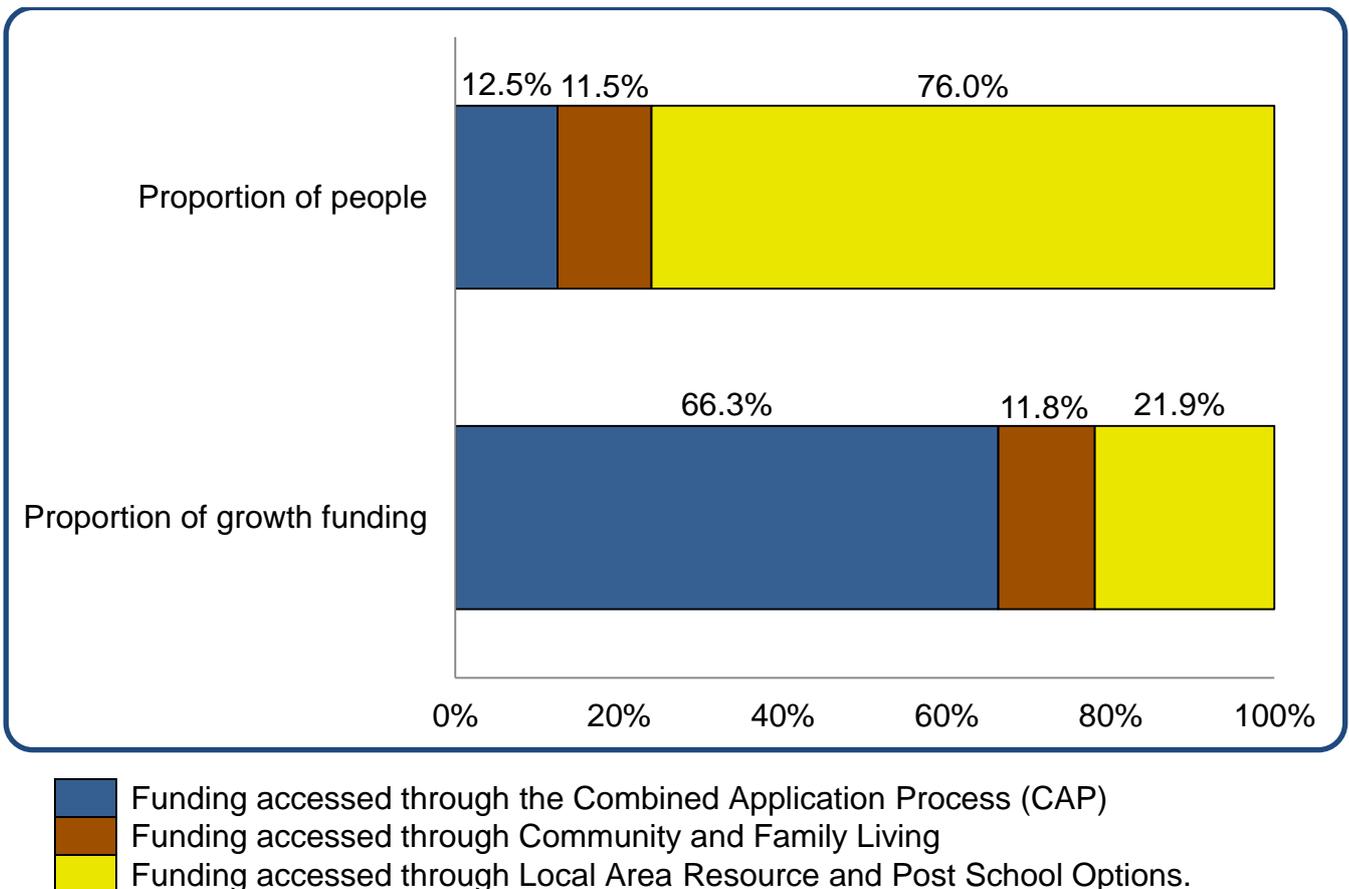
New individualised funding allocated in 2012/13

In 2012/13, 2,131 people received new allocations of Commission-funding. This included:

- 87 people who received new funding for Accommodation Support
- 112 people who received new funding for Intensive Family Support
- 63 people who received new funding for Alternatives to Employment
- 248 people who received new funding for Post School Options
- 71 people who received new funding for Community Living Initiative
- 170 people who received new funding for Family Living Initiative
- 32 people who received more funding for increased supports due to their needs changing and becoming more complex over time
- 1,348 people who received Local Area Resource funding through their Local Area Coordinator or My Way Coordinator.

Of the 2,131 people funded, most (76 per cent) received funding through Local Area Resource Funding and Post School Options, followed by funding accessed through the Combined Application Process (CAP) (12.5 per cent) and those accessing Community and Family Living supports (11.5 per cent). **Figure 1** provides comparison of the funding streams and the number of people who receive support from these in contrast with the funds allocated to each stream.

Figure 1: Proportion of new growth funding allocated to individualised service streams and the proportion of new people who accessed funding in 2012/13

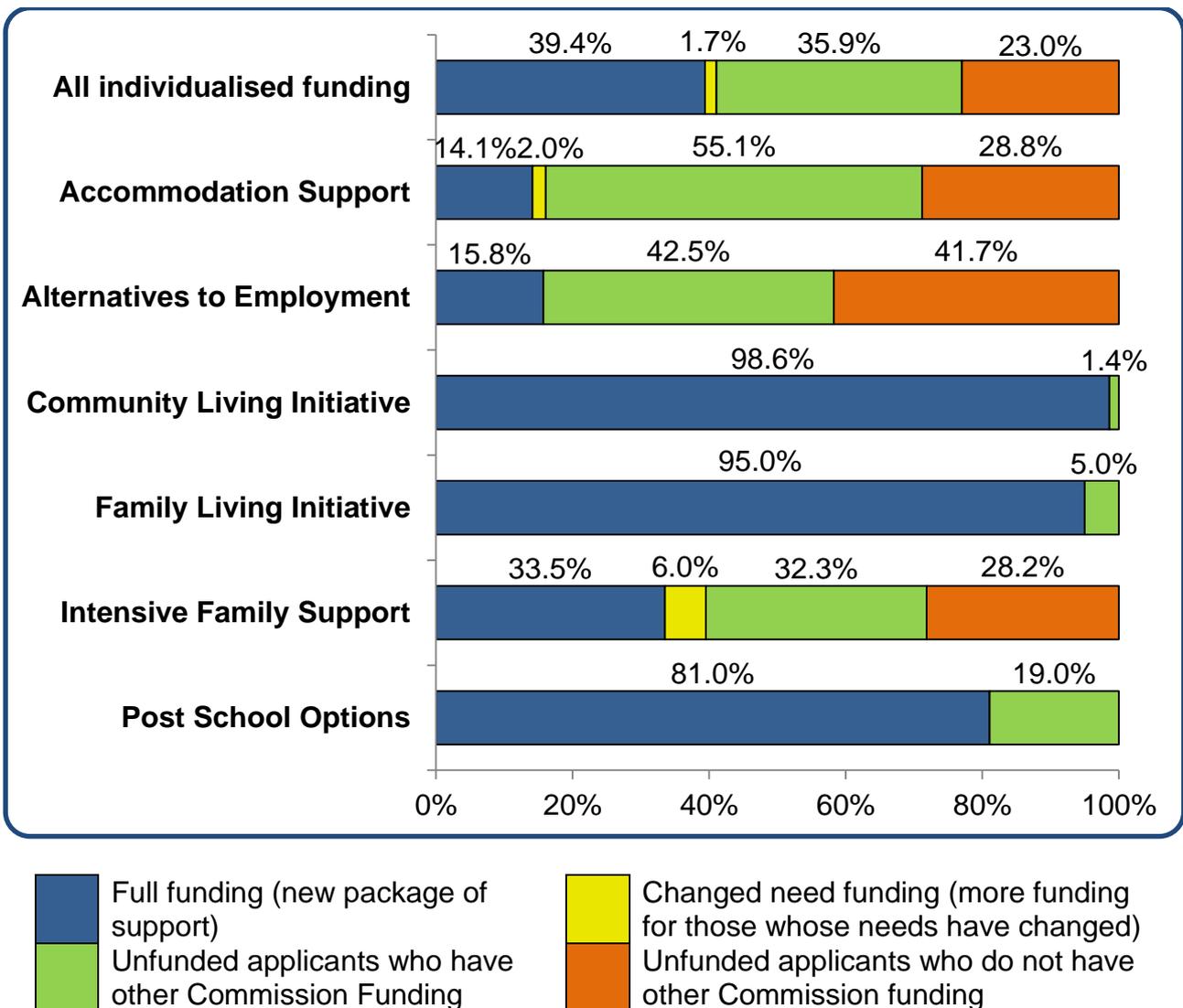


Individualised funding applications and allocations in 2012/13

In 2012/13, 1,911 people applied for individualised funding through CAP and other individual funding streams. Of these people about 39.4 per cent received the new package of funding as requested and close to two per cent received an increase in existing funding to support changes in need. **Figure 2** provides a breakdown of the percentages of applications that were supported, both new applications and increases to existing funding, and those not supported in 2012/13.

In 2012/13 many people who were not immediately successful with their application for funding through CAP received other forms of support from the Commission. Almost 60 per cent of the unfunded CAP applicants received and used alternative Commission funding during 2012/13.

Figure 2: Funded and unfunded applications by program area in 2012/13



Combined Application Process: trends from 2009/10 to 2012/13

This section provides information about the total increase in new funding accessed through CAP over the past four years. Between 2009/10 and 2012/13 the Commission allocated around \$117.2 million through CAP for Accommodation Support Funding, Intensive Family Support, and Alternatives to Employment. This money was in addition to existing supports provided through these programs. This funding has allowed 1,341 new individuals to be supported with another 251 receiving an increase in their level of support as their needs have changed or become more complex over time. **Table 2** details funding accessed through CAP from 2009/10 to 2012/13, along with the number of new people who accessed funding and those who received an increase in funding to support changes in need.

Table 2: Funding available for allocation through CAP and the numbers of people who received support from 2009/10 to 2012/13

	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Total new funding allocated (in millions)	\$21.1	\$32.2	\$40.3	\$23.6
Total number of new people receiving funding through CAP	287	362	430	262
Total number of people receiving more funding through CAP for increased supports	35	96	88	32

Most CAP applications, if not funded, carry over into the next CAP round. On average two thirds of the applications processed in each CAP round carry over to the next. While a person may not receive their funding request immediately, most applicants access alternative services from a range of service providers while waiting for subsequent funding rounds to be processed.

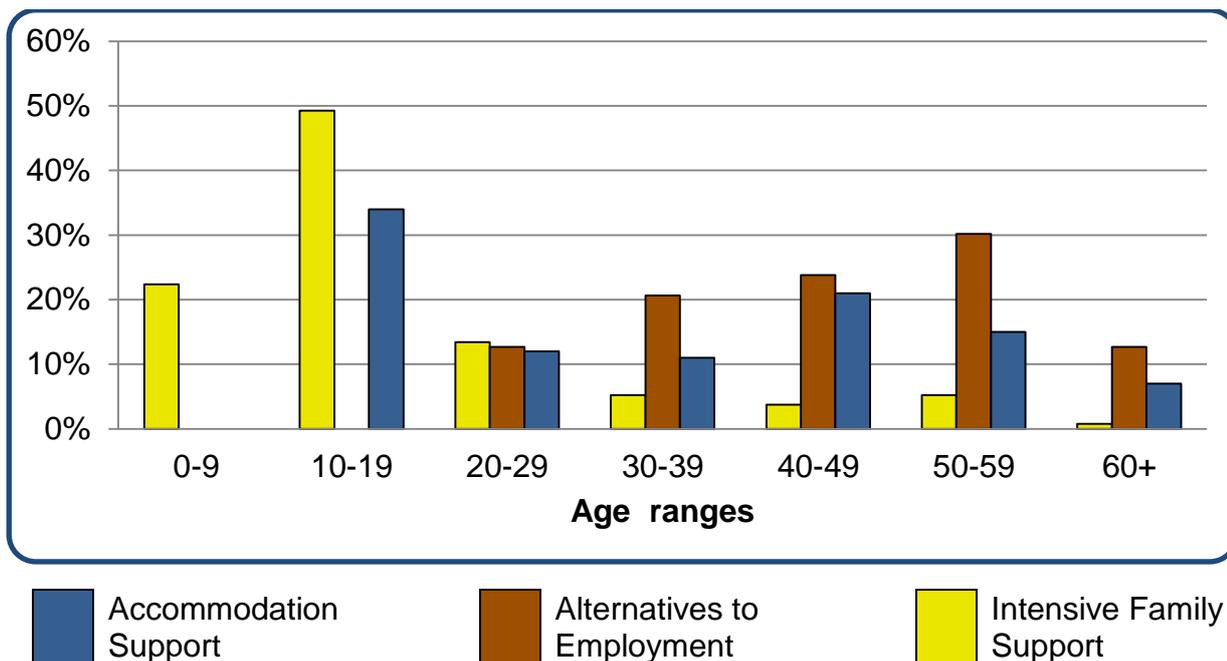
The average waiting period between an application being made to CAP and receiving funding was two years or less, 95.3 per cent of all people that received a CAP funding allocation in 2012/13 had their application in the process for this period.

Age distributions of people funded through CAP in 2012/13

Figure 3 provides information about the age distribution of people who were successfully funded through CAP for Accommodation Support, Alternatives to Employment and Intensive Family Support. The following observations can be made:

- Almost 34 per cent of people funded for Accommodation Support were aged between 15 and 19 years-of-age.
- Of those people funded for Alternatives to Employment in 2012/13, close to 54 per cent were aged between 40 and 59 years.
- Most people (69.4 per cent) funded for Intensive Family Support in 2012/13 were school of age, which is between 5 and 19 years.

Figure 3: Age distribution of those applying through CAP showing expressed support preference by age through the three CAP service areas in 2012/13



Further information

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