



# Individualised Funding

## Fact Sheet

### What is individualised funding?

Individualised funding is a package of funding allocated specifically to a person with disability who can then choose how and where to access supports or services.

Individualised funding improves outcomes for people with disability by giving them choice and control in their own lives. This is done through the development of an individualised plan for each person where they get to choose who delivers their services and support.

### How do I get individualised funding?

In collaboration with a Local Coordinator, you will develop a plan based on your identified goals and the exploration of a range of strategies and options to achieve these goals. See the Individualised Planning Fact Sheet for further information on the individualised planning process.

### How is my funding determined?

In deciding the supports to be funded in your plan, consideration will be given to:

- you and your current circumstances
- your support needs
- how the strategies outlined in your plan contribute to your identified goals
- supports that are considered reasonable and necessary, for example, are disability related and represent value for money. Further information on reasonable and necessary criteria can be found in the WA NDIS Operational Policy – Funded Supports in a Plan – Reasonable and Necessary.

Funding is not provided for:

- anything that is not related to your disability
- supports that could cause harm to yourself or others
- supports that are not in your best interest
- replacing your income or a family member's income (except in special circumstances explained in the Family Members as Paid Support Workers Policy)
- supports that duplicate the supports or services provided under existing funding you may be receiving from any government services.

## How is my funding managed?

You can choose to manage your own funding or have a service provider manage all or some of your supports. In the planning process, your Local Coordinator will explain the different options available for managing your funded supports. These options are:

- **Service provider management:** your contracted service provider will manage your funded supports and services.
- **Shared management:** you share the responsibility of managing the funded supports in your plan with a service provider. You and your service provider will also have to meet relevant legal obligations.
- **Combination management:** the combination of both self-managed supports and service provider managed supports in a plan.
- **Self-management:** you or someone acting on your behalf is responsible for managing the funded supports in your plan. You receive the funding, engage supports and services and must meet relevant legal obligations.

Further information on these management options can be found in the Individualised Funding Policy and the Self-Management of Funded Supports in a Plan Policy.

## Further Information

To find out more about individualised funding please visit our website or contact your Local Coordinator.

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