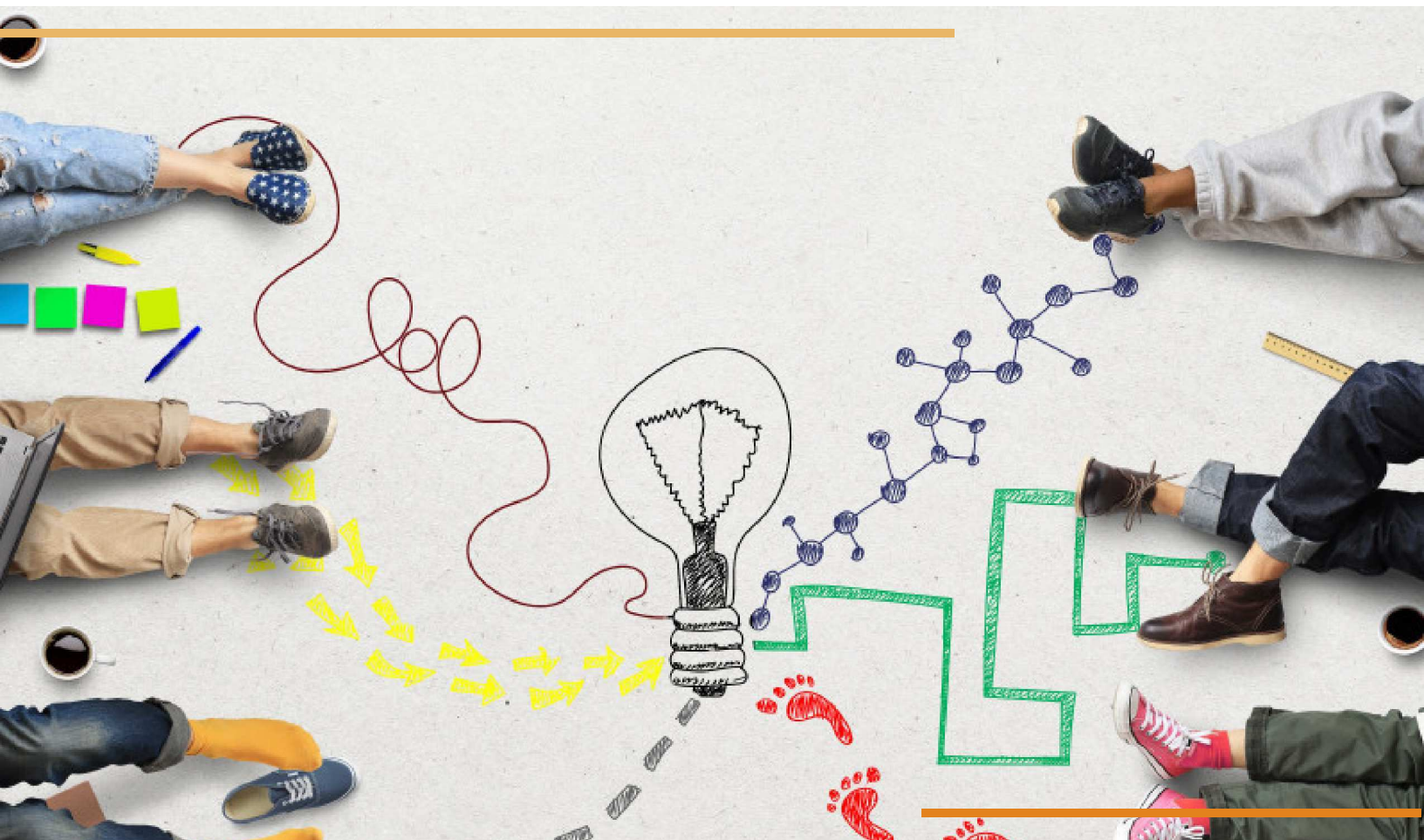




What is the Not for Profit Funding Policy?

Simple language breakdown



The South Australian Funding Policy for the Not for Profit Sector (the Funding Policy) is a complex document based on best practice principles for government and not for profit (NFP) relationships, and aims to support and strengthen these partnerships.

The Funding Policy is due to be reviewed and refreshed. A summary of the Funding Policy has been prepared to support those participating in the review.

If you still have questions after reading this document, please check the Frequently Asked Questions module at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/nfp-funding-renewal or contact the project team at nfpag@sa.gov.au.



Who is the Funding Policy for?



The Funding Policy is for **all public authorities that fund fee-for-service agreements or grants with the NFP sector.**

It *doesn't* include schools, universities, or churches.



The Funding Policy aims to support and strengthen the relationship between **government** and the **not for profit sector** and make things **clearer and more consistent** for everyone involved.

Why is the Funding Policy important?



The best outcomes for people and communities are achieved when the government and NFP sector **work together to plan and deliver activities and services.**

The NFP sector plays an important role in building community and culture, and in delivering services in South Australia.



Not for profit organisations provide **vital services that government cannot deliver alone.**

Over the coming years, the South Australian Government has a need to procure services from the not for profit sector in areas such as Health, child protection, the environment and community services. In addition, the government has several grants programs it administers annually.



What is in the Funding Policy?

The Funding Policy is based on best practice principles, which are...

Robust planning and design

Not for profits and public authorities will work together to plan how funding should be used and managed.

They should focus on the goals of the funding, and work to make sure the process is transparent and accountable.

Collaboration and partnership

Not for profits and public authorities should work together toward shared goals.

Public authorities should work in ways that make working together easier for not for profits, such as offering longer-term contracts, and supporting the needs of organisations that receive funding.

Proportionality

Funding should be as simple as it can practically be, without increasing the risks for anyone either granting or receiving funding.

This includes simplifying processes and reducing how often funding recipients need to submit reports.

Outcomes orientation

The goals and intended results for funding should be clear, including information on how to measure progress.

Progress should be checked and highlighted regularly.

Achieving value with relevant money

Government and the NFP sector will work together to achieve value for the South Australian community.

This means getting the most value for the money that is spent, as well as thinking about non-financial costs and benefits.



<i>Governance and accountability</i>	Governance and accountability for funding should be clear and consistent for the NFP sector and public authorities. Funding processes should reduce red tape and involve good record-keeping to improve accountability and decision-making.
<i>Probity and transparency</i>	Decisions and funding activities should be impartial, well-documented, and meet legal and policy duties. Public authorities will use transparent and standardised processes to select successful suppliers for contracts, to enhance confidence in the results and management of contracts.
<i>Community development principles</i>	Public authorities will think about what impact they want funding to have, and only move forward with ones that will make things better for South Australia. Wherever possible, funding should help improve South Australian communities' ability to respond to crises and change.



How can the Funding Policy be changed?

Not for profit sector representative organisations, or peak bodies, may recommend at any time that the government review the whole Funding Policy or specific parts of it.

The South Australian Government may review the Funding Policy. To do this, it will engage with the not for profit sector, including at minimum the peak groups.

Before considering making changes to the Funding Policy, the South Australian Government will consult the not for profit sector on the proposed changes, including at minimum the peak groups.



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