

Disability

This budget includes a number of initiatives that seek to contribute to improved outcomes for people with disability in Western Australia and support progress toward a more inclusive community. Delivered in a period of significant sector reform, it reflects a continued focus on maintaining essential services, advancing safeguarding and progressing foundational supports.

Following the signing of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Full Scheme Bilateral Agreement in June 2025, the State Government remains focused on joint governance arrangements and building a more sustainable service system. While there are several important investments, many elements of policy and service system redesign are still emerging, and people with disability and their families continue to experience uncertainty. Future budgets will need to demonstrate clearer and more substantial investment, particularly to address persistent gaps in regional and remote access.

Initiative	Design of a safeguarding framework for people with disability <i>(BP2, V2, P482) (BP2, V2, P479)</i>
Investment	\$1.6 million over two years.
Description	Implementing recommendations from the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.
Implications	<i>The design of a safeguarding framework is a positive step toward strengthening safety and accountability for people with disability. However, as with other reforms, its impact will depend on clear implementation, resourcing and meaningful co-design with people with disability.</i>

Initiative	Employment of People with Disability Procurement Policy <i>(BP2, V1, P 135)</i>
Investment	\$2.8 million for four years.
Description	Development and administration of the Policy to ensure the Government meets its obligations under the Royal Commission for the Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability Implementation Roadmap.
Implications	<i>To provide employment opportunities to people with a disability through government procurement.</i>

Initiative	Uplift in disability service contracts (BP2, V2, P480, P482)
Investment	\$7.9 million over five years from 2025/26.
Description	Contract uplift following a review of disability service programs.
Implications	<i>We are still seeking clarity over details of this measure.</i>

Initiative	Disability and Inclusion Professional Learning Hub (BP2, V1, P343, P344)
Investment	\$15.7 million over four years.
Description	A new Disability and Inclusion Professional Learning Hub which will bolster access to resources, professional learning and supports for Education staff.
Implications	<i>Will support schools and their staff to provide more tailored support to students with a disability.</i>

Initiative	Passenger Transport Subsidy Scheme (BP2, V2, P533, P541, P545) (BP3, P163)
Investment	\$51.6 million over four years.
Description	An additional \$51.6 million will be spent (2026-27 to 2029-30) on the Passenger Transport Subsidy Scheme. This important scheme provides subsidised travel in on-demand rank or hail (taxi) vehicles for people with a disability, promoting an accessible and inclusive community.
Implications	<i>This scheme aims to facilitate independence and equitable access to healthcare for people with disabilities by reducing financial barriers to transport.</i>

Initiative	Thriving Kids (BP2, V2, P480, P482) (BP2, V1, P132)
Investment	\$4.6 million over the next two years.
Description	Support finalisation of the service model and implementation plan for Foundational Supports – Thriving Kids services in Western Australia, which includes \$1.1 million of expenditure by WA Health.
Implications	<i>Will support the establishment of Thriving Kids services in WA, in line with the National Agreement on Foundational Supports.</i>