



CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn Disability Hub Capital Works Submission

The 2013 National Standards for Disability Services call on providers to promote the connection of people with disability with their communities and encourages services to work together with individuals to enable their genuine participation and inclusion. In order for providers to achieve this, they must ensure their services are accessible and respond to any potential barriers to access.

In 2017-2018 CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn supported over 10,000 individuals and families across the ACT and surrounding region to access a range of social, therapeutic and accommodation services. The organisation has been providing disability services to the Canberra community and surrounding regions for over 25 years. Currently we provide disability support services including client assessment and care coordination, residential support and accommodation, counselling support, personal care, social support, domestic assistance, art programs, speech therapy and home maintenance and gardening, and we are seeking to expand the range of services we offer to people with a disability in 2019.

OBJECTIVE

CatholicCare is committed to ensuring its services are accessible to all of the ACT community with 3 main office sites across the ACT. In early 2019 CatholicCare will be transitioning its base for provision of disability services to its new hub at Tenison Woods House, in O'Connor. This site is being renovated to provide a suite of new and existing place based services to individuals with a disability to encourage participation and inclusion. These services include, but are not limited to:

- Access to specialist counselling, behaviour management and speech therapy and support services
- Dedicated space for life skills development and training such as cooking lessons in the purpose built, open plan kitchen
- Social supports through group programs and activities in our two large meeting rooms or use of our outdoor leisure space
- A new arts hub as an extension of our Hands On Studio (original site in Narrabundah)
- Client assessment and care coordination

CatholicCare prides itself on its accessible and welcoming service sites. In order to ensure this new space at Tenison Woods House is equally accessible for all and complies with accessibility building codes, we need to conduct minor capital works including:

1. *Create an accessible ramp to front entry*
2. *Install a new disability accessible toilet*
3. *Structural work to open door ways to kitchen, toilet and consultation rooms*

CatholicCare requests support from the ACT Government to assist with these vital capital works. The benefit to the ACT community would be significant, granting enhanced access to new and existing services for individuals with a disability, and leading to increased participation and access to specialist services to achieve their personal goals.

TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION OF WORKS

In order to ensure expenditure of the funds and completion of the renovation works, CatholicCare proposes that we will engage private contractors to complete the work. CatholicCare has already built relationships with contractors to quote for the works and prepare the proposed budget, and it would be most efficient to continue the work with them under CatholicCare's oversight. While the exact time frame may be subject to change depending upon contractor's availability, CatholicCare proposes that the works will be completed prior to May 2019.

BUDGET

CatholicCare has prepared the below budget based on quotes received to complete the work. Quotes are available upon request. CatholicCare will be making an in-kind contribution in the form of:

- Covering all overhead administration costs
- Engaging a project officer to oversee expenditure, implementation, and to engage contractors and supervise completion of the works

| Requirements | Estimated Price (GST excl) | Price (GST Incl) |
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| Installation of front ramp to entry door | \$14,155.00 | \$15,570.50 |
| Installation of new accessible toilet | \$16,123.00 | \$17,735.30 |
| Structural work to make spaces accessible (kitchen, toilet and consultation rooms) | \$7,350.00 | \$8,085.00 |
| Total | \$37,628.00 | \$41,390.80 |

SUMMARY

In summary, CatholicCare is requesting funding for the amount of \$41,390.80 (GST inclusive) to complete a set of capital works at its new disability hub in O'Connor. These works will ensure the new and existing services to be provided from the site are easily accessible to all of the ACT community. The completion of these capital works will maintain CatholicCare's organisational capability to enhance access for consumer through this hub and directly support the achievement of each individual participant's goals and outcomes.

Should you have any further questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact CatholicCare's Deputy CEO, Lisa Higginson, on (02) 6295 4300 or via email lisa.higginson@catholiccare.cg.org.au.

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Date