



## **Basic Support Funding Program for Prescribed Bodies Corporate**

Prior to COVID-19 the process for Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBC's) accessing funds from the Basic Support Funding Program (Basic Support) was to complete an application form to The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) with detailed information about the corporation and how the funding request would be spent.

At the commencement of the 2021/22 financial year the NIAA decided that they no longer require applications from PBC's to access the Basic Support. Instead, the NIAA will place an allocation of funds with Central Desert and Central Desert is to decide how to distribute the funds to each individual PBC. The total amount of funds placed with Central Desert from the NIAA are a consolidation of the previous 12 months funding that went to each individual PBC.

## **Allocation Assessment Process**

Prior to allocating an amount for Basic Support for each PBC, Central Desert will look at each PBC's spending and fixed costs over the past few years to ensure a proper consideration when distributing the funding for the upcoming financial year. We will take into account that some meeting costs over the past few years were reduced due to COVID. We will also look at the end of year Budgets for the individual PBC's.

Central Desert will continue to inform the NIAA that the Basic Support falls well short of what is required by PBC's to run their corporations.

The CEO is available to discuss the allocation with Boards as required.