

# Consultation - Community Support Fund Regulations

## June 2022

### Background

- The Government's future gaming market reforms (passed in November 2021) will effectively double the Community Support Levy (CSL) funds available for distribution from 1 July 2023.
- The CSL is a levy on electronic gaming machine profits in hotels, clubs and, from 1 July 2023, casinos.
- Revenue raised by the CSL, together with any direct contribution required from Government, will be paid into a newly created Community Support Fund (CSF).
- The allocation of CSF funds will be prescribed in new Regulations.
- While the objective of the CSF will continue to be a focus on gambling harm minimisation, it is intended that the allocation model will improve the effectiveness.
- The Government committed to public consultation on the draft Regulations, following targeted stakeholder input in 2021 on the allocation model ([CSL Survey submissions](#)).

### Purpose of consultation

- The purpose of this consultation is to seek your feedback on the draft *Gaming Control (Community Support Fund) Regulations 2022* prior to finalising and tabling in Parliament.

### What is in the draft Regulations?

- An allocation of CSF funds shall be for one of four listed purposes (Regulation 4):
  - gambling harm prevention and harm minimisation programs or initiatives;
  - direct support programs, services or initiatives aimed at the minimisation, or prevention, of gambling harm, or both;
  - research activities relating to the minimisation, or prevention, of gambling harm, or both; and
  - community capacity building and community development projects, programs or initiatives.

- Treasury may request the Minister's approval (the Treasurer) of an allocation if it is received from a State Service Agency; meets the purpose requirements and at least one of the considerations in Regulation 6; and following advice from the Tasmanian Liquor and Gaming Commission, satisfies the regulations (Regulation 5).
- The Minister may make an allocation to an agency subject to conditions.
- The Minister may issue 'guidelines' to agencies in receipt of CSF funds regarding management of money from the fund that must be complied with (Regulation 7). Refer below for further information.
- The Minister is to review the efficacy of CSF expenditure every five years and publish the findings on Treasury's website. The cost of the review may be met by the CSF (Regulation 8).
- The Regulations will expire after six years (1 July 2029).

## Ministerial guidelines

- For practical reasons, provision has been made for the more administrative processes and functions to be described in guidelines issued by the Minister.
- Any guidelines issued by the Minister under Regulation 7 will be published on the appropriate Department website.
- While the guidelines are still under development, the list below provides an indication of the administrative processes likely to be captured:
  - Consultation with relevant stakeholders, where appropriate, to inform funding bids by agencies
  - Carryover of funds to a new financial period
  - Financial reporting obligations
  - Publishing of annual expenditure information
  - Evaluation of expenditure.

## Feedback

- The [Draft Gaming Control \(Community Support Fund\) Regulations 2022](#) and [Consultation Fact Sheet - Community Support Fund](#) are provided to support the consultation process.
- Please submit your feedback on the draft Regulations via email to [consultation.lagb@treasury.gov.au](mailto:consultation.lagb@treasury.gov.au) by 5pm, 6 July 2022.