

NSW Domestic and Family Violence Innovation Fund – Round 2 EOI Information Session



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PURPOSE OF TODAY

- To help you develop competitive EOIs
- To outline the objectives of Round 2 of the Innovation Fund
- To explain what Women NSW will be looking for in EOIs for Round 2.
- To answer any questions that you may have about Round 2 of the Innovation Fund.

FOCUS FOR TODAY

- Remember: Women NSW wants to fund \$10m of projects that meet the Guidelines.
- Today is focused on Round 2 of the Innovation Fund
- Questions should be general – not specific to individual projects.

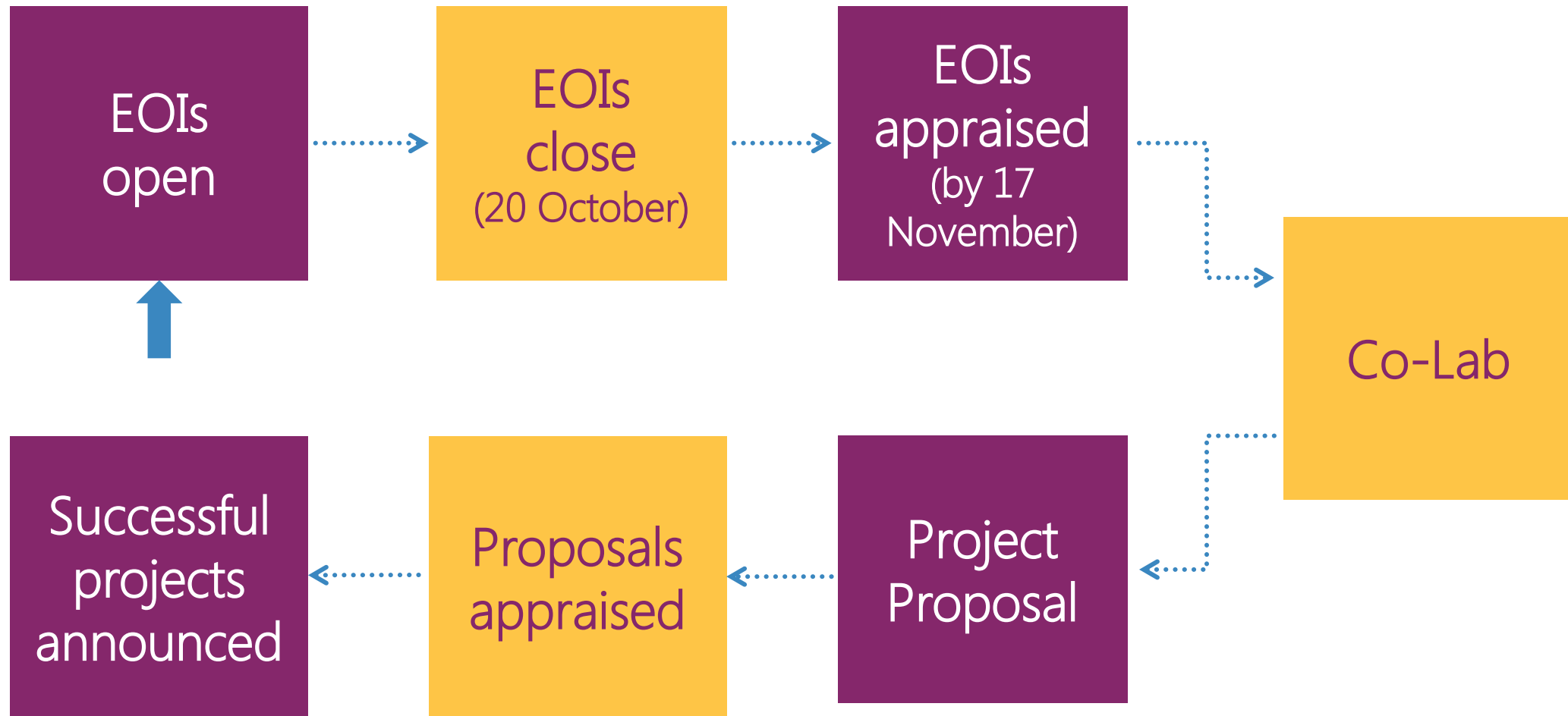
THE INNOVATION FUND

- The **\$20 million** NSW DFV Innovation Fund was announced as part of the 2016-2017 Budget.
- Provides funding for **innovative** approaches to DFV prevention, early intervention and crisis responses.
- A key action under the *NSW Domestic and Family Violence Blueprint for Reform 2016-2021: Safer Lives for Women, Men and Children*.

INNOVATION FUND OBJECTIVES

- Increase the focus on **prevention** and **early intervention**
- Target **high-priority** communities and **high-risk** cohorts
- Improve **integration** across services and within the service system
- Improve effectiveness and outcomes of service delivery
- Continue to build the **evidence-base** for effective interventions

HOW THE INNOVATION FUND WORKS



ROUND 1 IN NUMBERS

215
EOIs
received

29
Projects to
Co-Lab

26
proposals
submitted

7
projects
funded

\$4.8m
over 4
years

OVERVIEW OF SUCCESSFUL PROPOSALS

Focus area

- Prevention and early intervention – 4 proposals
- Crisis response – 3 proposals

Geography

- Rural/regional – 3 proposals
- Metropolitan – 4 proposals

Priority groups

- Women with disability – 2 proposals
- Aboriginal communities – 1 proposal

ROUND 1: WHAT MADE A GOOD EOI?

- Idea was not 'business as usual'
 - Business as usual includes:
 - An existing service model (with no evidence of adaptation)
 - An expansion of existing services
 - Duplication of services/programs already operating in NSW
- Explained how the idea was innovative – with reference to the Innovation Fund Guidelines

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY INNOVATION?

New and groundbreaking

Service models or programs that have not yet been tested in NSW, or have never been done before and have an appropriate evidence-base.

Involve new forms of collaboration

Partnerships between private and non-government sectors, or between different services or sectors.

Utilise new technologies and system enablers

Use of enablers such as data, information sharing platforms or coordination to improve service delivery and integration across the domestic and family violence service system.

Make significant improvements to existing ways of working

Changes that significantly improve the effectiveness of existing programs, services, or modes of service delivery to improve client outcomes and people's lives.

Apply new approaches to implementation

Adapting existing service models or programs to be appropriate for new target groups, or using alternative mechanisms to deliver existing service models or programs.



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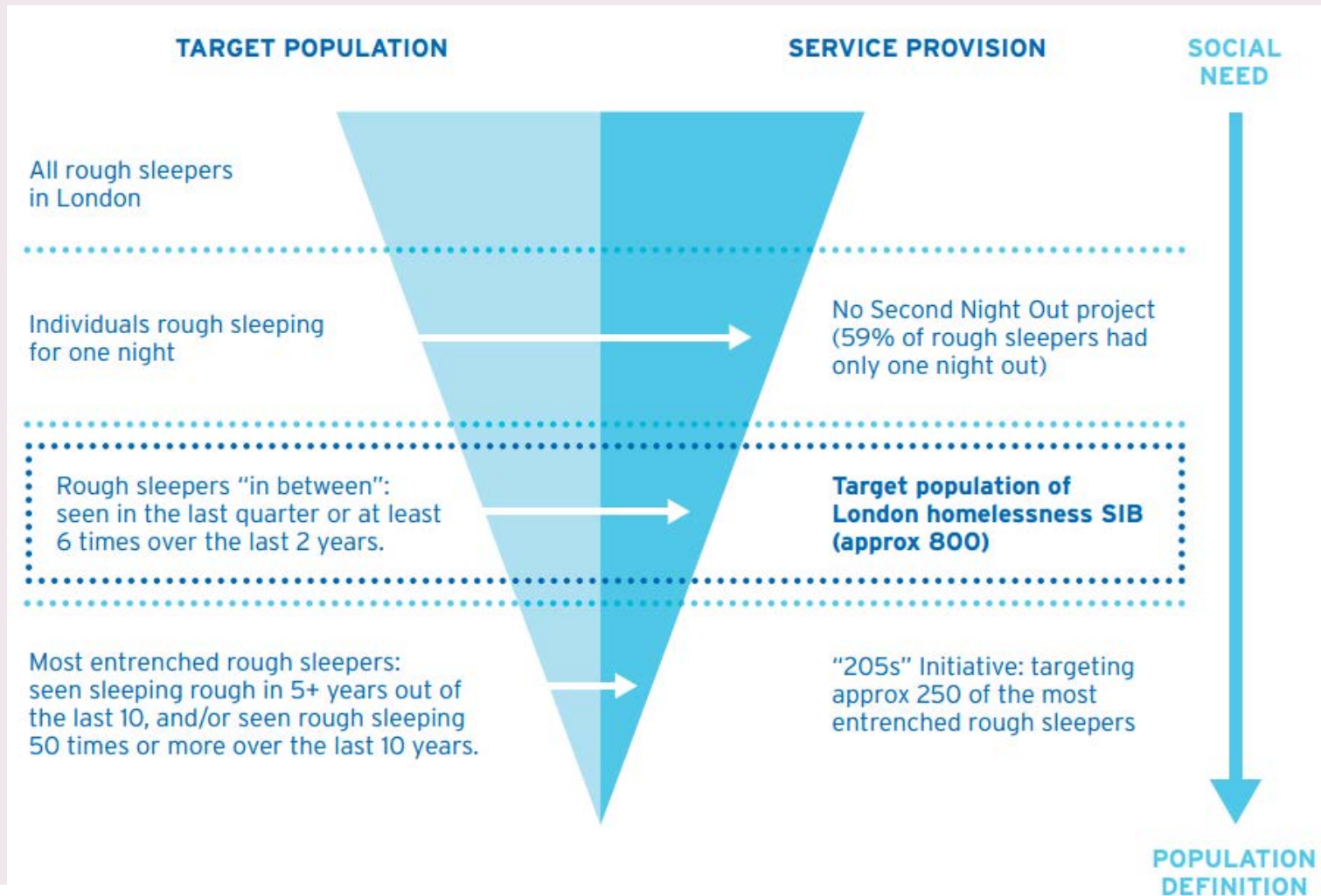
- Clearly described the idea:
 - What is the problem (with evidence, i.e. how do we know it is a problem)
 - What is the solution (with evidence, i.e. how do we know it will solve the problem)
- Included a clear program logic, with a credible link between the inputs, outputs and outcomes.

THE PROBLEM YOU ARE SOLVING

- Be precise (demonstrate you know your clients' needs)
 - Who, what, when, where and why
- Be concise
 - Include only what is critical to convey the problem
- Be convincing
 - Provide evidence of why you think the problem exists

THE PROBLEM YOU ARE SOLVING

- Clearly identify your project beneficiaries/clients



*Office of Social Impact

THE SOLUTION

- Be precise
 - Who, what, when, where and why
- Clearly state the expected benefits to people's lives
 - Use measurable quantifiable language
- Be convincing
 - Provide evidence of why you think the solution will work

THE SOLUTION

- Hierarchy of evidence



PROJECT LOGIC

- Explains how the project will work and why
- Clearly sets out project benefits (i.e. what will change in a person's life as a result of your project?)
- Sets out causal links between inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes
- Demonstrates how project benefits will be measured
- Should be defensible against the *"So what?"* question
 - i.e. should have clear rationale why an outcome is important

PROJECT LOGIC

The 5 principles of project logic*:

1. Define the project's purpose and objective
2. Demonstrate how existing evidence has informed project design
3. Interrogate how the project is expected to deliver its benefits
4. Identify what should be measured to show project success
5. Identify measurable indicators

* Office of Social Impact Investment Technical Guide

PROJECT LOGIC

Project title:

Project objective:

*Note that definitions are included in Innovation Fund Guidelines

Problem Statement	Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Short-term outcomes	Medium-term outcomes

PHASE TWO DATES

ACTIVITY	DUE DATE
Expressions of Interest (EOIs) open	22 September 2017
EOIs close	20 October 2017
EOI appraisal and feedback	By 17 November 2017
Co-lab process	November 2017 to January 2018
Proposals developed and submitted	By 9 February 2018
Proposal appraisal and feedback	By 30 March 2018
Negotiate funding agreements	By 30 April 2018
Round 2 six month report due	January 2019
Round 2 12 month progress report due	June 2019