***Intellectual Disability Health Research:
Invitation to be on Focus Groups***

The Government has given $20 million for research on intellectual disability health.

**Research** means to find out new things about something

We need your help to pick research to help make people with intellectual disability have good health.

This money is from a special fund called the Medical Research Future Fund.

We say **MRFF** for short.

Researchers can ask the Government for some of this MRFF money to help with their work.

Researchers have to send us an **application** to ask for this money.

An **application** says what the research would be about and how much it would cost.

We need your help to do this.

**Invitation to be on focus groups**

We will have **focus groups** to help us look at the applications.

The **focus groups** will have people with lived experience of intellectual disability.

We are inviting you to be on a focus group.

If you have helped researchers with an application, it may not be possible for you to be on the focus groups.

**What will focus groups do?**

We will have an information session for the focus groups on 3 March 2025.

We will hold focus group **meetings** from 10 March to 19 March 2025.

The meetings will be on Teams.

In those meetings we will ask the focus groups what they like about the research applications.

We will also ask what they don’t like about the applications.

This will help us decide which research applications should get money.

When the Government gives out this money we call it a **grant**.

We plan to pay you for being on the focus groups.

**What happens next?**

Please email **MRFF@health.gov.au**by **Wednesday 14 February 2025** if you want to be on a focus group.

Your support person can also attend.

If you are interested we will send you an invite for your calendar soon.

You can also tell us if you know someone else who wants to be on a focus group .

Please tell us if you have any questions.

You can email us at **MRFF@health.gov.au**

Regards,

MRFF Team