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WOODVILLE ALLIANCE RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING TO EXPAND NDIS SERVICES

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Western Sydney and Multiculturalism, and Member for Parramatta, Geoff Lee has announced grant funding of \$321,000 for Woodville Alliance to support development of social enterprises that cater for young people with disability under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

“Woodville Alliance is a not-for-profit organisation based in Fairfield East where they offer disability, community development and early learning services to families in Western Sydney,

“I’m delighted Woodville was one of just 10 businesses across NSW that secured a grant from the NSW Government’s \$19 million Disability Sector Scale-Up (DSSU) program to promote employment and training opportunities in Western Sydney for people with a disability,” he said.

Woodville Alliance CEO Pam Batkin said the organisation had a strong connection to the communities of Western Sydney.

“We are very excited with the opportunity the grant has provided us to launch a social enterprise focused on digital and vocational skills training for school leavers and job seekers with disabilities in the Fairfield area and surrounds.

“We are confident the GeekAbility social enterprise is one of a kind in Western Sydney and we are working closely with partners to develop each client’s digital capability, social skills and confidence to integrate into teams in the modern workplace.”

Deputy Premier and Minister for Skills and Small Business John Barilaro congratulated Woodville on their success in a very competitive grant program.

“More than 250 businesses applied for the Business Acceleration Grant program so as you can imagine competition was fierce,” Mr Barilaro said.

“While the businesses selected are exceptional and innovative, the quality of all applicants showcased the exciting opportunities for businesses with the rollout of the NDIS and I congratulate them all.”

Minister for Disability Services Ray Williams said the Disability Sector Scale-Up was a component of the NSW Government’s \$100 million Smart, Skilled & Hired initiative.

“On top of Business Acceleration Grants, the DSSU will provide low cost advisory services for small businesses across the state through [Business Connect](#) to help them identify and capitalise on opportunities that emerge as a result of the NDIS.”

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