



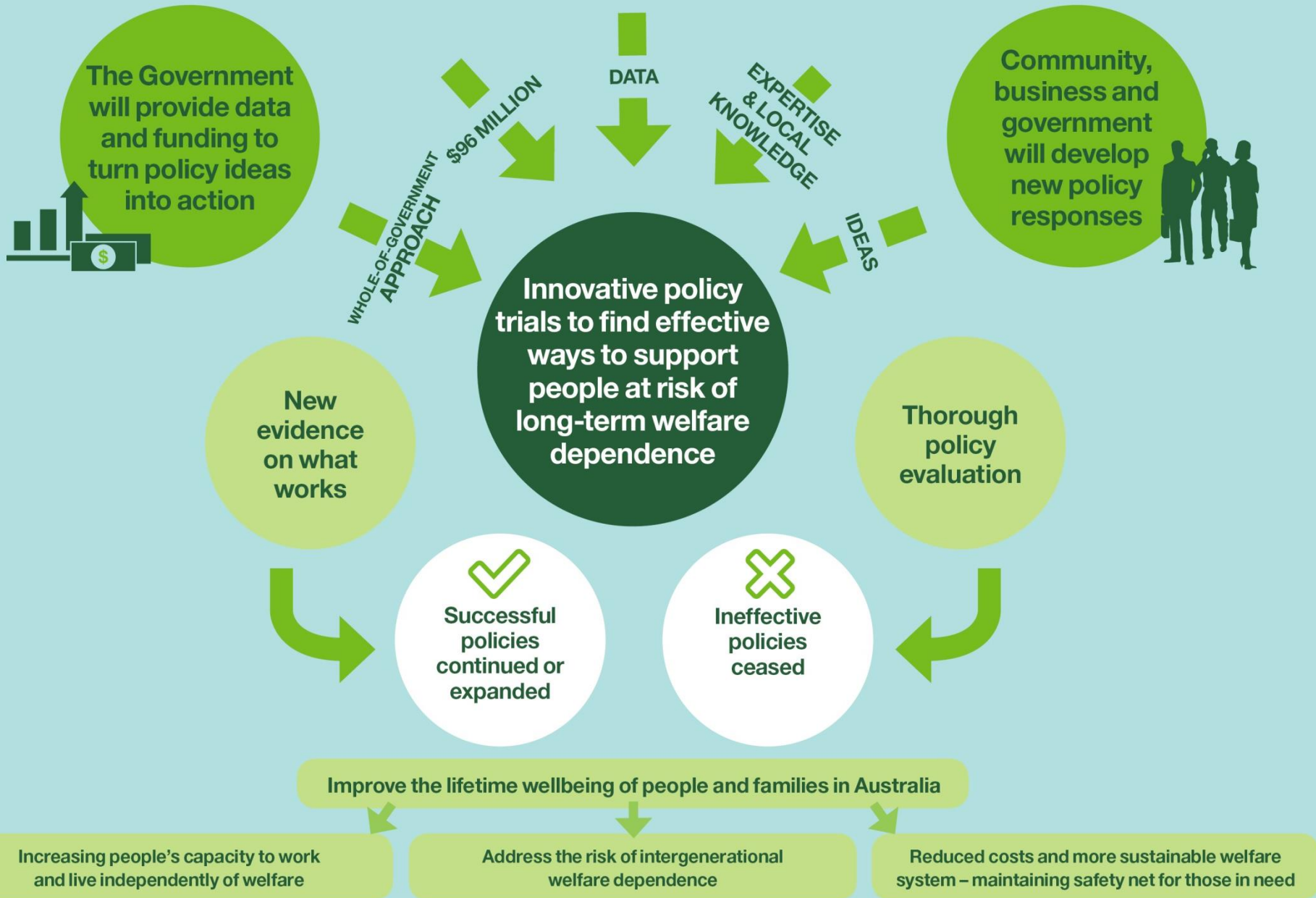
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The Try, Test and Learn Fund

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Initial priority groups

Young parents: young people aged under 25 who started receiving Parenting Payment at age 18 or under and who are still receiving an income support payment.

Young carers: young people aged under 25 who are in receipt of Carer Payment or at immediate risk of going onto the payment.

Students at risk of unemployment: young people aged under 25 who have moved, or are at risk of moving, from study (post-secondary or tertiary and been in receipt or receiving a student payment) to an extended period on an unemployment payment.

How the Try, Test and Learn Fund works

The four key phases of a tranche of the Try, Test and Learn Fund

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1

Ideas generation



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2

Co-development



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3

Funding



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4

Delivery and Evaluation



Co-development and the importance of collaboration

- Co-development was conducted over an intensive four week process, and aimed to design trial interventions based on the shortlisted ideas.
- This included stress-testing ideas, establishing project budgets and timelines, and development of an evaluation plan and program logic – to ensure we can measure the effectiveness of these outcomes in the short and longer term.
- The co-development process involved collaboration between idea proponents, Government, peak bodies, other advisory groups, and relevant specialists from inside and outside Government.

Outcomes of Tranche 1 of the Try, Test and Learn Fund

- Nearly 400 ideas were submitted to Tranche 1 of the Fund from the community sector, business, academics and individuals.
- A shortlist of submitted ideas was co-developed into robust project proposals in a process facilitated by independent co-design experts and involving idea proponents and other relevant experts, with support from DSS.
- We anticipate funding approval soon for a number of Tranche 1 projects, with roll out expected from late 2017.

Thank you