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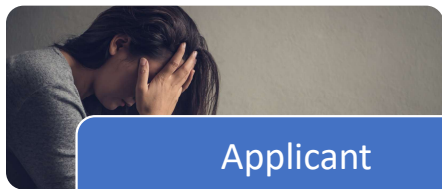
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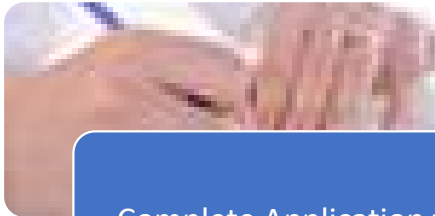
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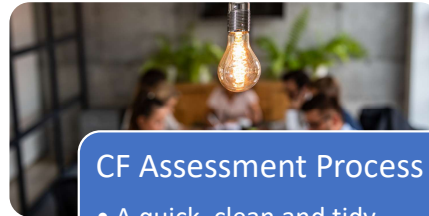


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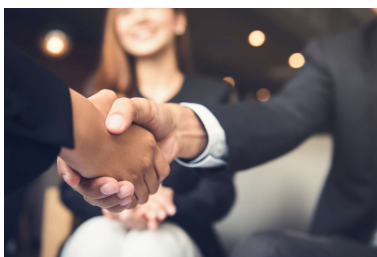


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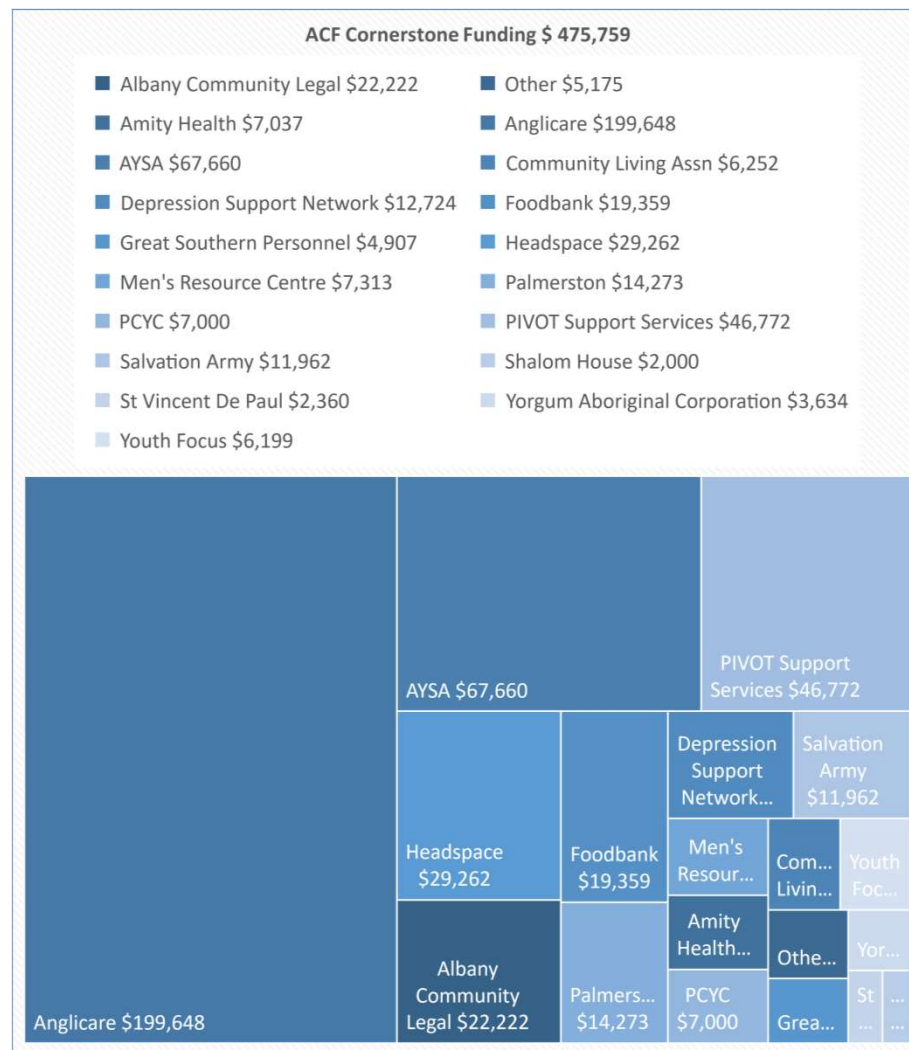
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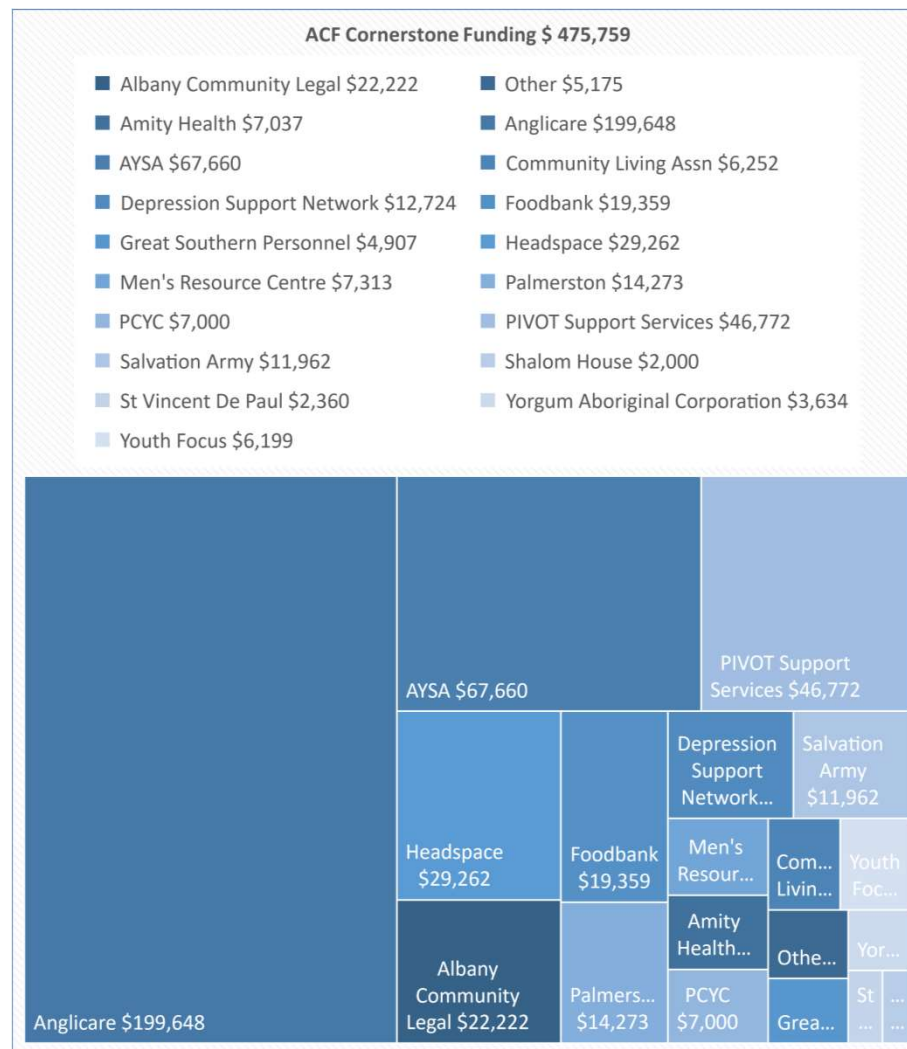
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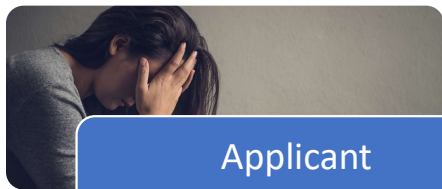
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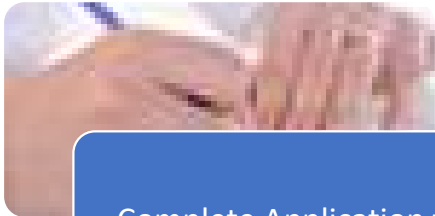
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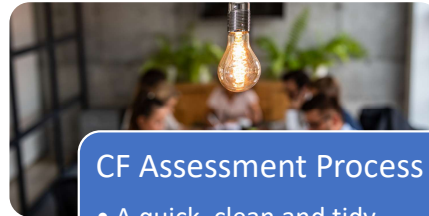


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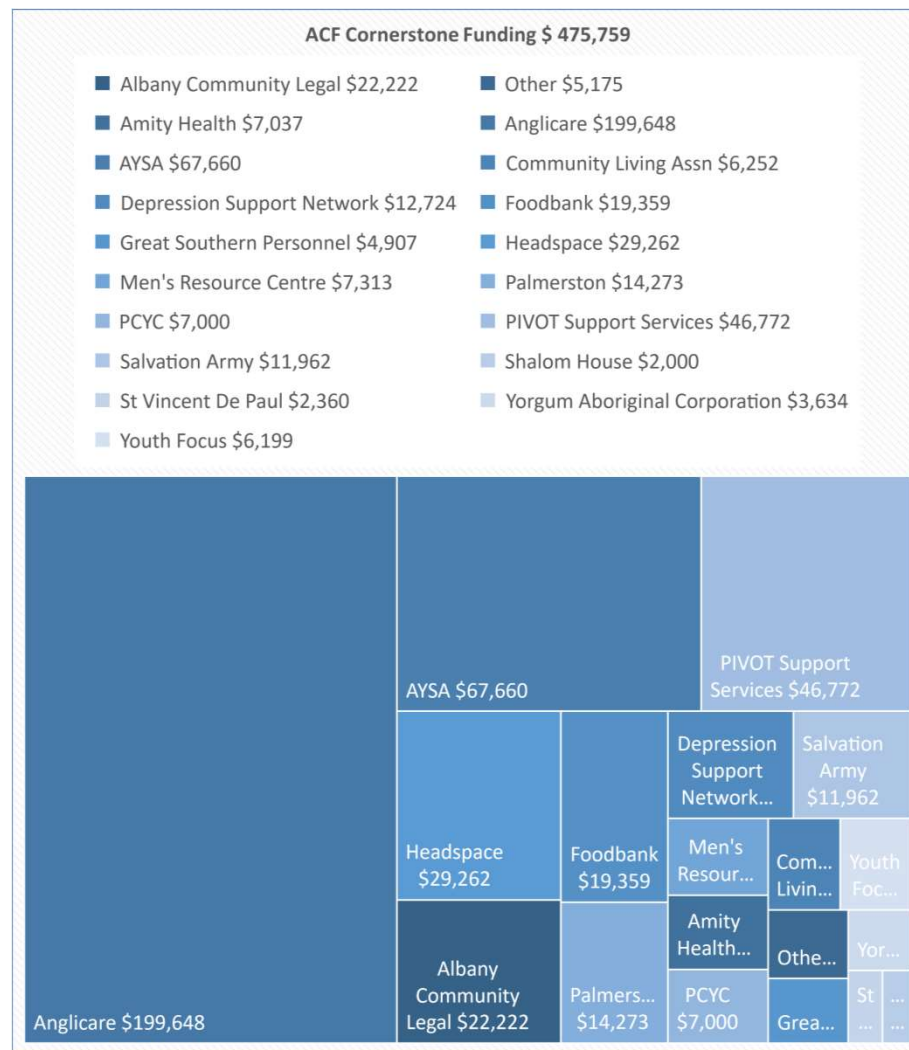
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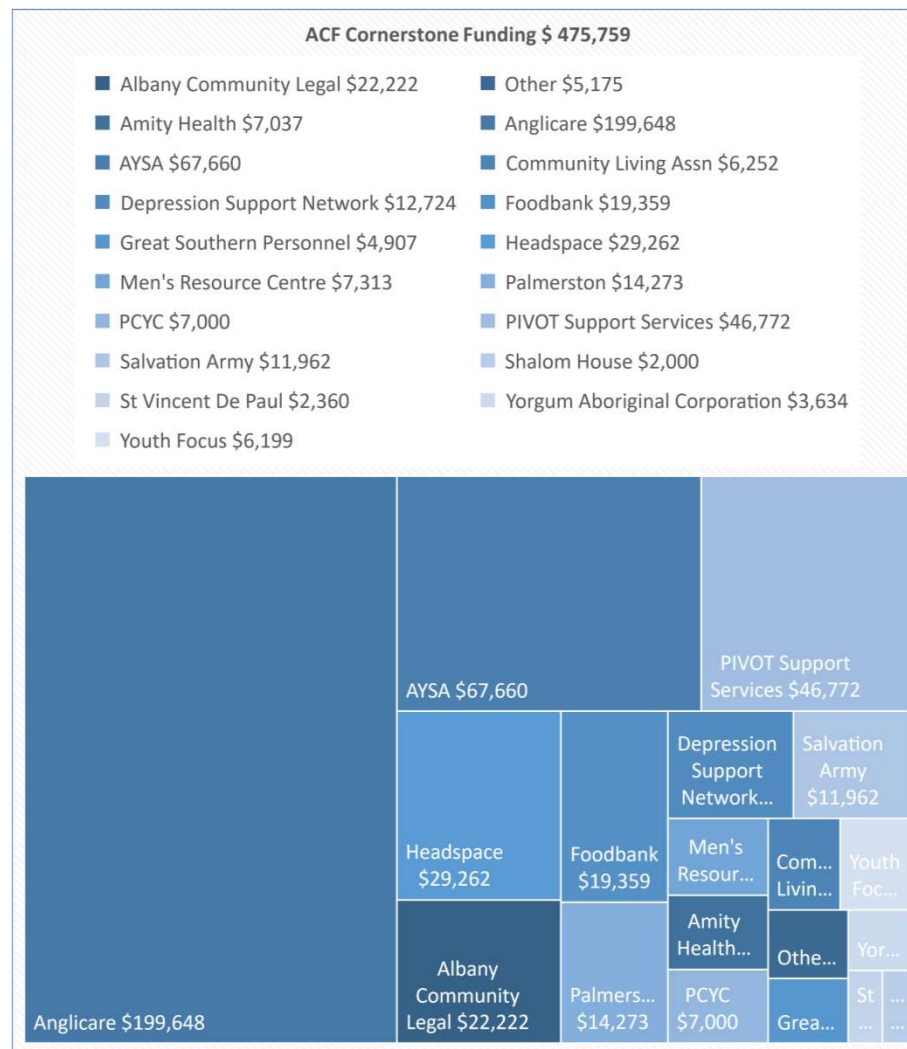
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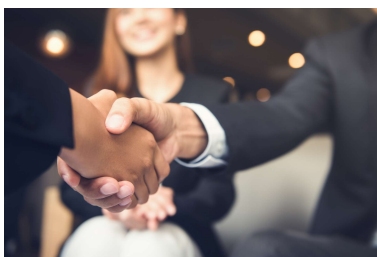


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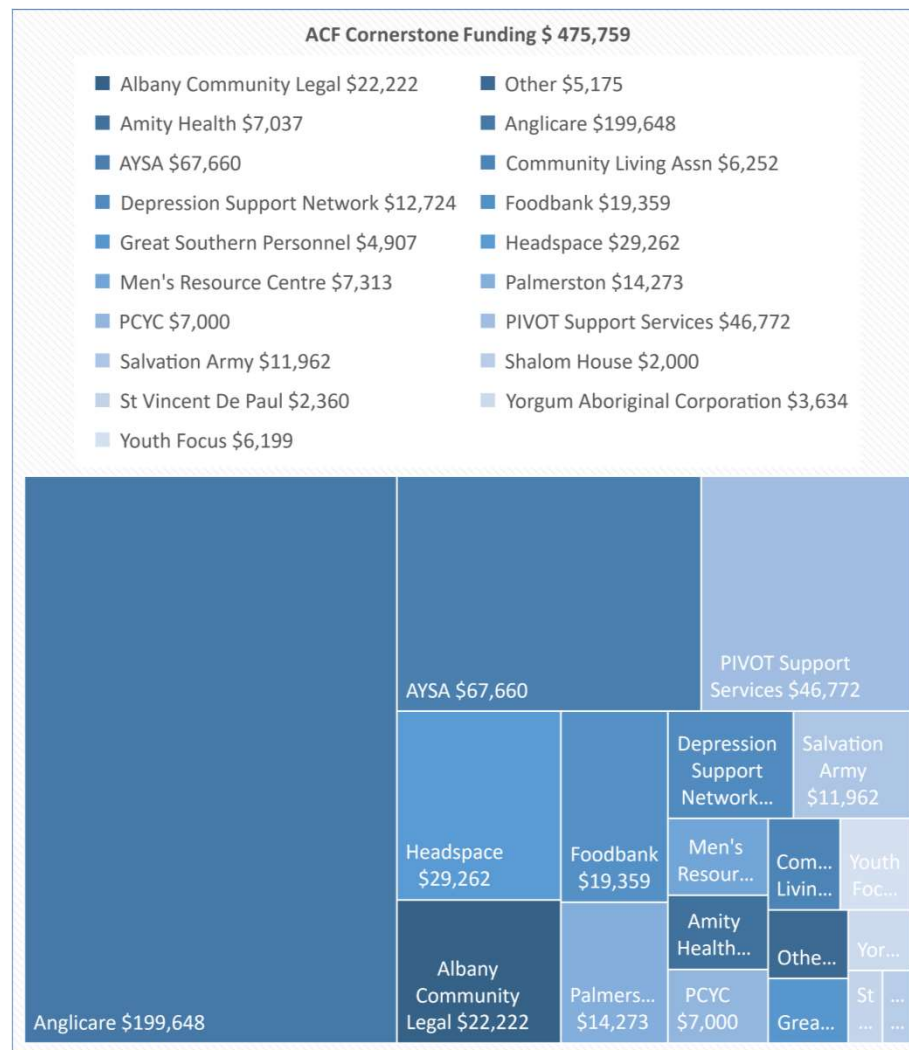
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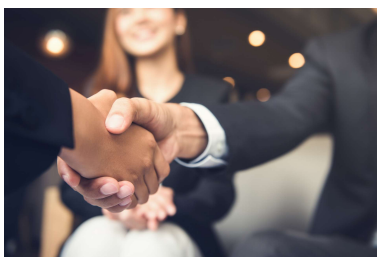


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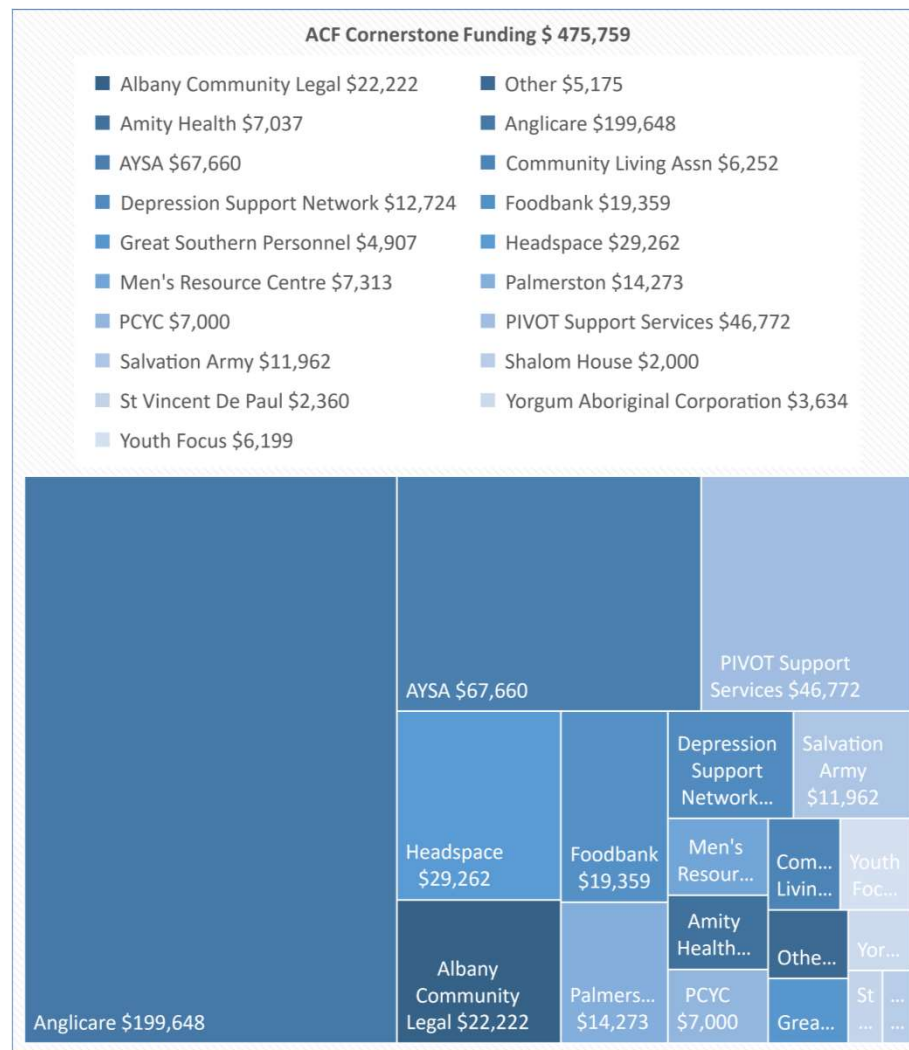
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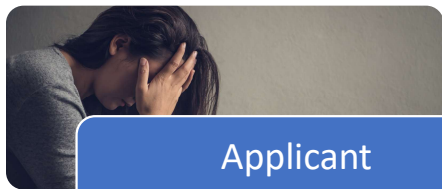
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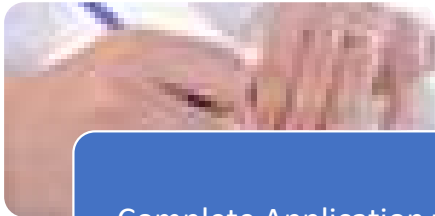
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Assessment of Needs

- Identify gaps in existing funding
- Assess eligibility to CF funding
- Liaise with applicant and suppliers



Complete Application to
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CF Assessment Process

- A quick, clean and tidy assessment process with clear communications and set processes in place



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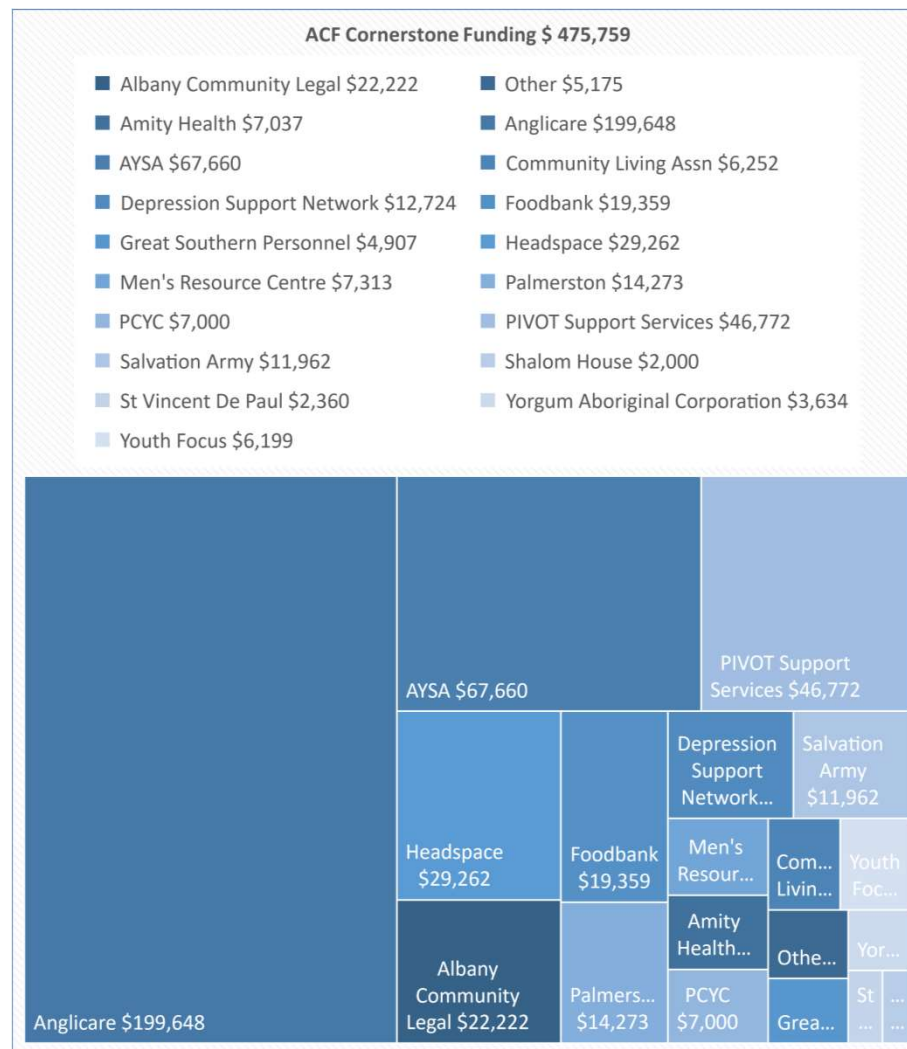
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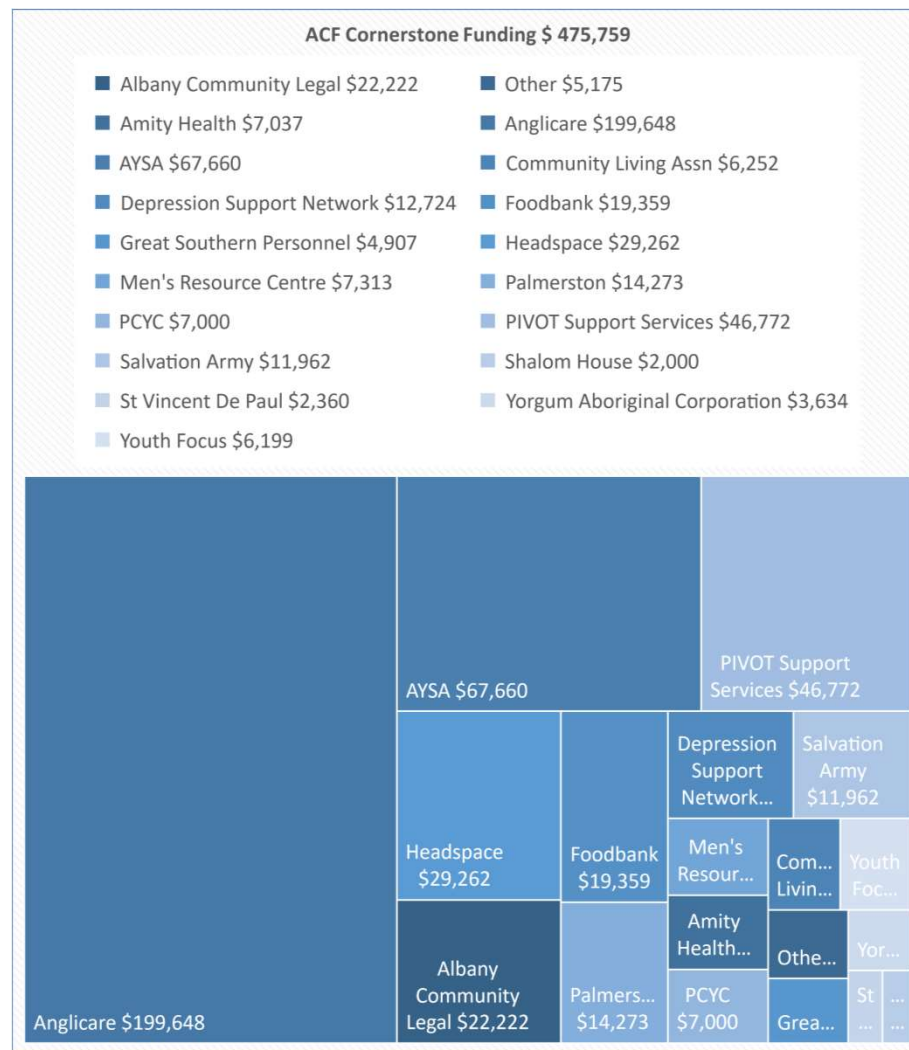
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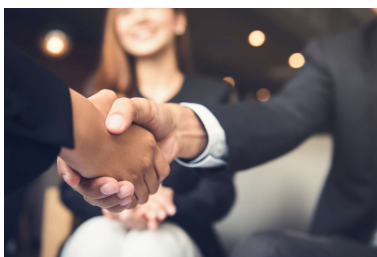


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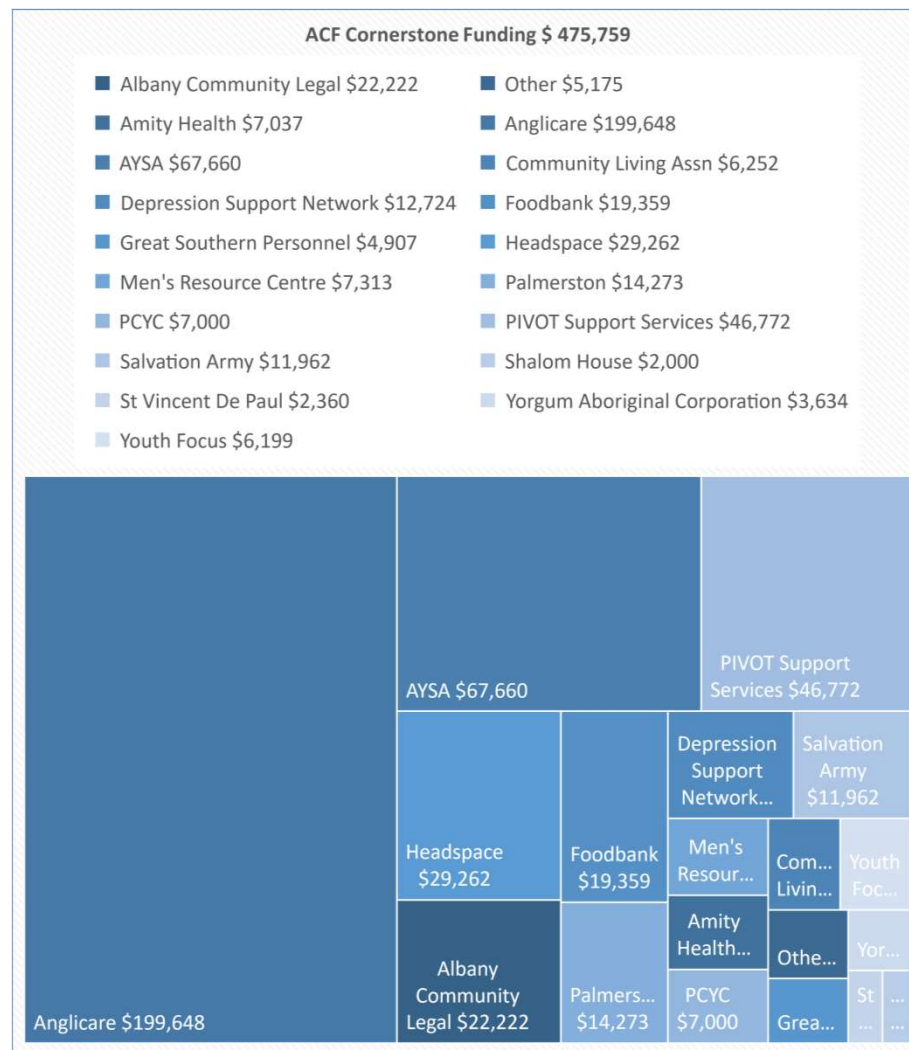
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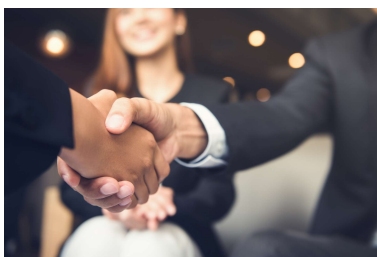


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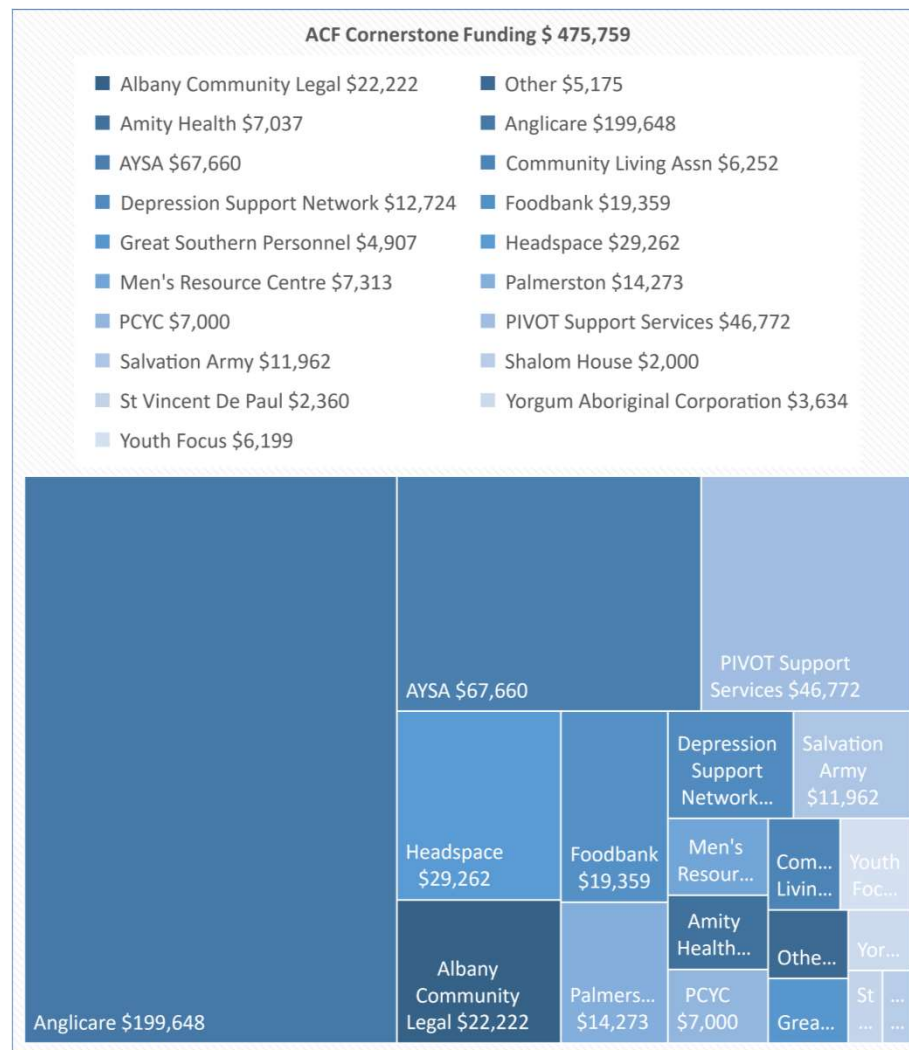
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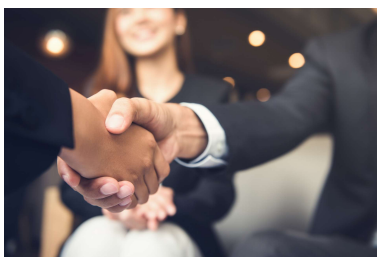


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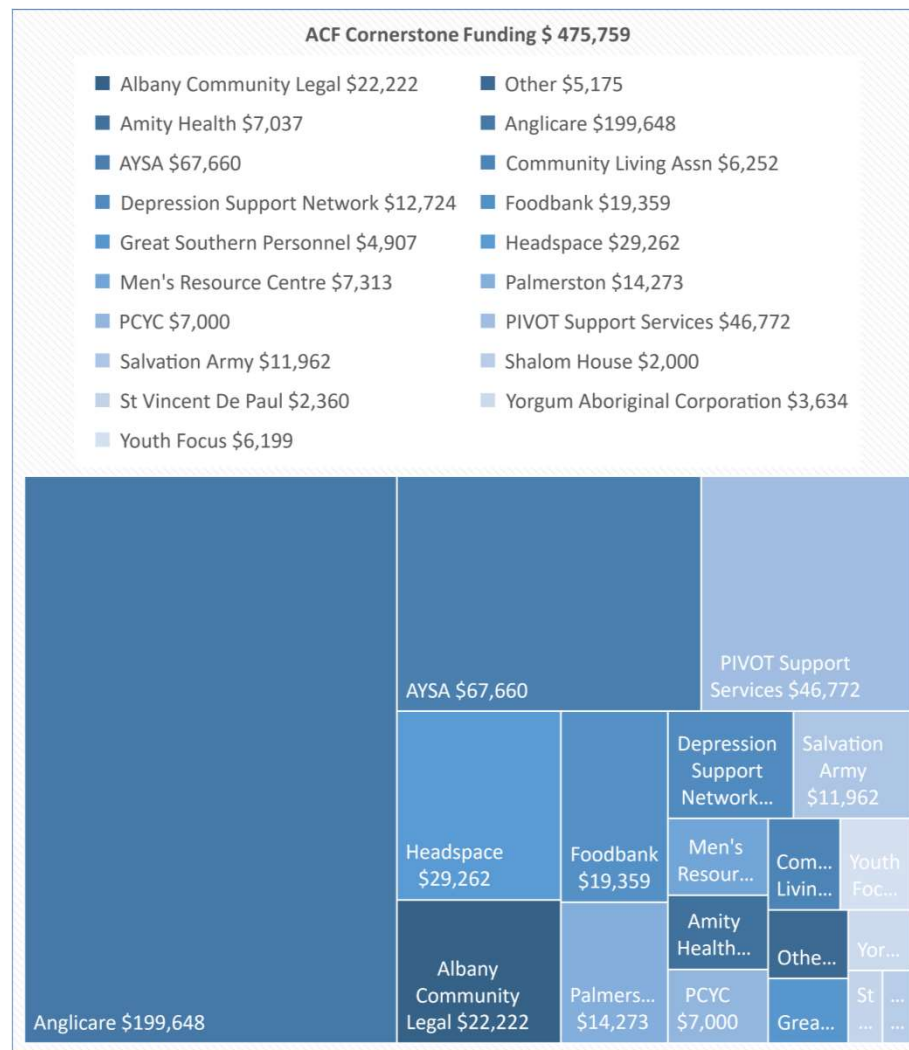
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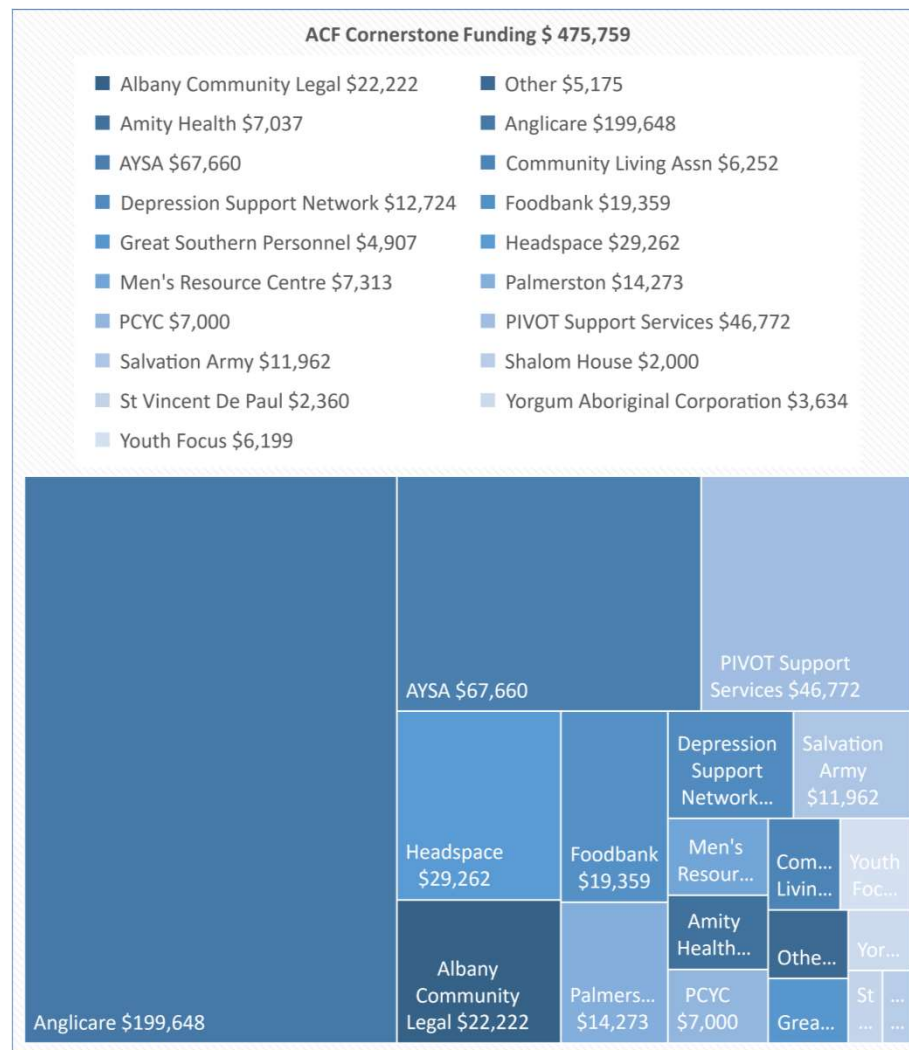
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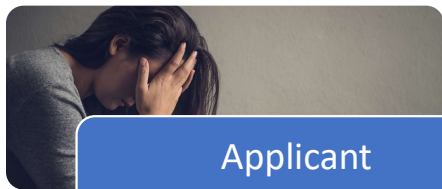
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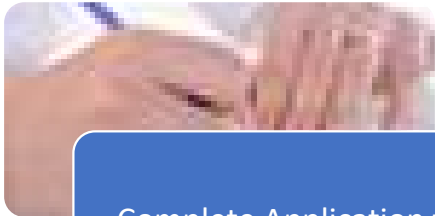


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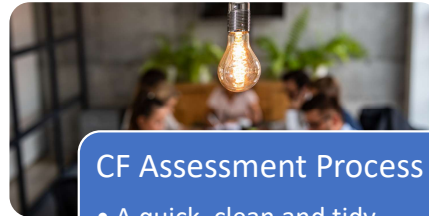


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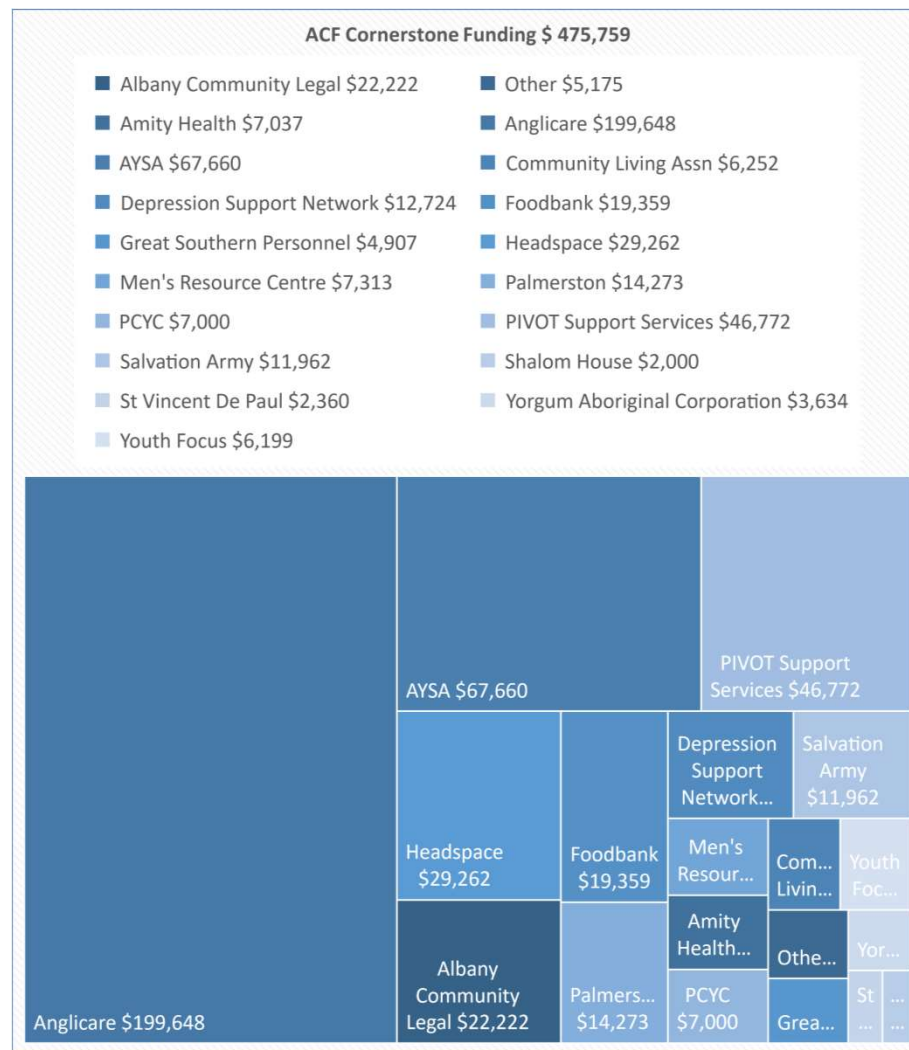
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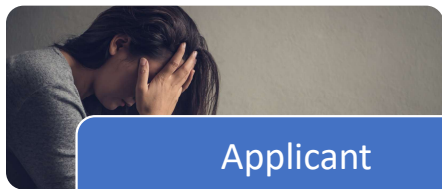
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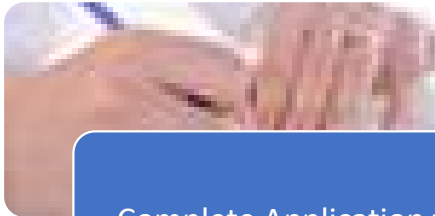
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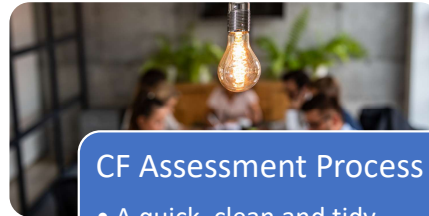


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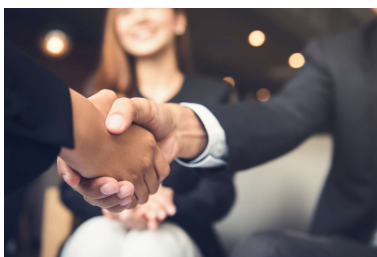


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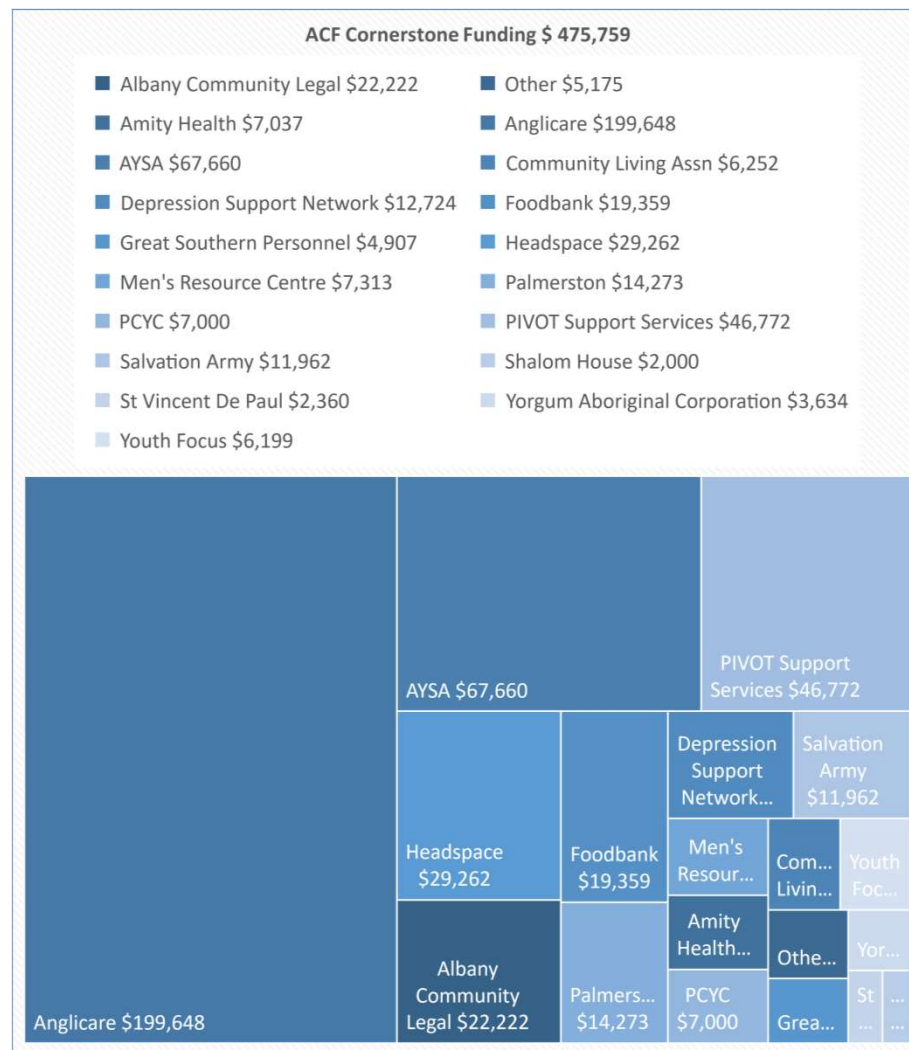
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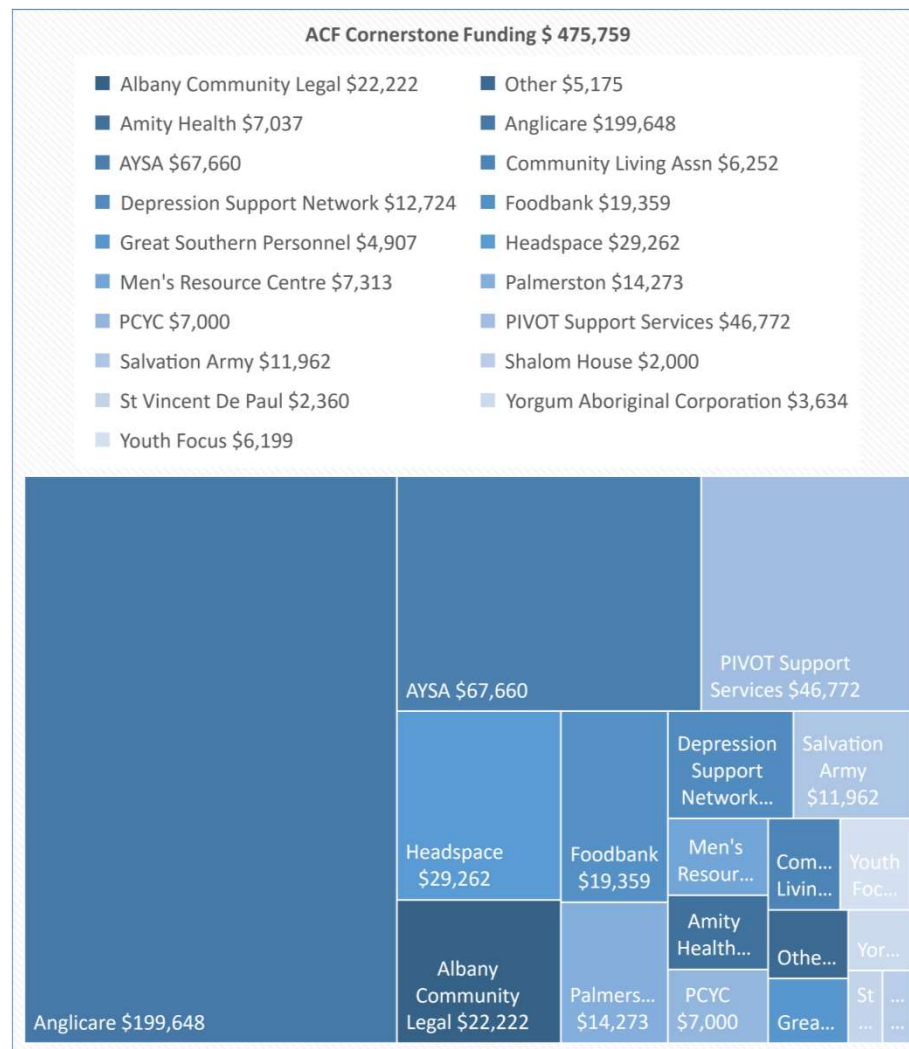
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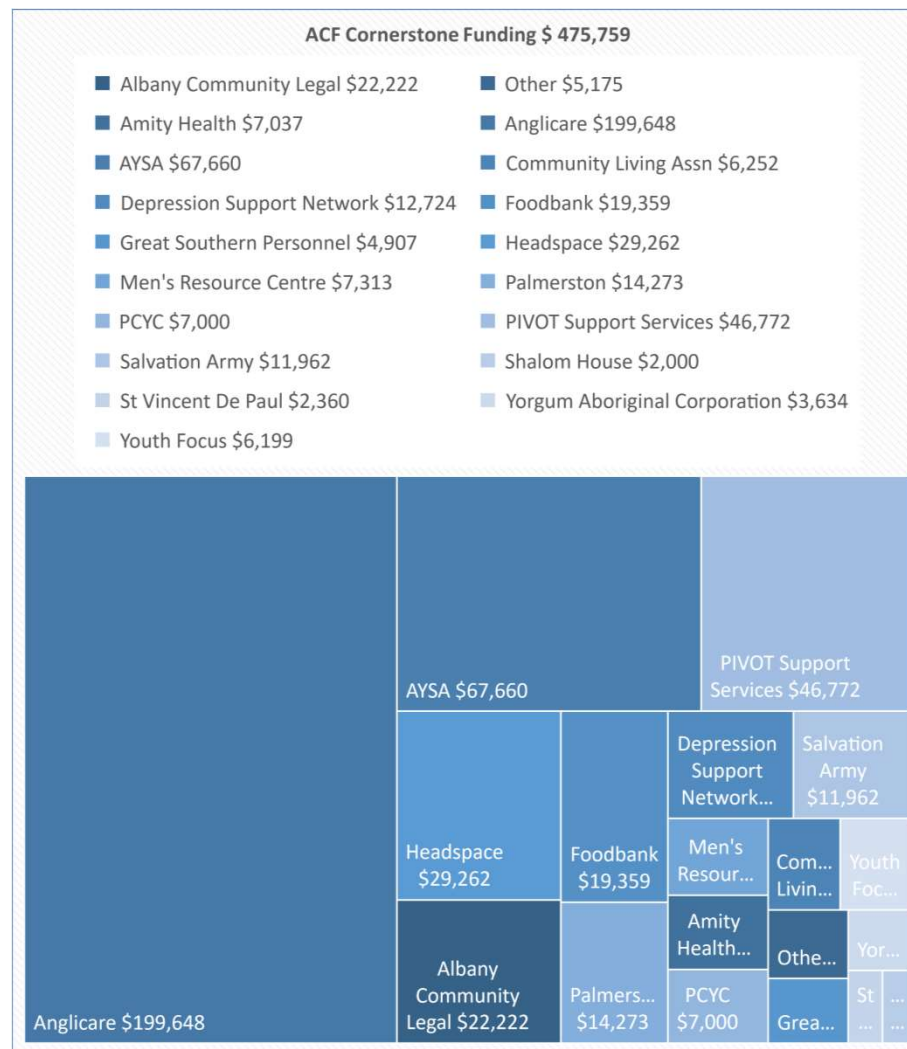
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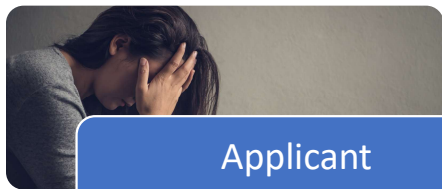
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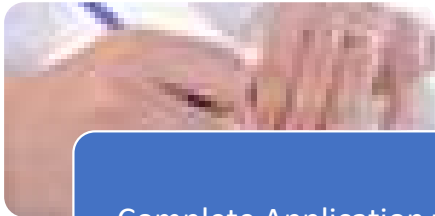
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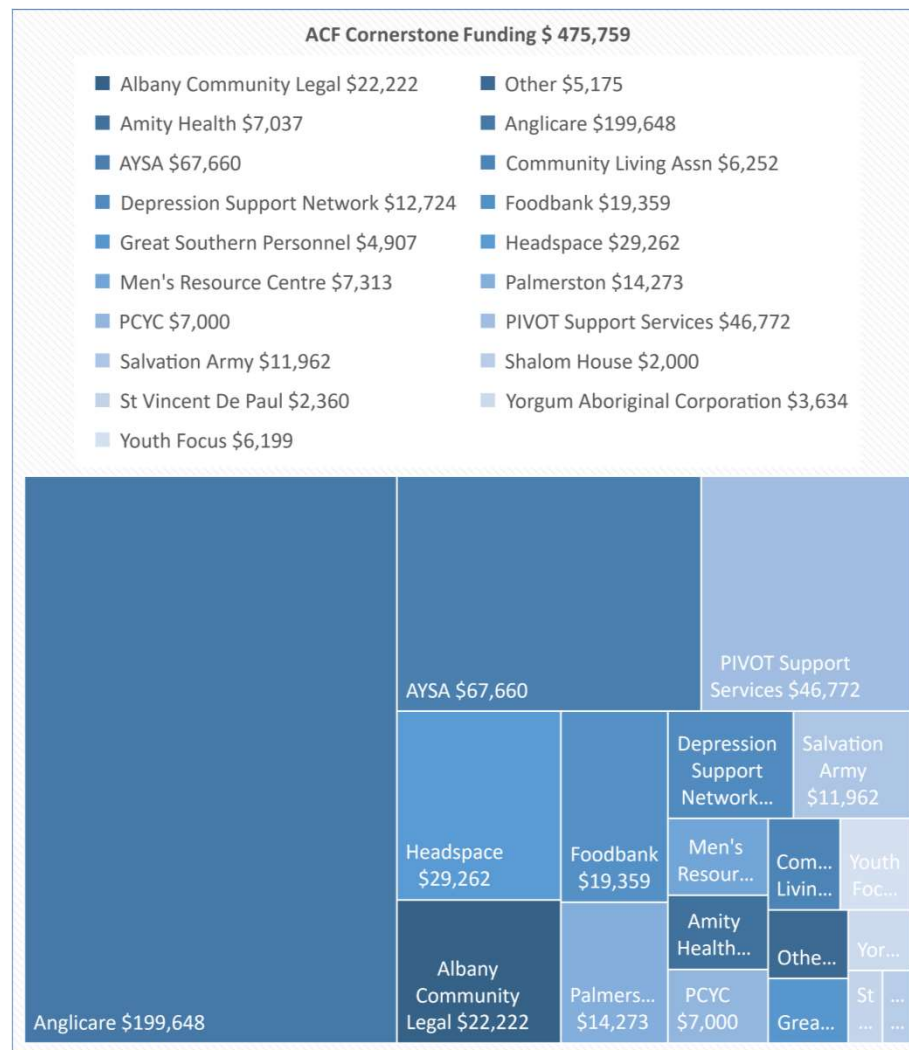
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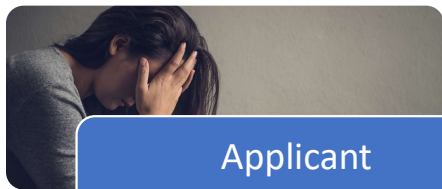
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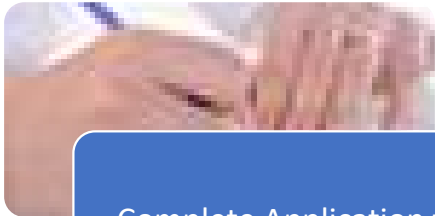


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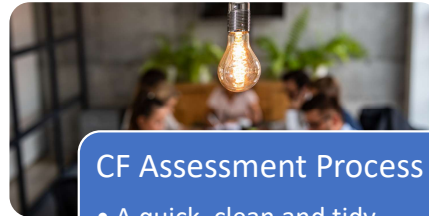


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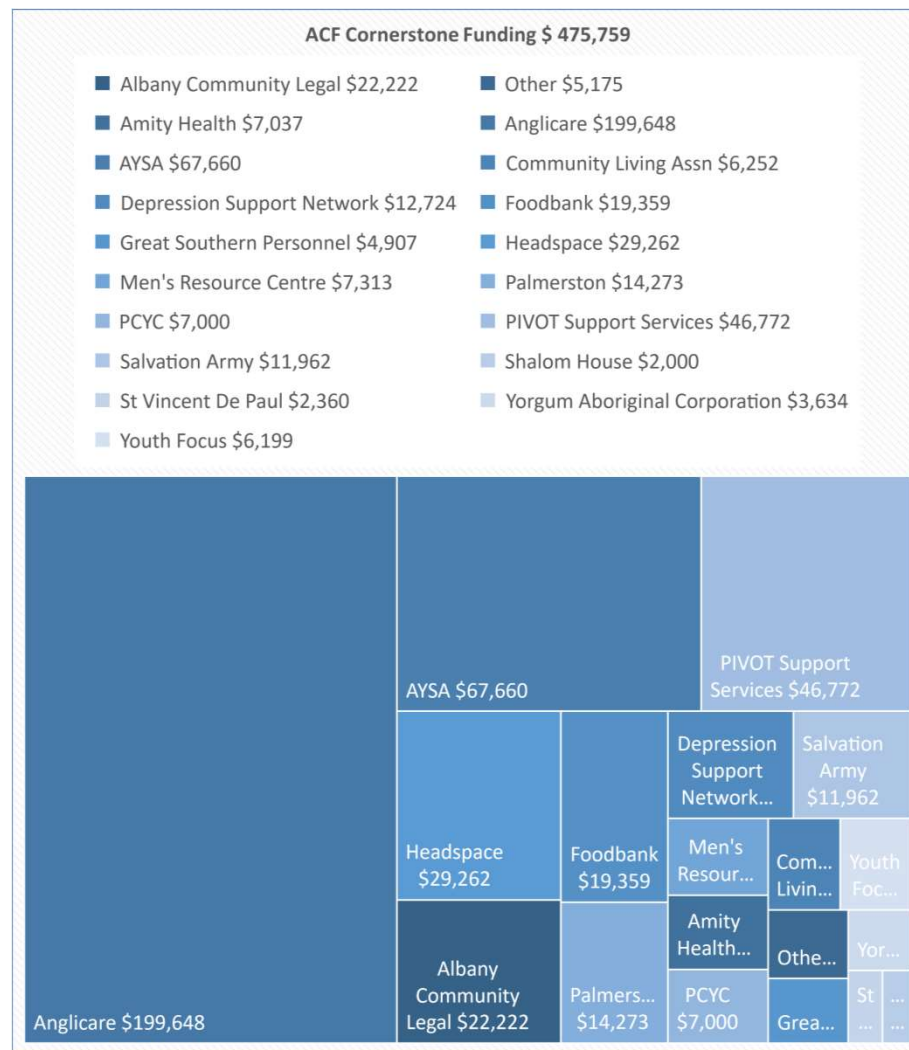
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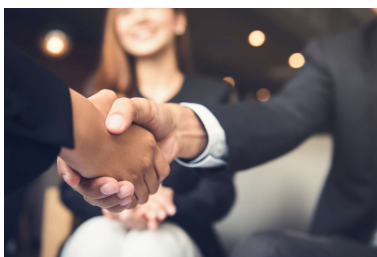


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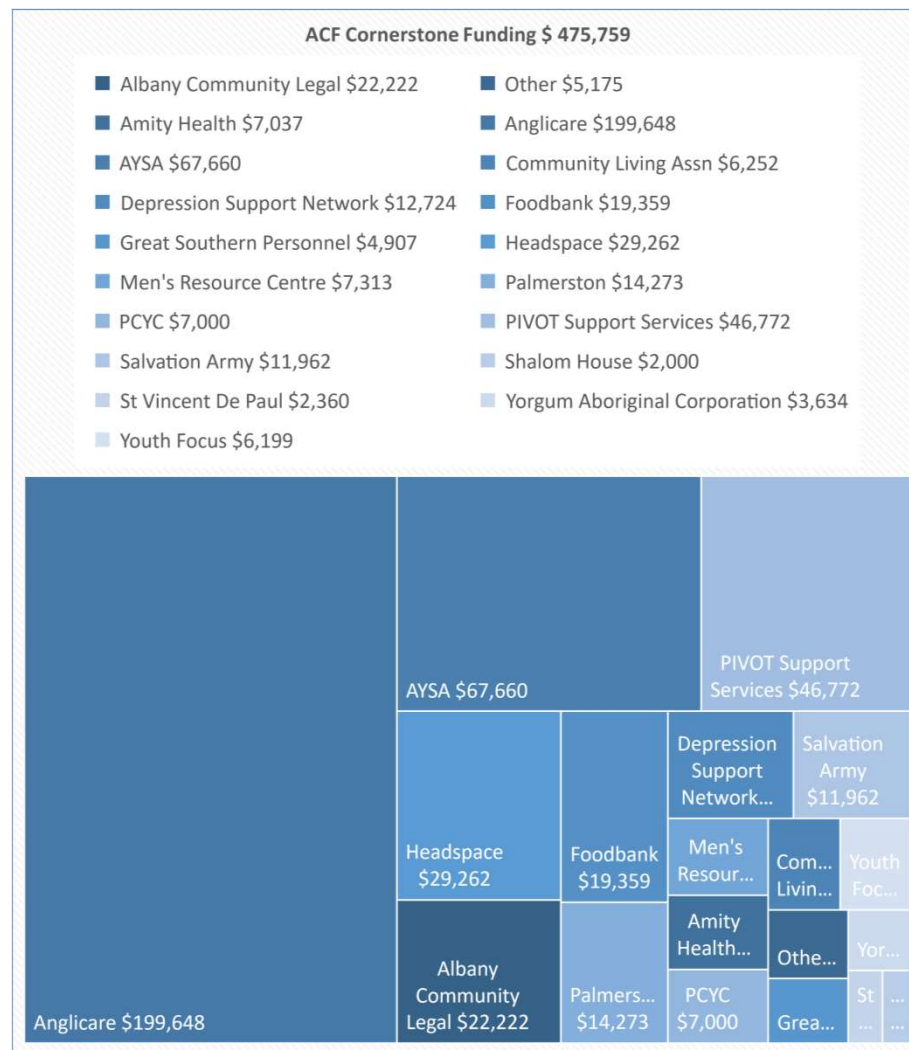
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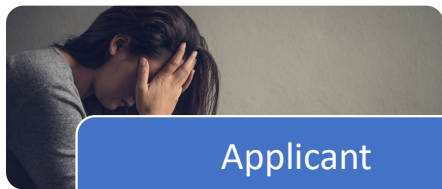
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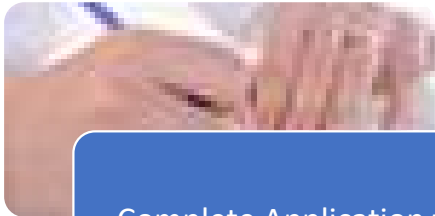


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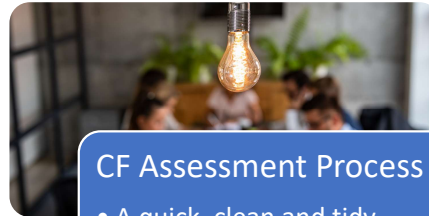


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- Identify gaps in existing funding
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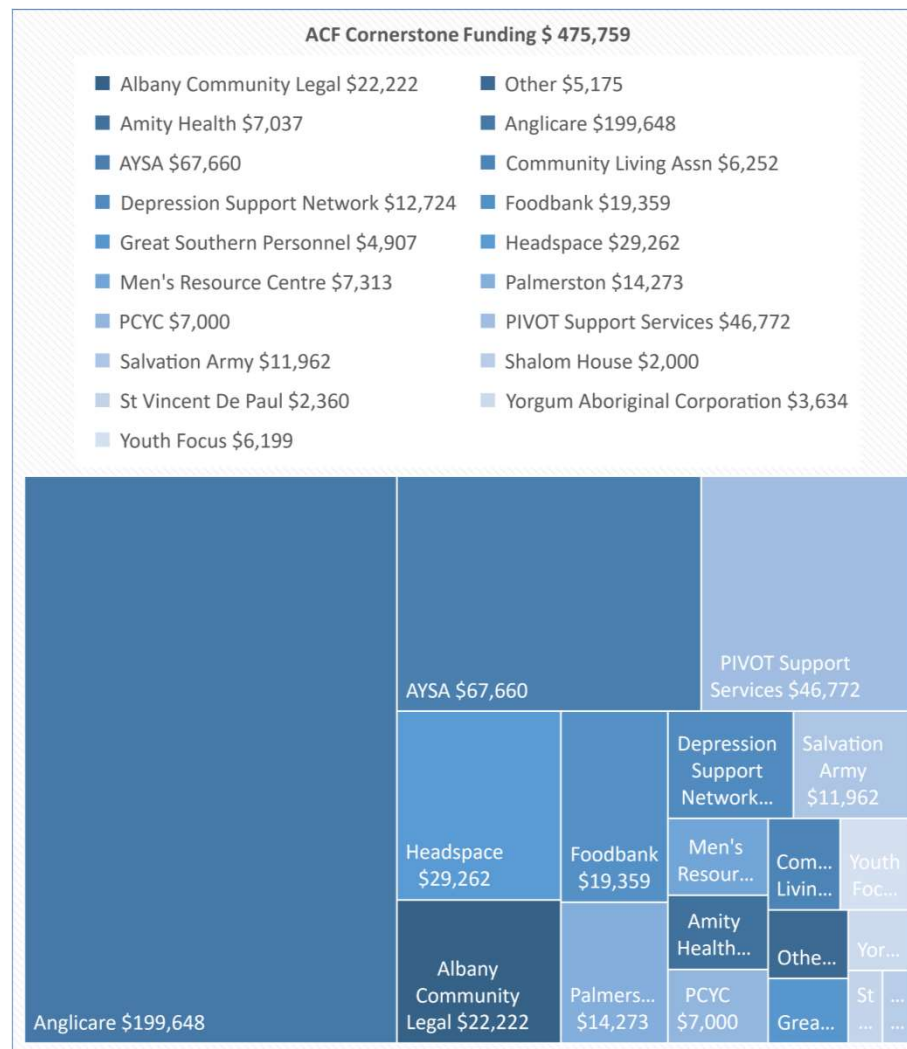
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