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Support for better mental health tops \$2 million

The Queensland Mental Health Commission's financial support to local initiatives that improve mental health and wellbeing will top \$2 million this year.

Queensland Mental Health Commissioner Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck today announced the next round of funding under the *Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Program*.

The Commission has invested \$1.48 million since 2014 through the grants program. This has funded activities that promote good mental health and wellbeing in more than 50 locations across Queensland.

A total of \$600,000 is available in the latest round of grants to support locally-led, evidence-based collaborative initiatives.

Local government and non-government organisations can apply for individual grants of up to \$50,000 for projects that promote social inclusion for people experiencing mental health problems, mental illness or problematic alcohol or drug use.

Grants are also available to help reduce stigma and discrimination, particularly among at-risk groups.

Dr van Schoubroeck said successful applicants and initiatives would be announced during Queensland Mental Health Week (8 to 14 October 2017).

Organisations interested in applying for a grant must email a completed Grant Program Application Form and supporting documents to tenders@qmhc.qld.gov.au **by 3pm on Friday 30 June 2017**.

The Grant Program Application Form is available on the Commission's website www.qmhc.qld.gov.au

