

Media statement

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New mental health funding now available

New funding to strengthen community mental health and wellbeing is now available from the Queensland Mental Health Commission.

Queensland Mental Health Commissioner Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck today said up to \$500,000 in total is available to local governments and not-for-profit organisations under the *Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Program*.

The grants program supports the *Queensland Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Strategic Plan 2014-2019*.

Funding targets locally-led initiatives that increase community and individual connectedness, raise community awareness and build community capacity.

“Grassroots community action is fundamental to promoting good mental health and wellbeing, promoting awareness, prevention and early intervention for mental health difficulties and substance abuse problems,” Dr van Schoubroeck said.

“By creating supportive communities that value and promote good mental health and wellbeing, we ensure that we start well, develop well, work live and age well.”

Application details are on the Queensland Mental Health Commission’s website www.qmhc.qld.gov.au

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About QMHC

The Queensland Mental Health Commission was established in July 2013 to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all Queenslanders by driving ongoing reform.

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