

Media statement

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Grants available to improve mental health and wellbeing

New funding to strengthen social inclusion and community participation is now available from the Queensland Mental Health Commission.

A total of \$400,000 is available to local government and non-government organisations in the current round of grants. Applicants can receive up to \$50,000 each under the *Stronger Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Grants Program*.

Queensland Mental Health Commissioner Dr Lesley van Schoubroeck said social inclusion was central to promoting good mental health and wellbeing.

“It is about creating opportunities that genuinely include people living with mental health and substance use problems to participate in and contribute to all aspects of society,” she said.

“We know that community-based organisations are well placed to make the principles of social inclusion real within communities.

“Funding initiatives that improve social inclusion and community participation will benefit people with mental illness and/or substance use issues as well as the wider community.”

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 to improve the mental health and wellbeing of all Queenslanders by driving ongoing reform.