

## ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

### HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E10-296

OUTCOME 4: Aged Care and Population Ageing

Topic: DEMENTIA

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

In relation to the Dementia Community Support Grants Program, please advise:

- a) The process and criteria for obtaining a grant;
- b) The current list of organisations, persons, or services that have been allocated grants;
- c) When those grants lapse;
- d) Recipients of grants since 2007; and
- e) The accountability processes associated with the grants including reporting obligations.

Answer:

- a) The assessment criteria for obtaining a grant in the last round (round three) of the Dementia Community Support Grants Program include:
  - Ability of the project to meet the objectives of the program, including focus areas;
  - Extent to which the project would address an identified need in the community;
  - Innovation;
  - Evaluation and sustainability;
  - Capacity of applicants to successfully undertake the proposed project;
  - Value for money; and
  - The financial viability of applicants.

Priority was also placed on projects which addressed special needs groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, regional, rural and remote communities and which targeted people living with Younger Onset Dementia.

The funding round documentation also identified a range of focus areas, which were incorporated into the assessment process including but not limited to:

- Reducing the:
  - stigma and empowering people living with dementia;
  - risk of developing dementia;
  - social isolation;
- Raising awareness about palliative care and dementia;
- Developing strategic partnerships and improving services and dementia care; and
- Strategies for reducing the risk of challenging behaviours.

The process of obtaining a grant involves:

- Eligible organisations developing and submitting an application in the required template which reflect the requirements of the Application Guidelines accompanied with the mandatory documentation (for example, Certificate of Incorporation) prior to the closing date; and
- Consideration by the Department's Assessment Panel including registration, compliance check, formal assessment, scoring, ranking and seeking Departmental delegate approval for the successful applicants.

- b) A full list of grants provided for the three funding rounds conducted to date, are available on the Department's website at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-dementia-grants.htm>

Under the latest round, Round Three, a total of 82 grants were offered to 76 organisations, with 81 grants accepted.

- c) Round Three projects are scheduled to be finalised by 30 June 2011. Round Two projects were completed by 30 June 2010.
- d) A full list of all projects is available through the Department's website at <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-dementia-grants.htm> Rounds Two and Three of the Dementia Community Support Grants Program have been conducted since 2007.
- e) All grant recipients are required to submit three deliverables throughout the duration of the funding period including a:
- Work Plan;
  - Progress Report; and
  - Final Report.