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### **Partnership grants to benefit women**

Community groups are being urged to get their applications in for grants to help women balance work, family and life in general.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said Women's Minister announced the 2006 Office for Women Partnership Grants Program for events or activities to help Queensland women.

"It is assumed that women are doing fine juggling work and family – but many women find it a struggle," Ms Nolan said.

"Trying to fit in further training or planning for retirement – where women have less superannuation to stretch over a longer period - is just too hard for many women.

"The 2006 Office for Women Partnership Grants Program will help community groups and local councils to hold events or run programs that give some extra support or advice to women," Ms Nolan said.

Grants will be offered for services, projects, events and educational development for women in Queensland relating to the following categories:

- Balancing work, family and lifestyle
- Economic security
- Leadership, decision-making and community building.

"There are many community groups, women's organisations and local councils already doing great work to help women and these grants aim to support those organisations," Ms Nolan said.

Grants of up to \$3000 are available for events or up to \$8000 for projects.

This year, organisations in regional or rural Queensland may be eligible for extra funding for genuine extra expenses incurred through putting on activities in more remote areas.

"Groups right around the State are encouraged to submit applications and apply for a grant to help make life better for Queensland women," Ms Nolan said.

Submissions must be received by Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Grant guidelines and application forms are available at [www.women.qld.gov.au/grants](http://www.women.qld.gov.au/grants) or by phoning 3224 4149.