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EXTRA FUNDS SUPPORT COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

The Member for Ipswich, Rachel Nolan has urged non-government organisations in Ipswich to apply for State Government grants of up to \$5000 to support their operations.

Ms Nolan said the grants were part of \$500,000 the Queensland Government had allocated statewide under the Supporting Community Organisations initiative to aid eligible community organisations.

“This one-off funding will help community organisations carry out specific time-limited projects, conduct special events or buy additional resources,” she said.

“For example, organisations can use this funding to buy computers and telecommunications equipment, office supplies and furniture or household items such as furniture, linen, white goods and kitchenware.

“In terms of special events and projects, funding is also available to offset running expenses including gas, electricity, and premises hire; administrative expenses such as postage, stationery, printing, telephone calls, cleaning, book-keeping or audit fees; and insurance and travel expenses.

“The grant is designed to enhance the capacity of these organisations to deliver much-needed services to the community.”

The Supporting Community Organisations initiative, which is part of the State Government’s \$24.3 million Strengthening Non-Government Organisations project, aims to assist organisations:

- To buy or replace equipment essential to delivering services to the community;
- To carry out specific time-limited projects; and
- To conduct community events and activities that benefit the community.

Submissions must be lodged with the Department of Communities by 5pm on Tuesday, 13 June 2006.

For more information on the grants, including the information package and application forms, visit the Department of Communities website at www.communities.qld.gov.au