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EXTRA FUNDS FOR IPSWICH HOUSING GROUP

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today announced that an Ipswich housing group would share in more than \$1 million in special one-off grants to boost accommodation services to people at risk of homelessness.

Ms Nolan said South West and Ipswich Community Housing would receive \$47,648 on top of recurrent funding allocated to the group through the Community Rent Scheme in the recent State Budget.

“This special allocation of funding is being used to target communities with highest demand particularly where people are being squeezed out of the private rental market,” Ms Nolan said.

“In 2005, the Queensland Government approved funding of \$235.52 million over four years to address homelessness, and these one-off grants are being paid from that pool of money.

“South West and Ipswich Community Housing manages around 60 properties to help people already on the public housing waiting list, but who need to find housing urgently and cannot secure accommodation on the private market.”

Ms Nolan said the Community Rent Scheme was a State Government-funded scheme operated by community-based housing groups.

“It helps local groups provide subsidised housing to low-income families or individuals in urgent need of accommodation,” she said.

“The \$11 million Community Rent Scheme budget supports 23 organisations in 27 communities around the state.

“Altogether, these groups manage more than 1,600 properties and assist more than 3,000 households a year.

“These grants will deliver real and direct help to people facing housing crisis.”

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