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STATE BUDGET FUNDS CRISIS HOUSING IN IPSWICH

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said funds contained in the recent State Budget to fight homelessness have already started to flow to Ipswich-based housing groups.

Ms Nolan said the Minister for Public Works and Housing, Robert Swarten, had approved more than \$2 million in grants for 40 organisations to lease 160 dwellings as well as offices across the state to help people who might otherwise be homeless.

“This is part of a record \$35 million allocated for the Crisis Accommodation Program in the budget — almost a 30 percent increase from last year,” Ms Nolan said.

“CAP is administered by the Department of Housing and provides funds to community-based groups, enabling them to lease dwellings in the private rental market to house people facing an urgent need for housing.”

Ms Nolan Churches of Christ Care would receive a grant of more than \$77,000 to rent and manage six dwellings to assist help combat homelessness in the Ipswich area.

“Booval Community Service will receive grants totalling \$39,325 to rent and manage three dwellings as well as office accommodation to help families at risk of homelessness, and Ipswich Community Youth Service Inc will receive \$32,604 to rent and manage three dwellings for young people,” she said.

“Ozcare Ipswich will receive \$28,886 for three dwellings to further support its efforts in reducing homelessness.

“A number of State Government agencies are working together to improve responses and better integrate service for people at risk of homelessness and people experiencing homelessness.

“Last year the Beattie Government announced a \$235.5 million package over four years to tackle homelessness across the state.

“This will be used to target communities with highest demand particularly where people are being squeezed out of the private rental market.”

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