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Queenslanders with a disability to benefit from funding for local communities

Communities across Queensland are invited to apply for a share of \$200,000 in State Government funding to encourage more supportive communities for Queenslanders with a disability.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said she had been advised by Disability Services Minister Warren Pitt that applications had been called for the Building Supportive Communities grants program.

“This funding will enable a significant number of towns and cities to stage events and activities that promote more supportive, accessible and inclusive communities,” Ms Nolan said.

“This grants program is all about supporting people to take action on disability awareness issues.”

Ms Nolan said grants of up to \$5000 were available for local projects, while events linking a number of communities were eligible for up to \$15,000.

“I urge all non-government organisations across the state to consider what they can do to make their community more supportive and inclusive,” she said.

Events can be held at any time during the year although the majority of activities will be held in December 2007 around the International Day of People with a Disability or in July next year during Disability Action Week.

For more information about the Building Supportive Communities Grants Program:

- www.disability.qld.gov.au
- Disability Information Service on 1800 177 120 (toll free)
- Contact your nearest Disability Services Queensland regional office

Applications will close at 5pm on Friday, 29 September 2006.

Successful recipients will be announced on 3 December which is International Day of People with a Disability.