



MEDIA STATEMENT



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Grants boost safe and fair future for women

Central Queenslanders providing women with a chance to strive economically and socially are front and centre in a grants program opened by the Palaszczuk Government.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said the *Investing in Queensland Women* program will provide grants of up to \$15,000 awarded to successful applicants to deliver community initiatives, including projects that prevent and respond to domestic and family violence and sexual assault.

Ms Lauga said the grants would provide an opportunity to support and address issues that affected women in CQ and strengthen partnerships across Queensland communities.

“The *Investing in Queensland Women* program is a consolidation of a number of funding initiatives that will ensure grants are flexible and readily available to applicants across the state throughout the year,” she said.

“We are seeking to promote and protect the rights, interests and the general wellbeing of Queensland women and girls, and really make a difference by providing them all the benefits our State has to offer.”

She said eligible organisations can apply in each round of grants, with categories consisting of up to \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000 amounts for initiatives.

“Community-driven initiatives and activities can include targeted campaigns or events, such as workshops or training, or the development of community resources to promote and respond to a particular issue,” said Ms Lauga.

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“Successful applicants are encouraged to deliver their initiatives throughout the year rather than be limited to a set week or month, offering further flexibility.”

Applications are encouraged to support groups that may face multiple levels of disadvantage or identify as more vulnerable.

This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with a disability, people identifying as LGBTIQ+, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people in rural, regional and remote communities, and young and older people.

Applications for round 1 of the grants close 5 March 2021.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit

<https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives>

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