



Media Release

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Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services
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and

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Federal Member for Kingston

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Kingston receives nearly \$30,000 from 2008 Volunteer Grants Program

Eleven Community organisations in the Kingston Electorate will receive nearly \$30,000 from the Australian Government's 2008 Volunteer Grants Program.

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP welcomed the funding announcement by the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin.

"The Volunteer Grants Program is an important initiative which provides valuable support to community organisations and their volunteers," Ms Rishworth MP said.

"Grants can be used to purchase equipment and sporting items and give volunteers much needed help with fuel costs."

In South Australia, over 450 community organizations will receive more than \$1.2 million in volunteer grants. There are 367,000 volunteers in South Australia, some of whom will benefit from this funding.

Under the program, grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are provided to non-profit organisations.

"Volunteers are the backbone of so many of our community groups and the non-profit sector," Ms Macklin said.

"Every day volunteers are out in their local communities working tirelessly to help the elderly, the sick and those who have hit hard times.

"The Government values the enormous contribution volunteers make in our community and this funding will ease the financial pressure on non-profit organisations and volunteers."