



Duncan Pegg MP

Member for Stretton

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Wanted: Big ideas to build brighter age-friendly future

Southside organisations with big ideas to deliver innovative age-friendly projects are being urged to submit applications to the *Advancing Queensland: an age-friendly community grants* program.

Member for Stretton Duncan Pegg, said applications were now open for the program, which offered grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to provide creative local solutions to help make life better for seniors.

“Each year, the grants program will focus on two or three age-friendly domains, with transport, housing and outdoor spaces and buildings the focus for this year,” Mr Pegg said.

“This grants program is the first of its kind for the state and I look forward to seeing creative solutions to some of the barriers members in our community currently face as they get older.

“Applications are welcome from any organisation with a plan to make our community more accessible for older people; this includes local government, research institutions, and private and not-for-profit organisations.”

Mr Pegg said the grants program was a key action from the Queensland: an age-friendly strategy which was launched in June last year.

“The Palaszczuk Government is committed to creating a Queensland for all ages,” he said.

“This action plan, which was informed by more than 9000 responses to our online community survey, outlines the Queensland Government’s priorities, initiatives and services that contribute to building age-friendly communities.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our local area to receive support to develop innovative, creative solutions to ageing.

“I strongly encourage our local organisations to put their hands up and apply.”

Over the next three years the Palaszczuk Government will commit \$1 million to the grants program, which is the first of its kind in the state.

Applications for the first round of the *Advancing Queensland: an age-friendly community grants* program close at 5pm, Friday 16 June. For further information or to apply, visit www.qld.gov.au/agefriendly.

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