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FUNDING TO COMBAT ISOLATION FOR SENIORS

NSW seniors at risk of social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic will be the focus of \$600,000 in funding to keep our older community connected.

Acting Minister for Seniors Geoff Lee urged eligible organisations to apply for the grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

“While more seniors are staying at home to protect their health, we do not want to create an epidemic of loneliness in our community,” Mr Lee said.

“Our most vulnerable age groups are being advised to follow social distancing rules, so face to face catch-ups and normal daily routines have become difficult.”

Applications for the *Combatting Social Isolation for Seniors During COVID-19* grants program are now open until April 26.

“We want to fund innovative ideas to help seniors keep in touch by utilising phone calls, online platforms or other methods of communication,” said Mr Lee.

“With so many seniors now missing their regular social activities, we want to encourage programs which foster inclusion and encourage positive social outcomes.”

Social inclusion is a key priority of the NSW Ageing Strategy and is part of the NSW Government’s key commitment to meet the needs of our ageing population.

For more information: www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/combating-social-isolation-for-seniors

Seniors are urged to get the latest COVID-19 information at: www.health.nsw.gov.au

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