



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media Statement

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Financial Assistance Grants

Do you know of a community organisation who helps our community when we need it most during crisis? The Federal Coalition Government has just opened a new round of funding to help community groups and Maranoa MP David Littleproud urges local groups to apply.

“We’ve got \$328 million on the table to help community organisations support those in need,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Rural communities support each other and this funding helps us do that. It provides financial support for our community organisations, the backbone of our towns, as they’re who we call when we need a hand.

“Assistance will be provided for emergency relief, food relief, financial counselling helpline services and financial counselling.

“Knowing how to manage budgets, investments, loans and superannuation accounts is critical – whether we are starting our careers or have had many already.

“About 26,000 people benefited from Commonwealth Financial Counselling Helpline services last year. Financial counselling services really help improve lives.”

Mr Littleproud said the investment recognises grassroots services help Australians build better lives.

Applications for the Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity are now open and close on August 22, 2018.

New grant agreements will be in place from January 1, 2019. For more information or to apply for a grant, visit <https://www.grants.gov.au>

Fact box:

Through the \$328 million in Financial Wellbeing and Capability Activity funding, the Coalition Federal Government will provide:

- Up to \$200 million for emergency relief to support community organisations help those in need and their families with immediate basic needs in times of crisis;
- \$80 million for food relief, Commonwealth financial counselling and financial capability and financial counselling helpline services; and

- \$48 million for financial counselling for problem gambling, money support hubs and financial resilience.

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