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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (7.15 pm): I am proud to be part of a government that values our not-for-profit community groups as the backbone of our communities. Like many members of the House, I am always very excited to be able to inform local community organisations when a new funding grant is open for application and to work with them closely to support them through the application process. Of course, it is even more exciting when their applications are successful.

One of those vital programs that provides small grants for community organisations is the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. That is why I am pleased to update the House on eight not-for-profits in my electorate of Sandgate that are benefiting from over \$185,700 in state government funding as part of rounds 97 and 98 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. This funding means that these community groups can offer more valuable resources and services for community members, making a direct impact on the lives of some of our most vulnerable and those who just want to enjoy the opportunity for community.

I took great pleasure in catching up with members of All About Living just last week—a not-for-profit group in the heart of Sandgate that provides their clients with high-quality services from in-home care and domestic assistance through to yard care and transportation. It was a great delight to catch up once again with their president Darryl McNamara, who is a great community champion and from a family who have been great contributors to the Sandgate community over generations.

The organisation was successful in receiving \$35,000 under round 97 to purchase a new van to help transport their clients to and from appointments and social events. This \$35,000 grant is a real game-changer for All About Living and no doubt will serve as a great tool to mobilise their organisation as they have been significantly expanding to respond to the needs of our local community.

One of the things that they do over and above those activities that I mentioned earlier is support local jobs. Participants in programs like their Certificate III in Individual Support and Certificate III in Business, as part of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program—of course another great Palaszczuk government program—will no doubt benefit from the new van in going about gaining their qualifications for work. That is one great example of the many different organisations that have received grants.

I will mention another one very quickly. I had the great pleasure of catching up recently to Penny and Katie from the St Paraskevi Childcare Centre in Taigum to chat about how their round 98 grant of \$22,262.55 will help their organisation provide the right childcare facilities for people in their space, particularly children living with a disability.