

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 490**  
**Asked on 16 April 2008**

MR BOMBOLAS asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide details of the Residential Tenancies Authority Community Education Grant including who is eligible and what the scheme means for the general community?

**ANSWER:**

The Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) Community Education Public Grants Scheme is a small grants program offered annually to community organisations across Queensland. The purpose of the grants scheme is to provide funding to eligible organisations to develop and deliver important community education initiatives to identified priority groups in the community on tenancy issues relevant to the *Residential Tenancies Act 1994* and the *Residential Services (Accommodation) Act 2002*.

In 2008, the RTA will provide a total pool of \$180,000 with individual grants of up to \$15,000. Community organisations are encouraged to apply for funds to deliver specific projects which will improve renting outcomes for people especially from the following target groups:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing providers and tenants/residents;
- caravan park owner/operators and tenants;
- residential service providers and residents;
- tenants/residents/lessors/service providers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; and
- tenants and/or residents with a disability.

The community groups use the grants to identify and develop specific localised education activities relating to tenancy legislation to inform members of the rental community of their rights and responsibilities and to encourage self-compliance with the legislation. Over the 12 years of the grants program, numerous communities from Saibai in the Torres Strait, across to Mount Isa and down to the south-east corner of Queensland, have benefited. New resources have been produced and shared between organisations with the same client groups.

Each year the scheme receives around 30 to 40 applications. This year's grants scheme opened on 12 April and applications close on 2 June 2008.