

Question on Notice

No. 456

Asked on 1 August 2012

MR DILLAWAY asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise how the Caring for our Community grants will support the many community and volunteer grounds across Bulimba?

ANSWER

Through the Caring for our Community small grants initiative, \$4 million will be provided over the next three years commencing in 2012–13, to support community and volunteer groups by providing grants for essential equipment required to help them support Queenslanders.

Up to \$250,000 in grants will be made available in 2012–13 in the Brisbane Region, which includes the electorate of Bulimba.

The initiative is designed to be a simple and effective grant scheme to help the many community and volunteer groups across Queensland to purchase equipment and materials needed to undertake important community activities. Items such as computer equipment, upgraded software, whitegoods and safety equipment can be purchased.

The grants round will allow successful applicants to purchase equipment up to the value of \$5000, which is essential for ongoing service delivery to vulnerable individuals and families in their local community. A small number of grants between \$5000 and \$15,000 may be considered for more significant equipment items, for example, making food preparation areas compliant with regulations.

The initiative will involve a fast and easy funding process for applicants.

The Caring for our Community grants will benefit community and volunteer groups by enabling them to use more of their own funding for provision of other services and activities.