

Question on Notice

No. 376

Asked on 22 March 2018

MR D PEGG ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) how much has been allocated to the Stretton Electorate in the most recent Gambling Community Benefit Fund round and (b) the combined total for the electorate from the inception of the Fund?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member of Stretton for his question and his interest in grants for not-for-profit community groups in his electorate.

I am pleased to be responsible for approving the distribution of grants from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to various not-for-profit community groups throughout Queensland. The fund is Queensland's largest one-off grants program, distributing approximately \$54 million per year. Eligible not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding up to \$35,000 to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

In March 2018, round 95 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund was approved with funding totalling more than \$13.6 million to 659 community organisations across Queensland. I am pleased to confirm grants totalling \$57,389 were awarded to assist two organisations in the electorate of Stretton:

- Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed Incorporated received \$22,389 to upgrade its facility.
- Kuraby State Special School Parents and Citizens Association received \$35,000 to install air-conditioning and playground equipment.

Information about successful funding applications is published after each round on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General website at: www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants.

Data on historical funding dates back to November 2009, and since this date I can confirm that 73 applications totalling \$1,550,289 have been awarded to community organisations within the Stretton electorate.

I am pleased that through this fund, so many worthy projects have been funded in the electorate of Stretton.

As Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, I know the difference that these grants make for not-for-profits in Queensland, and the impact these grants have in our communities. These grants allow community groups to purchase items that may have otherwise been out of reach. I would encourage all not-for-profit organisations in your electorate to contact the

Gambling Community Benefit Fund Unit to get information about applying for a grant through the fund on 1800 633 619 or at: cbf@justice.qld.gov.au.