

## Question on Notice

No. 1211

Asked on Wednesday, 13 October 2021

**MR J LANGBROEK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Thriving Queensland Communities Grants on the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy website—

Will the Minister identify the neighbourhood and community centres who did not receive grants in the first three rounds and outline the prospects for them receiving future funding?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

In 2021-22 the Queensland Government is investing \$19.5 million in supporting the operations of 127 centres across Queensland, a substantial increase on the \$12.7 million provided to 117 Neighbourhood and Community Centres by the former LNP Government in the 2013-14 budget.

Since 2018, a total of \$2.44M has been provided to Neighbourhood and Community Centres under the Thriving Queensland Communities Grants across Queensland. All NCCs funded by the former Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors, now the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy, were able to apply for funding.

Throughout the three years the Thriving Queensland Communities Grants have operated only one NCC has applied and not received funding in any round. I am advised that unsuccessful applications for grants are treated confidentially by the department out of respect for the applying organisations. As such, I am unable to identify the Centre in question.

Round one applications were assessed and funds distributed, by Queensland Family and Communities Association, in their role as peak organisation for Neighbourhood and Community Centres. The former Department approved the assessment criteria and had a representative on the assessment panel. Round two and three applications were independently assessed by Departmental Officers against published guidelines, with grants formally approved by the Director-General.

The Queensland Government remains committed to supporting NCCs to reach their full potential and public value.

Current recipients are on the department's website

[www.chde.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/thriving-queensland-communities-grants](http://www.chde.qld.gov.au/about/initiatives/thriving-queensland-communities-grants)