



NSW to get an extra \$28.1 million for Home & Community Care services

Minister for Ageing, the Hon. Justine Elliot, MP and NSW Minister for Ageing and NSW Minister for Disability, the Hon. Peter Primrose, MLC have today announced a further allocation of \$28.1 million to the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program to improve services to frail older people, younger people with disabilities and their carers across New South Wales over this and next financial year.

The new funding will provide for an additional 434,000 hours of services each year for Home and Community Care clients. The package, largely a result of the HACC 2009-11 Open and Select Tender process includes:

- \$2.3 million for new Centre Based Day Care services
- \$1.8 million for Case Management services
- \$1.7 million for Social Support services
- \$1.3 million for Respite and
- \$1 million for Domestic Assistance.

The funding also includes an amount of \$3.6 million for Home Modifications and Maintenance services to address some of the unmet need for Level 2 and 3 services. This funding will greatly assist in improving the safety and accessibility of clients' homes.

Non-recurrent funding totalling \$5.6 million is being provided to address requests from service providers for items such as motor vehicles, upgrades to premises, training and workshops for volunteers and staff and equipment to assist with the support of clients.

To further assist HACC service providers with operational expenditure required to maintain and improve services and to support the recruitment and training of volunteers, a Service Improvement package of \$5.4 million to be paid to all HACC services has also been announced, giving all non-government agencies that provide HACC services a one-off payment of up to \$37,000.

Results of the 2009-11 Open and Select Tender process have been published on the ADHC website at:
http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Doing+business+with+us/successful_applicants.htm

All recipients of funding will shortly receive a letter advising of the allocation to their organisation.

