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HELPING NSW SENIORS TO STAY SOCIAL IN CASTLE HILL

NSW organisations which help seniors stay social and connected can now apply for a share in \$600,000 from the NSW Government's Reducing Social Isolation for Seniors Grant Program.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said grants of up to \$60,000 are available for projects that help older people stay connected.

"No older person should feel alone in our community, so we are investing in innovative projects that encourage our seniors to make meaningful connections with others," Mr Williams said.

"We're looking for local, community driven, projects and activities which bring seniors together, particularly initiatives that actively engage and sustain seniors who are harder to reach."

Some of the projects that received funding in last year's grant application include the weekly delivery of books, DVDs and craft kits in Cobar by the Cobar Shire Council through their Staying Connected and Keeping Busy project, Liverpool Women's Health Centre connecting Aboriginal women through their Checking in on Our Aunties: Keeping Mob Connected project, and Cass Care provided social and emotional support to Chinese and Korean speaking seniors through their Connecting Seniors With No Boundary project.

Projects and initiatives are aimed at people 65 years and older, or Aboriginal people 50 and older, who are socially isolated or are at risk of becoming so.

Social inclusion is a key priority of the [Ageing Well in NSW: Seniors Strategy 2021–2031](#).

Applications are open until 31 March 2021. For more information or to apply, please visit www.facs.nsw.gov.au/inclusion/seniors/reducing-social-isolation-grant-program.

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