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\$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH CANCER

Health Minister, Tanya Plibersek, announced today that the Commonwealth Government will invest \$1 million to support Australians affected by cancer in 13 new project grants.

Ms Plibersek said the initiative, administered through Cancer Australia, provides community organisations with grants of up to \$88,000 to support projects aimed at reducing the burden of cancer in our community.

“Cancer continues to have a devastating impact on our community. In Australia, one in two men and one in three women will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime,” Ms Plibersek said.

“It’s vital that we improve people’s access to information about their condition and their treatment and these projects will do that.

“The grants will help community organisations support people affected by cancer.”

Ms Plibersek said that projects which targeted rural and regional communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, culturally and linguistically diverse communities and people whose outcomes are poorer were prioritised under the Grants initiative and in line with Cancer Australia’s Strategic Plan.

Included in the grants are projects that provide improved access to information, resources and support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with lung cancer, additional information and support for children and their families affected by cancer, particularly those with culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in rural and remote areas and more support for cancer survivors.

“The successful grant recipients and their projects represent a diverse range of groups, geographical locations and types of cancers,” Ms Plibersek said.

Cancer Australia CEO, Dr Helen Zorbas said that people with cancer are central to our national cancer control efforts and all of these projects will help improve outcomes for Australians diagnosed with cancer, their families and carers.

“Importantly, this initiative also assists in building stronger and more effective partnerships between community organisations to provide better cancer support services,” Dr Zorbas said.

Under the *Supporting people with cancer* Grant initiative successful recipients also secure co-funding from partner organisations to assist in delivering the projects.

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Successful recipients of the *Supporting people with cancer* Grant Initiative:

Grant recipient	Project	Amount
Paediatric Integrated Cancer Service (PICS)	Resources for Paediatric Cancer Consumers in CALD Communities	\$86,361
Australian Cancer Survivorship Centre	Survivorship after Cancer – Resources for Cancer Survivors in CALD Communities	\$88,000
Australian Lung Foundation	Let's yarn with the whole Aboriginal community of Albury/Wodonga about cancer prevention, early diagnosis and better outcomes	\$83,050
BreaCan	Breast and Gynaecological cancers – Information and Support for CALD women	\$88,000
Cancer Council NSW	Liver Cancer in Chinese and Vietnamese People Multimedia Support Program	\$88,000
Cancer Council SA	Yarning about cancer – Cancer Support Groups for Aboriginal people in South Australia	\$85,800
Cancer Council TAS	A supportive care model for rural and remote communities living in Flinders Island and Cape Barron Island in Bass Strait	\$16,702
Cancer Council VIC	Having a Yarn – Supporting Aboriginal Communities affected by Cancer	\$86,460
CanRevive	Living with Cancer – Information and Support for Chinese Consumers	\$87,934
Cancer Voices Victoria	Consumer Training in Rural and Regional Victoria	\$84,392
Menzies School of Health Research	Indigenous community 'champion' project	\$87,774
The Prince Charles Hospital	Lung Cancer in Indigenous Communities in Rural and Remote Queensland	\$88,000
University of South Australia	Physical Activity and Dietary Behaviours in Rural Cancer Survivors – A Pilot Study	\$82,500