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Amanda Rishworth MP
Federal Member for Kingston

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Investing in local community projects

Amanda Rishworth MP, Member for Kingston, today announced the Rudd Government is delivering \$188, 600 to Hackham West Community Centre Inc to continue the *Hackham West Family Worker Program* and *Onkaparinga Community Connections*.

Ms Rishworth said “This local organisation delivers both of these essential projects in response to the needs of residents in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide.

“The projects provide vital early intervention parenting and relationship support as well as support for families to become economically self reliant.

“The *Hackham West Family Worker Program* and *Onkaparinga Community Connections* are among more than 220 community projects across Australia to share in \$19.6 million.

“The Australian Government values the enormous contribution made by these projects to local communities and this funding will enable this good work to continue.”

Director of the *Hackham West Family Worker Program*, Ms Julia Brown said “This program is a great way to get families to spend time together, learn new skills and participate in a range of affordable and fun activities like going to the beach or learning about healthy eating.”

Director of *Onkaparinga Community Connections*, Ms Julia Nichols said “Powerful friendships have been formed through this initiative and many people feel it has helped to build their confidence, reduce their isolation and form valuable social networks for them to rely upon.”

Ms Rishworth said “I congratulate Hackham West Community Centre for the work they do to through these programs to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in our community.

“I am delighted that this funding will help these important local organisations to deliver quality services over the next 12 months.”

A full list of the projects is available at: www.fahcsia.gov.au