



Amanda Rishworth MP

Member for Kingston

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Delivering financial support to those most in need in Southern Adelaide

Member for Kingston, Amanda Rishworth MP, today welcomed the Australian Government's \$424,800 funding boost to 20 emergency relief providers in the electorate of Kingston.

Emergency relief provides people with immediate support including vouchers to cover food, transport, pharmacy and utility costs, rent and accommodation assistance and food and clothing parcels.

"We know that many people are under pressure trying to cope with the impact of the global financial crisis. More and more people are feeling the strain of keeping up with mortgage and rent payments, bills and food costs," Ms Rishworth said.

Community organisations in South Australia are reporting increased demand for emergency relief and financial counselling with new client groups including middle income families, homeowners and small business owners seeking support for the first time.

"This funding boost will help community organisations such as the Morphett Vale Anglicare SA branch and the Morphett Vale Baptist Church Community Services Inc to provide much-needed emergency relief in the local community," Ms Rishworth said.

To support Australians doing it tough, the Rudd Government has doubled emergency relief funding.

"Over the next two years an extra \$80.4 million across Australia in emergency relief and financial counselling will help families and individuals at risk of falling through the cracks," Minister for Families and Community Services Jenny Macklin said.

"Emergency relief funding will flow to 689 organisations working in 1299 locations across Australia."

This funding is provided under the Australian Government's Financial Management Program.