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AN ADDITIONAL \$3 536 090 TO HELP RESIDENTS REMAIN INDEPENDENT, IN THEIR HOMES AND IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

Amanda Rishworth, Federal Member for Kingston has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Ageing, Justine Elliot that an additional \$3 563 090 will be invested in Home and Community Care (HACC) services in the South of Adelaide.

“This increase of funding will be critical to help meet the needs of older people living in their own homes” said Ms Rishworth.

Ms Rishworth said “The extra funding will be spent on services such as transport, home modifications and meal delivery”.

“This funding will help many people stay at home rather than move prematurely into residential care, allowing them to remain in their communities, close to friends and family” said Minister Elliot.

HACC is a joint Australian and South Australian Government initiative that delivers affordable and accessible care to help meet the individual needs of older people, people with a disability and their carers.

This joint partnership between the Rudd Government and the South Australian Government has invested over \$162 million for HACC services in South Australia- an increase of more than 8%.

Ms Rishworth said “Meals on Wheels (SA) Inc will receive an additional \$181, 500 as one of the 18 South Australian organisations that will benefit from this boost of funding.”

“The dedicated volunteers at Meals on Wheels (SA) Inc provide a vital five day a week hot meal service to HACC consumers which assists them to remain living independently.”

“This boost allows them to continue to provide this wonderful service in our community.”

Other recipients include the City of Marion for its Homeassist and Community Care Program as well as Aged Care and Housing Group Inc for the Respite Options South project.