



## **The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP**

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#### **Healthy Ageing Grants Review for Continuous Improvement**

A report into the reach and focus of the Aged Care Service Improvement and Healthy Ageing Grants (ACSIHAG) Program has today been released by Minister for Aged Care, Ken Wyatt AM.

The review examined 158 projects worth \$87 million funded between 2011 and 2017 and will assist aged care service providers to better target and manage their programs to ensure they are sustainable and reflect best practice.

Minister Wyatt said evaluation was a key component of the Turnbull Government's aged care reforms and the report highlighted what had been most effective and what lessons could be taken away to support continued improvements in the system.

"These grants can benefit all Australians accessing the aged care system by strengthening the sector's ability to respond to existing and emerging challenges," Minister Wyatt said.

"We need to continue to invest in integrated and innovative aged care, not only in metropolitan areas, but also in rural, regional and remote communities where more than half of the ACSIHAG funding was provided.

"It's been great to see these programs go from being ideas on paper to positive outcomes that have made a difference to the lives of many ageing Australians. Through the projects, more than 131 resources including education and training materials for care givers were developed, to support high-quality aged care."

The ACSIHAG fund has been replaced by the Dementia and Aged Care Services (DACs) fund.

The lessons learnt from the review will help to inform future DACs research and innovation projects and assist providers, researchers and peak bodies when applying for and developing effective grant project proposals.

The report can be found at <https://agedcare.health.gov.au/ACSIHAG>

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