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MEDIA RELEASE

Australians set to benefit from new physical activity grants

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The Federal Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd is calling on sport and physical activity providers in the region to apply for funding for a national \$28.9million program aimed at encouraging Australians to get more active.

The Liberal Nationals Sport Participation Grants program was launched today by Federal Sports Minister Bridget McKenzie, enabling national sporting organisations, national sporting organisations for people with a disability, plus non-government and local government organisations, to apply for grants that will make a genuine impact on the level of activity of everyday Australians in the community.

Mr O'Dowd urged sporting groups and local government organisations to create or enhance programs that would help attract people across a wide range of age, ability and location to participate in physical activity and sport.

"We know just how important sport and physical activity is to helping both children and adults lead a happy, healthy life," Ken O'Dowd said.

"Our goal is to get more Australians more active more often.

"I encourage eligible organisations to consider impactful ways to innovate with new programs, or enhance existing physical activity initiatives that will improve the lives of all Aussies across Flynn. We need help get adults to "Find their 30" minutes of exercise a day, and children to reach the 60 minutes per day recommended by the Dept of Health."

The program will be managed by Sport Australia, the Australian Government's leading agency for sport and physical activity.

The Sports Participation Grants follow the recent announcements of the Better Ageing grants and the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants.

Applications for the Sports Participation Grants Program open on Monday 7th January 2019 and close on the 18th of February 2019. Guidelines and details on the application process will be available on Monday 7th January at sportaus.gov.au/participationgrants

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