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Jobs Fund supports Safety Warehouse jobs scheme

Minister for Employment Participation Mark Arbib and Member for Rankin Craig Emerson today announced \$177,000 for Blueprint Employment and Training under the Get Communities Working stream of the Australian Government's Jobs Fund.

It is one of 32 Get Communities Working projects to share in \$21.5 million under Round 2 to link disadvantaged job seekers with training and employment opportunities.

Senator Arbib said Blueprint Employment and Training would establish The Safety Warehouse, creating or retaining 10 jobs for women in the Ipswich Logan area.

"The Safety Warehouse is a social enterprise developed to provide opportunities for women facing disadvantages and significant challenges in gaining employment in the mainstream job market," Senator Arbib said.

"The enterprise involves storing and selling safety equipment and clothing to local community organisations.

"The funding help expand the Safety Warehouse into a viable business and successful social enterprise, providing employment for disadvantaged women.

"Projects like this will create and retain jobs in the Ipswich-Logan area, while providing much needed assistance to some of the most disadvantaged Australians."

Member for Rankin Craig Emerson welcomed the funding for Blueprint Employment and Training which would increase job opportunities for disadvantaged women.

"This is a fantastic initiative from Blueprint Employment and Training to provide employment and nationally recognised training for women to develop skills," Mr Emerson said.

"The project has support from Social Ventures Australia, who will provide business development expertise, networking opportunities and long-term support.

“It’s great to see communities support the Government’s plan to create jobs and training opportunities for local workers, and build infrastructure that will benefit the communities well into the future.”

These projects will see a further 1033 jobs created and retained, in addition to 247 traineeship and apprenticeship positions and 838 work experience placements.

Funding for Get Communities Working projects was negotiated with the support of Senator Stephen Fielding.

A full list of Round 2 Get Communities Working projects and more information on the Jobs Fund is available at www.keepaustraliaworking.gov.au/jobsfund

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