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Member for Rankin

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\$134,500 for parenting programs in Logan

Two local community groups have received funding from the Australian Government to continue their commitment to the wellbeing of families in Logan City.

Craig Emerson, Member for Rankin welcomed the additional funding for local parenting and community programs KNIT run by the Logan East Community Centre and Pitstop run by the Uniting Church in Logan's east. These two programs are part of a \$19.3 million commitment to the new *Community Investment Program*.

"The Government values the enormous contribution made by these groups to the local community and this funding will enable their contribution to continue," Mr Emerson said.

The project provides on the ground, practical help for people facing social and personal challenges and will help strengthen communities through locally developed initiatives.

Knit program coordinator Colleen Benson said, "This is a fantastic opportunity to build on the positive parent programs currently running in Logan and create support networks for local at risk children helping them develop a sense of community".

Pastor Glen Schweitzer of the Springwood Uniting Church agrees that this program will benefit the local community. "Parents being positive about themselves and their children help create better families and better communities."

This project was formerly funded under the Government's *Local Answers* program.

Mr Emerson said, "Local families wanting to access these programs can contact KNIT on 3808 4529 or the Uniting Church on 3290 1277.