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Equipment Grant for Palliative Care Patients

The Australian Government has allocated one-off funding under the National Palliative Care Scheme for the purchase of equipment to support people who are dying in settings of their choice including their own home and residential aged care facility. ACT residents will benefit from the arrangements.

This funding will be managed by the Department of Health and Ageing under the Commonwealth Palliative Care Equipment Loans Scheme (PCELS). Palliative Care Australia is administering the scheme with the support of its member organizations in each State and Territory.

Palliative Care ACT (formerly known as ACT Palliative Care Society) received a funding sum of \$135,200 to purchase equipment including portable oxygen concentrators, syringe drivers, recliner chairs and lift equipment to assist palliative care patients in the ACT. Over 15 ACT groups including many residential aged care facilities will be benefiting from the scheme.

The purpose of the funding is to improve the quality of life and independence of those requiring palliative care in the community. It focuses on supporting carers of recipients of palliative care and promoting equity of access to aides and equipment for those who are dying in the community.

We take this opportunity to thank the Department of Health and Ageing for the initiative and Palliative Care Australia for administering the scheme for the benefit of and for improving quality end of life care for palliative care clients, particularly those living in the ACT.

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