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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Minister for Women

Ref: Community Services Directorate

In relation to: Community Grants

Date (Question Lodged by Member): 30/08/2022

Date (Question Sent to DLO): 05/09/2022

- 1. Minister I've been contacted by community groups that are looking to apply for ACT Government grants. In many instances, these initiatives may be multi-faceted and relate to multiple areas such as women, sport, health. For these sorts of initiatives, where do you suggest groups apply for grants in terms of directorate?**
- 2. How do community groups know if they are applying for grants in the right directorate and where can they find more information on how to approach grants funding processes?**

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The ACT Government provides a wide range of grants and funding opportunities to financially support individuals, groups, and organisations that benefit Canberrans and the Canberra community. Information on the wide range of grants offered by the ACT Government can be found at the ACT Government Grants website: <https://www.act.gov.au/grants>. This includes information on how to apply for grants and a search function including the ability to search by categories including for women, sport and health. Community groups are then linked through to relevant directorates based on the individual grants they select, where they can access more details about the grant program.
2. The best way for a community group to determine if they are applying for the right grant is to read the grant guidelines which will include information on eligibility requirements, funding categories and exclusions, available funding and priority areas.

If a community group is unsure if they are eligible for a grant after reading the guidelines, they can contact the relevant grant program's contact officer who should be able to clarify eligibility. For example, the guidelines for the currently open 2022-23 ACT Women's Grants Program contain this information in the "further Information" section <https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/grants/2022-23-act-womens-grants-program-guidelines>.

In addition to this some ACT Government directorates that offer grant programs periodically conduct training sessions for potential applicants. The Community Service Directorate (CSD) for example held a grant writing workshop on 6 September 2022, which was accessible both in person or online. Another workshop is scheduled for 2 November 2022 with registrations now open <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/csd-grant-writing-workshop-tickets-402262757737>.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

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Date: 09/09/22

By Minister Yvette Berry [Minister for Women]

