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Increasing support to disability advocacy group

A community-based program which aims to recognise, promote and protect the rights and interests of people with intellectual disabilities will receive vital additional funding for the 2010-11 financial year, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke announced today.

Citizen Advocacy Inner East, based in Surrey Hills and servicing the local government areas of Whitehorse, Monash, Boroondara and Manningham will receive \$15,000 in additional funding.

This brings the Federal Government's total funding contribution to the organisation to \$121,854.

"This funding boost will allow Citizen Advocacy Inner East to continue to meet the demand for disability advocacy support for people with a disability, their families and carers," Ms Burke said.

"This organisation provides a tremendous service to our community in helping those most in need of advocacy, such as those experiencing social isolation or those who may be at risk of neglect or abuse.

"This is great news for local people with disabilities in both Monash and Whitehorse who are greatly assisted by Citizen Advocacy Inner East," she said.

The boost to Citizen Advocacy Inner east is part of additional annual funding of \$387,000 for 37 disability advocacy organisations as part of the Rudd Government's National Disability Advocacy Program.

"Many organisations have expressed concern that they would not be able to continue their vital work without extra assistance to help meet their continued costs and financial demands," Ms Burke said.

"The Government has certainly heard these calls for more funding."

Ms Burke said the boost brings the total Australian Government funding to \$15.4 million for disability advocacy organisations in the 2010-11 financial year.

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