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Carers Investment Program

The Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) is providing \$5.6m over three years for projects that will improve the well-being of carers in NSW. Carers are people who provide ongoing unpaid support to people who need help because of disability, mental illness, chronic or terminal illness, dementia or frail age.

The Carer Investment Program has evolved from the current Carer Grants program. FACS will continue to invest \$1.86m per annum in projects to

improve support for carers, with a focus on evidence-based outcomes and alignment with carer priorities identified in the NSW Carers Strategy 2014-19, the NSW Carers (Recognition) Act 2010 and other relevant reforms in the sector.

FACS will consider applications from a wide range of organisations. The Carers Investment Program will have a strong focus on innovation and collaboration.

A two stage procurement process will be used. The first stage will be an Expression of Interest (EOI), open to all interested organisations, open from **28 August to 29 September 2017**. Applicants that are successful in the EOI process will then be invited to provide a more detailed proposal. Successful applicants will be identified at the conclusion of the second stage of the procurement process.

How to apply

Further information and application form are available on the NSW eTender website

at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/?event=public.rft.show&RFTUID=8536E37B-9571-EF7C-61B030C016A4481F>

The EOI reference is Carers Investment Program - FACS.17.143.
Organisations need to register with eTenders NSW to apply.

Briefing Session

An information briefing session for the Carers Investment Program will be held on Wednesday 6 September, 2pm at 4-6 Cavill Ave, Ashfield. Please RSVP to carerstrategy@facs.nsw.gov.au by close of business Monday 4 September.

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2017 ACFA Annual Report now available

The Aged Care Financing Authority (ACFA) presented its 2017 Report on Funding and Financing of the Aged Care Industry to Government on 26 July 2017.

This is the fifth annual report on the funding and financing arrangements and key characteristics of the Australian aged care sector. Read the report to find out more about:

- scale and funding structures
- financial performance based on 2015-16 data
- commentary on previous and ongoing reforms
- future opportunities and challenges.

The full report as well as a shorter version are available on the [department's website](#).

If you would like a hard copy of either version of the report, or have any enquiries, contact ACFA.secretariat@health.gov.au.

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