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POP-UP SERVICE TO DETECT CANCER EARLY

The NSW Government has awarded a \$100,000 grant to the Murrumbidgee Local Health District for a monthly pop-up breast and cervical cancer screening service.

NSW Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW, Bronnie Taylor MLC, said the grant from NSW Health would help Aboriginal women and women from culturally diverse communities access screening services so that any cancer could be detected earlier.

“Women of Aboriginal and culturally diverse backgrounds often have less access to health services, either because of where they live or because they can’t get culturally sensitive services,” Ms Taylor said.

“These once-a-month clinics will be held in Albury, Wagga Wagga and Queanbeyan and will be sensitive to a woman’s cultural background to encourage women to participate in screening.”

The latest round of funding under the *Innovations in Cancer Control Grant Program* delivers more than \$3.4 million to metropolitan and regional Local Health Districts, Primary Health Networks and non government organisations.

This includes \$300,000 for statewide projects to increase Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Women’s (LBQW) participation in breast screening and to help primary schools implement the SunSmart policy.

NSW Health awards these grants through the Cancer Institute NSW for projects targeting groups at higher risk of poor health outcomes, such as refugees, multicultural and Aboriginal communities, LGBTIQ people and people living in regional NSW.

NSW Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, Brad Hazzard, congratulated the Murrumbidgee Local Health District on its success in the funding round.

“These grants are awarded to both the public system and non government organisations,” Mr Hazzard said.

“It recognises the innovation and good ideas that come when all our sectors work together to get better health outcomes for people.”

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