

# Support for Older Community Members

Tuesday, 12 April 2022  
Council

**Council Member**  
Councillor Martin

Public

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## QUESTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:**

'Could the Administration advise what is the total expenditure of City's own funds on programs to assist and/or support:

1. Seniors with the City of Adelaide?
2. Residents of Aged Care Facilities?'

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## REPLY

1. The City of Adelaide's assistance for older persons in our community is focused on supporting seniors living in their own homes, not residents of aged care facilities.
2. This extends to a contribution to the Commonwealth Home Support Package (CHSP) service and various valued community programs.
3. The City of Adelaide's financial contribution to the Commonwealth Home Support Package (CHSP) service for the 2021/22 financial year is \$23,000. The total cost of this service to assist and support City of Adelaide residents is \$303,000, which is offset by \$249,000 income in Grant funding and \$31,000 in recoverable/donations (co-contributions from clients for services). 233 clients are serviced annually through the CHSP funding.
4. The CHSP program provides eligible seniors over 65 years with in-home services such as home modifications, domestic assistance, home maintenance (such as gardening support), and Social Support programs (such as the weekly market shopping bus funded through CHSP, exercise programs) and medical transport. It does not apply to Aged Care Residential facilities.
5. In addition to CHSP expenditure, the City of Adelaide also delivers several wellbeing, connection and lifelong learning programs across community centres, community facilities and libraries to assist and support older persons in our community. These are funded through the City of Adelaide's community programming budgets.
6. These include programs such as the Home Library Service (that delivers library items to residents who can no longer visit the library due to illness, frailty, disability, or that have caring roles), city-wide events such as Neighbour Day, individual events such as gardening and skills workshops, fitness and other programs developed in response to community needs, delivered through the Libraries and Community Centres and Adelaide Aquatic Centre.

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| Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply | To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 4 hours. |
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