



Tanya Davies
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STAY CONNECTED AND 'SING YOUR AGE'

Older people interested in singing and choir groups are set to benefit from a new grants program '*Sing Your Age*'.

Minister for Ageing, Tanya Davies, says the program will provide \$150,000 in total to encourage more seniors to discover the joy of singing.

"Creative arts, including singing, are a key component of healthy and active ageing. It's a great way to bring people together and have fun doing something they love," Mrs Davies said.

The program will be supported by the Australian National Choral Association (ANCA) which is now inviting singing groups and community organisations to apply for funding. ANCA President Michael Fulcher said the benefits of song were far reaching.

"Singing people are happy people. It's excellent to be able to help one of the largest demographics in our community enjoy the power of song - it has great physical health benefits too," Mr Fulcher said.

There are three grant categories including; expanding existing singing groups to older people, creating a new singing group or choir in one location, and making or expanding singing groups in multiple locations.

"This is a promising project that will help tackle challenges sometimes faced by older people, including social isolation, loneliness, and negative perceptions of ageing," Mrs Davies said.

The Grants can be used for promotions, professional conductor fees, professional accompanist fees, the purchasing of musical equipment, and venue hire.

For more information about the *Sing Your Age* grants program or to apply for funding visit www.anca.org.au/facs-sing-your-age .

For assistance making an application contact the Australian National Choral Association on (03) 9254 1041, or email admin@anca.org.au .

Grant applications close on Friday 18 August 2017 at 5.00pm.

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