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#### **Community Partnership Model to deliver new Financial Counselling Network**

A consortium comprising a broad range of organisations from local government, community legal centres and not for profit mission based providers will deliver a new and innovative network of Financial Counselling services across the Perth metropolitan area.

On Tuesday 24 November 2015, the Department of Local Government and Communities announced that it will fund Anglicare WA and UnitingCare West to oversee a Consortium including eight other partner organisations.

Ian Carter, CEO Anglicare WA, said the newly christened Metropolitan Financial Counselling Consortium will utilise an inventive model of service delivery, encouraging all ten partners to collaborate under a shared set of principles.

"We are excited about this new approach, bringing together a broad range of organisations and service providers with a unified vision. This model allows us to deliver innovative and integrated high quality financial counselling services that will improve outcomes for the community at large," said Mr Carter.

Sue Ash AO, CEO UnitingCare West, said the establishment of the Consortium is vital to the wellbeing of financially vulnerable Western Australians.

"We were thrilled to see the State Government renew funding in this critical service area. Financial Counselling plays an important role in preventing financial crises for families and the need for it is greater than ever during times of economic uncertainty," said Ms Ash.

The Consortium is comprised of Anglicare WA, UnitingCare West, Midlas, Blue Sky Community Group, The Spiers Centre, City of Wanneroo, Gosnells Community Legal Centre, Southcare, Mission Australia and the City of Cockburn.

The Consortium's funding arrangement will last until June 2018.

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