

In 2014 financial counsellors said

- older people are increasingly in financial difficulty
- have trouble accessing mainstream services
- don't identify financial difficulty easily

aged care sector

- govt has increased personal costs by changing means tests for care
- govt has excluded essentials that could previously be purchased from a home care package (e.g. meals on wheels)
- HACC in Victoria will reduce services under the national program

FCRC responded

- sought funding for specialist financial counselling pilot project
- received funding from Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- partnered with Goulburn Valley Health, Mansfield Shire Council and Hutchinson Eldercare Legal
- is providing specialist financial counselling assessment and community education

This project will: demonstrate the need for financial counselling at the aged care gateway; promote financial inclusion and improve referrals to financial counselling

