

## The Hellenic Initiative Australia supports Emfasis COVID-19 response assisting the homeless



The Hellenic Initiative Australia has committed \$10,000 to Emfasis Foundation to support extra relief being implemented assisting the homeless in Athens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grant will allow the Emfasis Mobile Support Unit to continue providing support to rough sleepers and vulnerable communities affected by COVID-19 restrictions, including access to safe accommodation and transport.

“Emfasis has been doing a remarkable job during this time, continuing to help people who don’t have the option of ‘staying home,’ including many elderly people and families,” says The Hellenic Initiative Australia President, Nicholas Pappas AM.

Emfasis has been distributing relief packages including; packaged food, disinfectant, personal hygiene items, sleeping bags and clothing, in coordinated safe drop off points in key areas across Athens and Piraeus.



“This has been a very challenging time for NGOs in Greece who are trying to keep their staff and volunteers safe while continuing to provide vulnerable people with basic food and supplies and access to health care and temporary accommodation,” says Mr Pappas.

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