



Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW Clubs
From:	SLSNSW
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme Rd 5 (closing 10/10)

IMPORTANT:

- Community Consultation is a critical element of the program. In consultation with their community, each Federal Member of Parliament (MP) must identify potential applicants and projects in their electorate and **invite them to apply** for a grant. This may be through an EOI or other process.
- If you are interested in possibly applying for this opportunity, please contact your Federal MP's electorate office as soon as possible. If you wish to confirm which Federal Government electorate your club or Branch is located in, please visit <http://electorate.aec.gov.au/>
- Should your Federal MP be running an EOI or other application process prior to the official close date, and your club or Branch wishes to apply, please contact the Grant Seeking Unit as soon as possible for assistance (contact details below)

The **Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme Round 5** provides each of the 151 federal electorates with funding to support small capital projects that improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant and viable communities. A maximum of 20 projects will be funded per electorate.

Key Details

- **Offers \$2,500 to \$20,000** primarily for capital works projects; the grant amount will be up to 50% of eligible project costs.
- **Applicants must match the amount that they apply for \$1:\$1**
 - This contribution can be in cash and/or in kind, however total funding for the project from the Federal Government cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost (i.e. if you have received another grant from the Federal Government for your proposed project, this will count towards the 50% maximum that can be sought from the Federal Government).
 - You can fund your contribution from your resources; or state, local government or other private funding.
- Projects must be completed by 30 June 2020.
- Eligible activities include:
 - fit out, alterations and/or extensions to existing premises e.g. air-con, kitchen upgrades, disability access upgrades, etc;
 - acquisition and installation of equipment, including ICT hardware and associated operating software;
 - upgrades of sporting facilities and fields including fit-out of change rooms, new canteen, new lights, medical equipment, upgrade drainage and water systems, gymnasiums;
 - the purchase of equipment that remain the property of the organisation and will be garaged/housed within the electorate;
 - acquiring vehicles and trailers and their modification for surf lifesaving that will be garaged/housed within the electorate;

Please note the following key points:

- **In previous rounds, it is capital works projects that have generally received funding.**
- Your local Federal MP is responsible for the community consultation process. If you are invited to apply you will receive the link to an online application form in an email from your Federal MP.
- The following are ineligible expenses: projects that involve the development of commercial ventures or projects that have already commenced/where contracts are in place

If after the EOI process, your club/branch is invited to complete the full application, the official closing date is **10 October 2019**. More information and guidelines can be accessed from <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme>.

Please note – if you would like the Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit to assist with the preparation and lodgement of an Expression of Interest for your Club, please contact:

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Kind regards

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