

Memorandum



To:	All NSW SLSCs
From:	Surf Life Saving NSW
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme

IMPORTANT:

- Please be aware that some MPs are **commencing an EOI grant process in their electorate earlier than this official date, with EOIs closing on or before the end of July 2017.**
- If you are interested in possibly applying for this opportunity, please contact your local 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 electorate.aec.gov.au or aph.gov.au.
- Should your MP be running an EOI or other application process prior to the official close date of 28 September 2017, 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** is an investment by the Australian Government to help deliver social benefits across Australia by funding small capital projects in each of the 150 federal electorates.

- 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 per cent 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 any source, the applicant's resources or state and local government funding.
- Projects under this Program must be completed by 30 June 2018.
- The projects listed below are a guide of the types of projects that are eligible – please note that in previous rounds, it is capital works projects that have generally received funding:
 - Upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces, including upgrades to provide disabled access;
 - Sporting facilities upgrades including fit-out of changes rooms, new canteen, new lights, medical equipment, upgrade drainage and water systems, gymnasiums; and
 - Emergency services equipment and vehicles and trailers are also eligible but were generally funded less than capital works.

Please note the following key points:

- As this program is run by electorate, it is strongly recommended that applicants contact their local Federal MP's electorate office particularly if the club/Branch does not already have a relationship with them.
- After consulting with the community, MPs will invite selected applicants to submit an application online via business.gov.au (this may be through an EOI process – please contact your local Federal MP's office to determine what their process is).
- The following are ineligible expenses: projects that involve the development of commercial ventures; projects that involve bar or gambling areas in licensed clubs; and projects that have already commenced/where contracts are in place.
- Attachments include: owner consent (if applicable), evidence of not-for-profit status; and photographic evidence of the project site prior to project start (if applicable); and other supporting documentation.

The official closing date for applications is **5pm AEST on Thursday, 28 September 2017**. [Access the application and guidelines](#). For assistance with your application you may wish to refer to the GSU's [Grant Application Guide for Clubs](#).

Please note – if you would like the Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit to assist with the preparation of a grant application, please contact: Megan McKay via [email](#) or 07 3177 5844 OR Zan Marshall via [email](#) or 07 3177 5814.