



Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW clubs and Branches located on Crown land
From:	Axel Vanderfield, Partnerships Coordinator
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – NSW Gov Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program 2023-24 (closing 17/11)

Before considering this grant opportunity please note: Surf Life Saving Clubs are only eligible applicants if they have the authorisation of the official manager of the Crown reserve. If you are a surf life saving club located on Crown Land it is **mandatory for a signed written authorisation from a Crown Land Manager authorised person to be uploaded as part of an application.** Without this the submission is ineligible. There is a template provided by the Department for clubs to obtain this from their relevant Land Manager.

The **NSW Gov Crown Reserves Improvement Fund Program 2023-24** is now open, **closing 17 November 2023**. This program provides financial support for the maintenance, improvement and development of Crown reserves.

Funding up to \$1 million is available. Loans up to \$2,000,000 can also be applied for. Average funding awarded last round was \$60,000. Priority will be given to projects that meet all eligibility criteria and best address the following assessment criteria:

- (1) Community Impact** – project contributes to the social, economic cultural and/or environmental advancement of the community by:
 - Maintaining or increasing public access, amenity and use of the reserve
 - Supporting social cohesion and participation in community life
 - Enabling people with accessibility requirements or living with a disability to be included
 - Delivering a service or infrastructure to enable Aboriginal people to access, care for, protect and manage land
 - Conserving heritage values and/or natural values, and/or
 - Creating employment or business opportunities
- (2) Public safety** – project contributes to ensuring public safety and preventing risk to human life

Key points to note:

- Applications MUST provide written evidence of support by an authorised person of the reserve's Crown Land Manager. Applications without this evidence cannot be submitted. Please see template attached.
- Crown Land Manager must have no outstanding and/or overdue reporting.
- The number of quotes/cost estimates required is dependent on the value of each activity element:
 - Activity element amt \$0 to \$30,000 – minimum 1 written quote required
 - Activity element amt \$30,001 to \$150,000 – minimum of 3 written quotes required
 - Activity element amt \$150,001 or more – Acceptable cost estimate and commitment for procurement via a competitive public tender
- Further attachments strongly recommended include letters of support, proposed plan drawings, maps and/or shapefiles, photos

For further details please refer to the following website –
<https://reservemanager.crownland.nsw.gov.au/funding/crif>.



If you would like the SLS Grant Seeking Unit to assist with the writing and submission of an application, or you have any queries in relation to this funding opportunity, please contact either Zan or Megan, see details below. **Before making contact with the GSU, we encourage to speak to your Land Manager first to ascertain if they will support an application to be submitted by your Club.**

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Kind Regards

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