



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	All NSW Surf Clubs
<b>From:</b>	SLSNSW
<b>Date:</b>	31 July 2018
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<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Opportunity – Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme Rd 4

## **IMPORTANT:**

- Community Consultation is a critical element of the program. In consultation with their community, each MP must identify potential applicants and projects in their electorate and **invite them to apply** for a grant
- 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 <http://electorate.aec.gov.au/> or [http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators and Members/Parliamentarian Search Results?q=&mem=1&gen=0&ps=0](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Parliamentarian_Search_Results?q=&mem=1&gen=0&ps=0)
- Should your MP be running an EOI or other application process prior to the official close date of 11 October 2018, 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 Rd 4** 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.

## **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 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 2019
- 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
  - Installation of equipment
  - Acquisition of equipment such as ICT hardware and associated software
  - emergency services equipment, vehicles and trailers

## **Please note the following key points:**

- Your local Member of Parliament is responsible for the community consultation process. If you are invited to apply you will receive the link to the online application form in an email from your local Federal Member of Parliament. The link will then take you to the Stronger Communities Programme application form
- The following are ineligible expenses: projects that involve the development of commercial ventures or projects that have already commenced/where contracts are in place
- Attachments include: trust deed (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



If you have been invited to complete the full application, the official closing date is **5pm AEDT on Thursday, 11 October 2018**. The application 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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