



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	All Clubs and Branches
<b>From:</b>	Surf Life Saving NSW
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<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Opportunity – NSW Government My Community Project (closing 15 May 2019)

The NSW Government's new **My Community Project** program is now open, closing at 2pm on 15 May 2019. This program allows people and organisations to submit ideas for community projects that will benefit their area, and vote on their favourite projects.

**Please note:** This funding program differs from a traditional grant in that after project applications are reviewed by the NSW Government, eligible people\* will vote on projects to determine which applications are funded. The projects with the most votes wins, therefore applicants must be prepared to strongly market and advertise their application, particularly during July and August 2019. **Voting closes on 15 August 2019.**

For more details please visit [www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/my-community-project](http://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/my-community-project)

\*NSW residents aged 16 years and over with a valid Medicare card

Funding of **\$20,000 to \$200,000** is available for eligible projects by incorporated not-for-profit organisations. Examples of eligible projects include (but are not limited to):

- playgrounds,
- accessible ramps and community mobility services,
- public gardens,
- upgrades to local sporting facilities,
- programs for at-risk youth, and
- healthy lifestyle initiatives.

#### Key points:

- Projects must be open and accessible to the wider community and must be completed within 12 months.
- Projects must align with one or more of the following categories: accessible communities; cultural communities; healthy communities; liveable communities; revitalising communities; and/or safe communities.
- If a project is going to be delivered in a physical location (e.g. it involves installing an access ramp or hosting an event), an applicant must get the landowner's consent prior to submitting the application.
- Project costs that may be covered include infrastructure costs; program delivery; events; purchasing and/or modifying a vehicle; purchasing equipment; and temporary staffing costs to undertake a project. Ongoing staffing or operational costs are not eligible costs.

The closing date for applications is **2pm NSW time, 15 May 2019**. Further information about this grant can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/my-community-project/>

**Please note** – if your club would like the Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit to assist in writing and submitting an application, or if you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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Kind regards,

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