



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	All SLSNSW Surf Life Saving Clubs excluding Greater Sydney, Newcastle & Wollongong
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<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Opportunity – NSW Gov Stronger Country Communities Fund Rd 4 (Closing 25 June 2021)

The **NSW Gov Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4** is now open **closing 25 June 2021**. Administered by the Department of Regional NSW, this program awards funding for grassroots projects that will reinvigorate rural communities in regional NSW.

The objectives of the fund are:

1. to boost the livability of communities in regional areas by providing new or upgraded social and sporting infrastructure or community programs that have strong local support.
2. to deliver enhanced infrastructure and programs that remove barriers to female (adult & youth) participation in sport across regional NSW.

This round total funding of \$100 million is available which includes up to \$50 million for projects that enhance female participation in sport, including change rooms. The remaining \$50 million will be made available for high-quality community amenity and sports-related infrastructure projects.

Projects must be located in one of the 93 regional NSW Local Government Areas. Projects in Greater Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong are not eligible.

A minimum funding of \$50,000 is available for Infrastructure and Program projects. Maximum funding is dependent on Local Government Area allocations. For requests over \$1 million a financial co-contribution of 25% is required.

**Eligible projects =**

## **1. Female Participation in Sport**

Projects must directly improve and support participation and performance opportunities in female sports at all levels through enhanced infrastructure and programs.

Projects must meet one of the following areas:

Encouraging engagement – removal of barriers to female participation in sport through the delivery of new or enhanced sporting infrastructure or programs. **For example:**

- Program – programs aimed at increasing female participation and engagement; “come & try” days and demonstrations to encourage new membership
- Infrastructure – change rooms and bathrooms that accommodate females; childcare facilities to support female inclusion

Fostering a sense of safety – improving safety at sporting facilities by ensuring that female change rooms, amenities and programs are appropriately designed. **For example:**

- Program - scheduling programs at appropriate times to encourage female participation
- Infrastructure – improved lighting, improved ‘line of sight’ inside change rooms and toilet facilities

Improving accessibility – upgrading sporting facilities to ensure accessibility and inclusion as well as equitable access for females. **For example:**

- Program – new or redesigned programs incorporating accessibility and inclusion principles
- Infrastructure – new or refurbished facilities which are fully accessible and inclusive

Boosting capability – development of programs and facilities which encourage regular female participation in sport. **For example:**

- Program – training and mentoring for female coaches, umpires and leaders
- Infrastructure – upgrade to meeting rooms to accommodate multiple uses



## 2. Community amenity

Projects must be for either:

- Construction of new, or upgrades to existing, local community infrastructure
- Capital works related to street beautification and other public places that promote health, happiness and wellbeing
- Delivering programs that benefit the local community and provide public benefit
- Infrastructure to assist in delivery of general community programs
- Infrastructure or community projects which improve and promote accessibility and inclusion

## 3. Inclusion & accessibility

Assistance to future-proof infrastructure and programs by funding universally designed amenities that move beyond compliance and provide dignified inclusion in social and community programs.

Projects which demonstrate the provision of fit-for-purpose, accessible and safe facilities, and participation opportunities with the aim of increasing access and inclusion are encouraged.

### Key points:

- **Project costs** may include those associated with building new or upgrading existing local infrastructure or delivering programs. Applicants may include up to 20% of the total project cost for combined contingency, project management and administration costs.
- **Ineligible projects:** projects exclusively for planning activities, retrospective funding for any component that is already complete before outcome is announced, ongoing staff or operational costs, providing direct commercial benefit.
- **Ineligible costs:** non-project related staff training and development, ongoing/recurrent funding, projects that seek to solely subsidise memberships for existing services.
- Project must have **demonstrated community support** – evidence of consultation and support for the project is required such as: community infrastructure and programs – engagement through council's Community Strategic Plan, online surveys, letters of support, or other documents demonstrating community support for the projects; enhancement of female sporting facilities or programs – engagement with local, regional, state or national sporting organisations, local female sports teams or evidence of consultation in a council's Community Strategic Plan or relevant strategy.
- **Attachments required** include: Land owner consent, Project Plan & Budget per Dept template, quotes or detailed estimates, evidence of community consultation and strong community support, evidence of co-contribution and letter of support from relevant NSW Sporting organization if requesting >\$1 million.

Further details including the guidelines are available at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities-fund>

If you would like the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit (GSU) to assist with the writing and submission of an application, or you have any queries in relation to this funding opportunity, please contact one of the below GSU team members. As we have a high volume of grants closing at this time, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible to ensure we are able to assist.

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Kind regards

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