



Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW Clubs
From:	SLSNSW
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme Rd 7 (opening 26/10/21)

IMPORTANT:

- Community Consultation is a critical element of the program. In consultation with their community, each Federal Member of Parliament (MP) must identify potential applicants and projects in their electorate and **invite them to apply** for a grant. This may be through an EOI or other process.
- **If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please contact your Federal MP's electorate office ASAP.** If you wish to confirm which Federal Government electorate your club/Branch is located in, visit electorate.aec.gov.au
- Should your Federal MP be running an EOI or other application process prior to the official close date, 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 Round 7** will be **opening on Tuesday, 26 October 2021** and will provide each federal electorate with funding to support small capital projects that improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant communities. A maximum of 20 projects per electorate will be funded. Due to the application process, mentioned above, this memo is to provide clubs sufficient notice to make contact with their Federal MP prior to the opening date.

Key Details

- **This program funds small capital works and major equipment projects.**
- Offers between **\$2,500 to \$20,000** primarily for small capital works projects
- Round 7 will continue to support Australia's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore grant funding will be **up to 100% of eligible project costs** (compared to a maximum of 50% in previous rounds)
- **Eligible activities include but are not limited to:**
 - Fit outs, alterations and/or extensions to existing premises, e.g. air-conditioning, kitchen upgrades, painting
 - Acquisition and installation of equipment, including ICT hardware and associated operating software, e.g. software required for VR equipment; creation of a website that facilitates community access to the club's information/services
 - Modifications and refurbishments to leased buildings or grounds providing approval has been given by the owner
 - Upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces
 - Upgrades of sporting facilities, including fit-out of change rooms, canteens, lighting, upgrade drainage and water systems, gyms
 - The purchase of sports equipment and uniforms **that remain the property of and are stored at the organisation**
 - Upgrade of facilities to provide inclusive access
 - Acquiring vehicles and trailers (and their modification) for surf lifesaving etc
- Ineligible expenses include the cost of obtaining planning or approvals required for capital works, retrospective funding, etc
- Projects must be 'shovel ready' and completed by 31/12/2022. Successful applicants are expected to be advised around February/March 2022.

If you are interested in this program, or have any questions in relation to this opportunity, the GSU would be more than happy to assist. Please contact one of the below GSU team members to discuss further.

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Kind regards

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