

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Stronger Communities Grants in Hotham 2018

How does it work?

The Stronger Communities Program asks MPs to engage with their communities to recommend capital projects that will strengthen their communities.

Up to \$150,000 of funding will be available in Hotham for small capital projects which improve community participation and contribute to the vibrancy and viability of local communities. Grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are available. The projects require matched contributions, in cash or in kind. You cannot commence the project until the Department provides formal approval of a grant.

How do I apply?

Simply fill out this expression of interest form and email it to clare.oneil.mp@aph.gov.au, return it to my office at 401 Clayton Rd, Clayton or mail it to PO Box 5295, Clayton VIC 3168. Your expression of interest must be received by Friday 31 August 2018.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for a Stronger Communities Grant, you must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be one of the following entities:

- ➔ A not-for-profit organisation that is a legal entity. You are required to demonstrate your 'not-for-profit' status through one of the following:
 - Current Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's (ACNC) Registration
 - State or territory incorporated association status
 - Constitutional documents or articles of association that demonstrate the not-for-profit character of the organisation
- ➔ A trustee on behalf of a property trust responsible for a community asset.
- ➔ A local government agency or body.

Eligible projects

The projects listed below are examples of the types of projects that are eligible:

- ➔ Upgrades, construction and fit-out of community spaces, e.g. Men's Sheds
- ➔ Fit-out of community centres, health centres, e.g. kitchen upgrades and equipment purchases such as computers, TVs and furniture and fittings
- ➔ Streetscapes, bike paths or skate parks
- ➔ Sporting facilities upgrades including new scoreboards, spectator seating, goalposts, new turf, fit-out of changes rooms, new canteen, new lights, medical equipment, upgrade drainage and water systems, gymnasiums
- ➔ Purchase of equipment for local SES
- ➔ Upgrade of facilities to provide disabled access
- ➔ Purchase of vehicles and trailers for community transport/services, surf lifesaving, medical transport
- ➔ Park furniture upgrade or installation including shade/shelters, BBQs, toilet facilities, drinking fountains.

If you require clarification about eligible projects contact the Department at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

Name of organisation:

Contact person:

Address:

Email address:

Phone number:

Australian Business Number (ABN):

Description of your project:

How much funding are you seeking?

Does your project currently have matched contributions, in cash or in kind, on a dollar for dollar basis for the amount sought?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Currently seeking matched contributions

Please provide information about any 'in kind' funding arrangements.

Briefly describe how this project will contribute to an improvement in local community participation and cohesion and contribute to the vibrancy and viability of the community.

Have you reviewed the eligibility requirements for the Hotham Stronger Communities Grant program outlined on the first page of this form?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Does your organisation's project comply with these eligibility requirements?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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