



The Hon Ray Williams MP

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS – NOW OPEN

Community organisations in Castle Hill will have more opportunities to apply for funding of local projects as part of changes to the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants, Member for Castle Hill, Ray Williams said today.

Mr Williams said the changes will make it easier to apply for a wide range of Infrastructure Grants across arts and culture, emergency preparedness and sport and recreation.

"The NSW Government is giving more communities the opportunity to access the funding more often," Mr Williams said.

"The new funding guidelines will mean the NSW Government can fund a wider range of projects. A simpler application process will cut red tape and allow for faster assessment.

"I encourage our local community organisations to learn more about the new guidelines and consider applying for grants, with the first new funding round opening on August 1."

Instead of one round of funding each year for grants up to \$1 million, there will now be four rounds. New funding ranges are \$50,000 to \$200,000 for arts and culture, \$10,000 to \$200,000 for emergency preparedness and \$100,000 to \$300,000 for sport and recreation.

Mr Williams said the Infrastructure Grants program has supported some great projects across NSW including local sports ground facilities, public swimming pools, children's play areas, museums, art galleries, back-up power generators and accommodation for volunteers and the community.

These Infrastructure Grants can make a real difference to communities, bringing together people to enjoy new or improved sports, recreation, arts and cultural facilities, or help improve community safety in times of emergency.

For more information including details on how to apply for grants, visit <http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/Pages/about-us/our-initiatives/infrastructure-grants.aspx>

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