

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services

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GRANTS UP TO \$30,000 TO KEEP LOCALS SAFE

Local communities know their local streets and roads like the back of their hand. To harness this knowledge, the NSW Government is encouraging communities to identify ways to promote safety in their local area.

Community Road Safety Grants Program allows community groups across NSW the opportunity to deliver local safety projects. Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said "Locally run projects will help increase road safety awareness and support safer road use. I encourage our local community groups to get involved and apply".

Applications are now open for Round Four of the Community Road Safety Grants Program, with up to \$30,000 available for local initiatives ranging from young driver education programs, radio campaigns to workshops for seniors.

Some of the successful projects in Round Three of the grants included:

- Road safety workshops targeting culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Road safety seminar series and newly arrived migrants
- Driver mentoring assistance for disadvantaged youth
- Awareness campaign targeting driveway safety.

KEY POINTS:

- Two categories of grants are available: Smaller projects: up to \$5,000 and more substantial projects: up to \$30,000
- Round 4 applications are open until Sunday 10 June 2018.
- \$400,000 worth of grants to be awarded as part of Round 4

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey said that the key to identifying and addressing local road safety issues is working with communities themselves.

"We know the value of local knowledge, so I encourage all community groups to put forward ideas to help bring their local road toll Towards Zero."

"Last year, 392 people lost their lives on our roads. These are not just numbers, they are real people lost to their families forever."

The NSW Government is awarding up to \$1.6 million in grants over four years, with funding made available through the Community Road Safety Fund. Since 2015, the Government has invested in 76 local community road safety initiatives across the state. Program guidelines and application forms are available online: roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

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