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OPPORTUNITY FOR CASTLE HILL TO SHARE IN MILLIONS OF SPORTS FACILITIES FUNDING

Applications are now open for the NSW Government's *Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund* to create and upgrade sport facilities in Castle Hill.

The two-year program was a highlight of the recent budget and will see \$50 million available to organisations and councils in 2020/21 with a further \$50 million available next financial year.

Member for Castle Hill Mr Williams said the Fund would improve infrastructure for the sport-loving Castle Hill community.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on everyone's lives, including our local community sport competitions," Mr Williams said.

"The health and wellbeing benefits of playing with your local team are so crucial not just for your fitness but from the networks you create by playing team sport.

"The *Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund* will improve local sports facilities and active recreational spaces and enable more people to participate in sport and active recreation."

Acting Minister for Sport Geoff Lee said inclusive projects that encouraged the participation of females and people with a disability will be prioritised.

"I'm excited about the opportunities this will give to sports clubs and organisations throughout the Castle Hill, to upgrade and build new facilities," Mr Lee said.

"I'm encouraging all eligible clubs in Castle Hill to apply. I'm especially passionate about the focus on increasing and improving change room facilities for girls and women so they have their own comfortable environment for playing sport and therefore stay playing sport."

Applications close 26 February 2021: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants>

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