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MORE GRASSROOTS GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN CASTLE HILL

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP announced new funding is available in Castle Hill for organisations providing critical grassroots support to the community in response to the pandemic.

A local organisation has been successful in the first round of the Empowering and Supporting Local Communities grants program, sharing in the \$3.4 million of support funding.

Mr Williams said the Sri Lanka Association of NSW Inc were providing significant support to the community during the pandemic and called on other local grassroots organisations to apply for round two.

“I encourage all eligible local organisations to apply for the second round of funding supporting grassroots responses and solutions to help vulnerable people and multicultural communities across NSW,” Mr Williams said.

“I couldn’t be prouder of the incredible work happening across our community in response to the current outbreak with our local organisations leading the charge,” Mr Williams said.

“Eligible community organisations can apply for funding of up to \$30,000 for much needed projects, sharing in \$3.6 million to provide immediate and essential services.”

Minister for Multiculturalism Natalie Ward said the NSW Government has responded urgently to support those in need during the pandemic.

“The first round of the program has been finalised and will deliver more than \$3.4 million to 194 grassroots community organisations across the state,” Mrs Ward said.

“This latest round builds on the initial funding and will support communities big and small across our metropolitan, rural, and regional areas with grants of up to \$30,000.

“These projects will include programs providing food and essential products, services to help those experiencing domestic and family violence and seniors facing social isolation, alongside wellbeing checks and community activities such as youth groups.”

Attorney General and Minister for Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Mark



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Speakman said communities across NSW have stepped up like never before to support and care for each other, and to stay connected during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“These grants will help ensure critical support for some of our most vulnerable, including women and children impacted by domestic and family violence and other hardships during the pandemic, thanks to the many dedicated frontline services working across the state,” Mr Speakman said.

Grants are now open for the Empowering and Supporting Local Communities program. Applications can be submitted until 11am on Monday, 11 October 2021.

For more information visit: <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants/>

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