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CASTLE HILL COMMUNITY GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR NSW GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Local organisations in Castle Hill can now apply for funding to support local community projects thanks to the NSW Governments Clubgrants program, Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said today.

Mr Williams said Clubgrants allow local community groups to build or upgrade community facilities and a new round is opening on 27 June, with applications welcome from not-for-profit organisations.

"\$12.5 million is available this year for new or upgraded facilities across sport and recreation, arts and culture, disaster readiness and community infrastructure," Mr Williams said.

"This is an opportunity for local organisations to apply for funding for projects that will provide long-term benefits to the community.

"Infrastructure Grants can fund construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fitout of buildings and community infrastructure.

"Projects funded may include new or upgraded sports grounds, museums, theatres, homeless shelters and evacuation centres."

Mr Williams said the grants can be used for spaces like halls and meeting rooms, lights for sporting grounds, spaces for storing and exhibiting cultural artifacts, community transport, and infrastructure that supports youth, disability, mental health, homelessness, and domestic violence services.

"This is about connecting the community, fostering participation in sport, recreation and arts, and boosting social inclusion and disaster resilience," Mr Williams said.

Since 2015, the NSW Liberals and Nationals in Government have funded more than 520 community projects worth \$81 million under the Infrastructure Grants program.

These grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund which re-invests profits from registered clubs' gaming machines into community projects.

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Funding is available for infrastructure projects in four key areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Community Infrastructure
- Disaster Readiness
- Sport & Recreation

Flood affected communities will be prioritised in funding decisions for this round, in line with priorities for disaster affected communities.

Applications for the first round of funding for 2022/23 are open from today, 27 June to 18 July.

To find out more information or to apply, please visit nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/clubgrants-infrastructure.

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