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SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS THAT ADDRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Applications are open for the 2022 Local Domestic and Family Violence Committee grant program.

Minister for Women's Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Sexual Violence Natalie Ward said the program would help local domestic and family violence committees raise awareness about domestic and family violence issues in their communities.

"Local Domestic and Family Violence Committees play an important role in supporting victim-survivors and raising awareness about the impact of domestic and sexual violence, as well as the local services available to victim-survivors," Mrs Ward said.

"Under this program, committees are able to apply for grants of up to \$1,800 to fund a range of important initiatives aimed at raising awareness about domestic and family violence, reinforcing messages about positive behavior, and engaging local community groups."

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP says the NSW Government is looking to fund collaborations with local groups and organisations in leading efforts for change.

"Examples of initiatives include community awareness campaigns that reinforce messages about positive behaviours and healthy relationships," Mr Williams said.

"Other ideas include holding events with local community groups including men's organisations and schools to lead efforts for change.

"Outreach programs to raise community awareness about support services and assistance available for victim survivors."

This is part of the NSW Government's record \$687 million investment in 2021/22 for a range of for Women's Safety initiatives, as well as a further \$100 million in the 2022/23 Budget.

Applications close on 23 October 2022 at 11.59pm. To apply or review the guidelines, please visit <u>here.</u>

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