



STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND

Fact sheet

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is investing in infrastructure projects in regional NSW communities to improve the lives of residents and enhance the attractiveness of these areas as vibrant places to live and work.

The NSW Government has committed \$200 million over the next two years for applications to support local infrastructure projects that will improve amenity and help sustain the social bonds at the heart of strong regional communities.

We will support projects that involve:

- **building new community facilities** (such as parks, playgrounds, walking and cycle pathways)
- **refurbishing existing local facilities** (such as community centres and libraries)
- **enhancing local parks and the supporting facilities** (such as kitchens and toilet blocks).

Local councils must consult with their communities to identify project proposals that meet community needs and aspirations. We will give priority to projects that provide local jobs and support local businesses.

HOW TO APPLY

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is available to all 92 NSW regional local government areas (outside Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong), Lord Howe Island and the Unincorporated Far West. State government agencies and non-government organisations can submit eligible community infrastructure projects, in partnership with local councils.

2017 KEY DATES

There are three application tranches scheduled for 2017 in round one. (Councils will be informed which tranche they have been allocated. Councils must apply in the tranche which they have been assigned.)

The schedule is:

- **Tranche A applications**
open 7 July, close 9 August 2017
- **Tranche B applications**
open 16 August, close 13 September 2017
- **Tranche C applications**
open 20 September, close 18 October 2017

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