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MORE GRANTS FOR MORE COMMUNITIES

Local communities across the state are set to benefit from changes to the NSW Government's Infrastructure Grants, Minister for Racing Paul Toole said today.

Mr Toole said the NSW Government was making it easier to apply for Infrastructure Grants, with \$12.5 million in funding each year for projects across arts and culture, emergency preparedness and sport and recreation.

"The NSW Government is giving more communities the opportunity to access the funding more often," Mr Toole said.

"The new funding guidelines will mean the NSW Government can fund a wider range of projects. A simpler application process will cut red tape and allow for faster assessment."

Instead of one round of funding a year with grants of up to \$1 million, there will now be four rounds. Grants will be between \$50,000 to \$200,000 for arts and culture, \$10,000 to \$200,000 for emergency preparedness, and \$100,000 to \$300,000 for sport and recreation.

Experts in the fields of sport and recreation, arts and culture, and emergency preparedness will assess applications.

Priority consideration is given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, regional and remote communities, disadvantaged communities, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Mr Toole encouraged local community organisations to learn more about the changes to the program and consider applying for grants, with the first of four yearly funding rounds opening on August 1.

Infrastructure Grants are funded through Clubgrants Category 3, which reinvests 0.4 per cent of clubs' gaming machine profits over \$1 million back into community projects.

For more information, visit <http://www.liquorandgaming.nsw.gov.au/Pages/about-us/our-initiatives/infrastructure-grants.aspx>

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