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STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME ROUND FOUR IS NOW OPEN

LOCAL communities across the Riverina and Central West are set to share in $150,000 to improve local infrastructure and essential community equipment.

The Nationals' Federal Member for Riverina and Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack said the funds are being provided through the fourth round of the Federal Government's popular Stronger Communities Programme.

"I'm delighted the Liberals and Nationals' Government has again offered a great opportunity to improve on local infrastructure which boosts the broader community," Mr McCormack said.

"These local communities are the heart and soul of our great region.

"Residents in the Riverina and Central West have already benefitted from the first three rounds of the Programme.

"Some project examples in the third round include funding towards shade shelters for Parkes Netball, laser levelling of the Wagga Wagga Croquet Club courts, outdoor fitness equipment at The Rock, solar panels for the Gumnut Grove Child Care Centre at Young and a permanent shelter at the Bedgerabong Recreation Grounds."

Expressions of Interest are open until 5pm on Wednesday 22 August. A consultation committee will help Mr McCormack assess those who express interest.

Mr McCormack will then officially invite the successful proponents to submit an application. A maximum of 20 projects will be funded across the electorate.

All applicants must have an ABN and be an incorporated entity.

Mr McCormack said organisations intending on submitting an application needed to first submit an expression of interest by 22 August.

"Grants will be available between $2,500 and $20,000 for successful applications," Mr McCormack said.

"I urge all Riverina and Central West organisations who fit the eligibility criteria to put forward an expression of interest."

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Expressions of interest should include a short description of the project, total cost, details of matching funding or in-kind contribution, why the project is important to the community and contact details.

Expressions of Interest can be emailed to michael.mccormack.mp@aph.gov.au.

For further information, including the eligibility requirements, potential applicants should call 13 28 46, visit business.gov.au/scp or call the Wagga Wagga electorate office on 6921 4600.

Fast facts:

- Stronger Communities Programme designed to fund local projects to build social and community connections
- Each electorate across Australia will receive $150,000 to allocate towards successful projects
- Grants will be available between $2,500 and $20,000
- Interested parties must submit an Expression of Interest by Wednesday 22 August to be considered by a consultation committee.

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