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ROUND 4 STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND NOW OPEN

Since 2017, the NSW State Government Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) has provided \$400 million for more than 1500 local projects across the state that make regional communities even better places to call home. The Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC) Local Government Area (LGA) has seen some wonderful and noteworthy projects come to fruition this funding.

The Adventure playground in Gundagai's Carberry Park and the massive improvements to facilities in Cootamundra's Memorial Swimming Pool are just two magnificent projects that have injected life and liveability to our region.

Many local organisations have benefitted from SCCF funding. Cootamundra's AFL club was granted \$272,800 for a multipurpose hall in Round 2. Gundagai Racecourse and Showground received \$215,000 for a new amenities block.

Round 3 saw further projects such as the pump track construction for Cootamundra and the Enhanced Active Space at St Patricks Primary School in Gundagai.

Applications for the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round Four opened on 1 May 2021. The \$100 million Round Four includes up to \$50 million for projects that enhance female participation in sport, including change rooms. The remaining \$50 million will be made available for high-quality community amenity and sports-related infrastructure projects. The Stronger Country Communities Fund will continue to deliver grassroots projects that will reinvigorate our rural communities in every single Local Government Area in regional NSW.

Eligible applicants can complete and submit applications using the online portal. Applications will close at 12pm (AEDT) on Friday, 25 June 2021.

Please visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-growth-fund/stronger-country-communities-fund#round-four-applications-are-now-open>. To check the guidelines and eligibility.

Eligible applicants must be an incorporated entity and hold an Australian Business Number (ABN), Australian Company Number (ACN) or be registered with NSW Fair Trading under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 or another Act. Unincorporated organisations are ineligible to apply.

Eligible applicants include, regional councils and Joint Organisations, non-government organisations community organisations registered as incorporated associations, Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Applicants are encouraged to work with their local Council, and Members of Parliament to identify priority projects in their electorate to ensure projects with high community support are submitted.

Interested eligible community organisations are encouraged to contact CGRC Manager for Community and Culture Ms Miriam Crane to discuss their project.

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