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**How to engage with your State MP
and leverage funding opportunities.**

How do clubs engage/build a partnership with their State MP?

- Regular contact with MPs office
- Invitation to tour facilities or games
- Notify MPs office of new Board positions so you continue to receive grant information
- MPs could provide a letter of support with applications to Council or other organisations
- MPs are good at getting media involved, include them in announcements
- Plenty of corporate grants available, get on your MPs mailing lists for grants and other information

Community Building Partnership Program

- \$300,000 per year for Wallsend
- Opens early June, close late July
- Successful programs announced in December
- Plan ahead, be prepared, work with Council to ensure the project is shovel ready or that Council is willing to match dollar for dollar
- Aim high but be willing to accept partial funding
- Discuss/meet with your MP so they are aware of your plans
- <http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/>

Local Sport Grant Program

- \$50,000 per year per electorate – 93 electorates across the State
- The maximum amounts available are:
 - Sport Development - \$2,000
 - Community Sport Events - \$5,000
 - Sport Access - \$5,000
 - Facility Development - \$20,000
- <https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/localsport>

Wallsend FC

- Successful application for 2015 Community Building Partnership Program
- Applied for \$33,565 for drainage of oval
- Worked closely with Council and my office, keeping us informed
- Successful media campaign once work completed, MPs office organised media

- Also applied for Local Sport Grant Program
- Applied for \$3,700 for the purchase of 4 sets of small sided football goals
- Successful media campaign once goals were purchased, MPs office organised media



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