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

## How do clubs engage/build partnerships with a State MP?

- Regular contact with MP's office
- Invite to games, season launch and other events
- Notify MP's office of new Board positions so you continue to receive information on upcoming grants
- MPs can provide a letter of support for your applications to non-State Government grants e.g. Council grants, ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund
- MPs are good at getting media involved, include them in announcements
- Plenty of corporate grants available, get on your MP's mailing lists for grants and other information

Members of Parliament regularly receive requests directly or through their electorate offices about funding opportunities for community groups. This Issues Backgrounder is designed to assist in responding to these requests. It is organised under the following headings:

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## Community Building Partnership Program

- \$300,000 per year per electorate
- Project types: construction of new facilities; repair and upgrade to existing facilities; capital equipment with a minimum individual asset value of \$2,500 and a life expectancy of five+ years
- Grants open in June/July each year. Successful programs announced in December, with 12 months to acquit projects
- Plan ahead, be prepared, work with Council to ensure the project is shovel ready, including a Development Application before applying
- Check if Council is willing to match dollar for dollar
- Confirm landowner's consent for the project
- Aim high but be willing to accept partial funding
- <http://www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au/>

## Local Sport Grant Program

- \$50,000 per year per electorate. Opens around August/September each year.

- 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>



- Register for grant updates with the Office of Sport at <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants>

## Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program

- \$4 million over four years to assist clubs across NSW in the purchase and maintenance of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- Grants are available for up to 50 per cent of the cost of an AED package to a maximum of \$1,250 (Hunter zone)
- For more information and to apply visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/defibrillator>
- **Applications close 5pm Wednesday 20 December 2017**



## NSW Asian Cup 2015 Legacy Fund

- The Fund aims to improve football facilities (including FUTSAL) for a variety of benefits including increasing participation, improving safety and security, assisting in building stronger communities through football and improving the overall football experience
- Funding provided for up to 50 per cent of the net project costs, with a maximum funding contribution of \$150,000 per project. The minimum amount an applicant can apply for is \$50,000.
- For more information and to apply visit <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/asiancuplegacy>
- **Applications close 5pm Friday 2 March 2018**



# MP SUPPORT

- Discuss/meet with your MP so they understand your plans
- Update your MP with progress of your projects
- Engage with your MP who can share your successful stories on their platforms i.e. social media, electorate newsletter, or media releases
- Your MP can also speak in Parliament about your club's highlights and good work



## Hunter Simba Football Club

- Successful application for 2015 Community Building Partnership Program
  - Granted \$60,000 for home ground sports oval upgrade
  - Worked closely with Council and my office, keeping us informed
  - Successful media campaign once work completed, MP's office helped organise media
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- Also applied for Local Sport Grant Program
  - Received \$4,650 to support a girls all-age soccer team
  - Successful media campaign, MP's office helped organise media



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