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The Australian Government has announced the details for the **Stronger Communities Program Round 9** which is a two-stage application process with Expressions of Interest (EOIs) opening now, and **closing throughout January and February 2025** depending on your electorate.

Your local Federal MP is responsible for reviewing EOIs via a community consultation process. If your EOI is successful, you will be invited to complete a full submission and will receive the link to an online application form in an email from your Federal MP.

Funding from **\$2,500 to \$20,000** is available for projects that benefit the community, primarily minor capital works. Only 20 or fewer projects will be funded per electorate.

IMPORTANT:

- This program is run by Federal electorate; not all electorates will open for EOIs at the same time and closing dates for EOIs will vary by electorate.
- **If you are interested in applying, please contact your Federal MP’s electorate office ASAP to obtain the process to submit an EOI.**
- Once you have obtained these details, please contact the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit (details below) if you would like assistance with your EOI.
- If you wish to confirm the Federal Government electorate your Club/Branch is located in, visit electorate.aec.gov.au.

Key Details

- **The range of eligible projects is quite broad, including but not limited to**
 - upgrade/construction of first aid rooms/spaces including the purchase and installation of defibrillator/s and/or other first aid equipment;
 - acquisition and/or installation of renewable energy sources and/or storage (e.g. solar panels, storage batteries, etc); energy efficient windows and window attachments; and/or appliances/systems with very high level of energy efficiency;
 - construction or upgrades in public buildings such as disability access, amenities for persons with a disability, gender neutral bathrooms, women’s facilities, breastfeeding rooms, parent rooms, etc. Also, you may apply for the cost of obtaining planning, environment or other regulatory approvals as part of an approved eligible capital works or capital expenditure project such as architecture, engineering, planning, design and consultants fees;

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- establish a new or update an existing website/social media presence, particularly where it will support interstate or international tourism, and/or newly arrived immigrants;
- activities to support and/or celebrate Indigenous Australians, e.g. support towards NAIDOC week celebrations; information signage for places of First Nations Australians significance; purchase of First Nation themed uniforms;
- ICT equipment (e.g. tablets, software etc); electrical works to allow enhanced use of ICT; CRM systems and/or software; and/or AV equipment; and
- assets such as furniture, TVs and equipment, motor vehicles.
- This program does not provide retrospective funding.
- Projects must be 'shovel ready' and completed by 31/12/2025.

Expected timing for this grant

- Expressions of Interest close – as per Federal electorate closing date (likely January and February 2025).
- Notification of EOI result – from mid-February 2025.
- If invited to complete a full submission, final applications are required – by 28 March 2025.
- Notification of full submission result – from late June-July 2025.
- Earliest date you can start your project – after you have received the notification of full submission result.
- Project completion date – by 31 December 2025.

For more information on this program visit [Grant Opportunity Guidelines](#).

For assistance with the writing and submission of an EOI or if you have any queries, please contact the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit:

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