



Title: Grant and Funding Opportunity
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Department: Lifesaving
Audience: All Clubs and Branches
Summary: Grant Opportunity: Aus Gov Stronger Communities Programme Rd 10 (EOI closing dates vary but before 30 November 2026; Final Submissions closing 19 January 2027)
Date: 29 September 2026

The **Aus Gov Stronger Communities Programme Round 10** is now open for Expression of Interest (EOI). The objective of the program is to deliver infrastructure projects that provide social benefits for local communities.

Funding from \$2,500 – \$20,000 is available to support small capital projects that deliver social benefits for local communities; project total costs cannot exceed \$50,000. A maximum of 20 projects will be funded in each Federal electorate.

This program is a two-stage application process:

Step 1: Expression of interest via your Federal MP

Your local Federal MP will call for Expressions of Interest from within their community and there is a different process and closing date for each electorate. You need to **contact your MP ASAP to obtain the Expression of Interest and confirm their closing date.**

Step 2: Full submission

MP's must have their final nominations completed by 30 November 2026. If your EOI is successful, you will receive an email from your Federal MP inviting your club to complete a full submission. The full submission will be due no later than 19 January 2027.

Program Outcomes:

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are to:

- Encourage and support participation in local projects
- Improve local community participation
- Contribute to vibrant and viable communities

Please refer to Attachment A for more details on eligible items and costs

Expected timing for this grant

- Expressions of Interest close: as per Federal electorate closing dates (differs by electorate, likely late October/early November)
- Notification of EOI result: from early November -January 2027
- If invited to complete a full submission, final applications close: 19 January 2027
- Notification of full submission result: from February 2027
- Project completion date: by no later than 31 March 2028



Please note: This program does not provide retrospective funding. You may start your project from the date you submit your full submission in the portal if you are invited to do so by your MP. If you start your project before entering into a formal agreement with the Commonwealth, costs incurred before the full submission lodgment date are at your own risk.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

- 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; most electorates are opening now with an EOI due date late October/ early November
- **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 submission
- If you wish to confirm the Federal Government electorate your Club/Branch is located in, please visit electorate.aec.gov.au.

Link	https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme-round-10		
Contact email	For assistance with a submission, or have any questions about this opportunity, please contact the SLSA Grant Seeking Unit team members to discuss further:		
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