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LOCALS URGED TO ACCESS FUNDING

The NSW Government is holding several workshops across the state to encourage regional communities to take advantage of the \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund announced in the 2017-18 NSW Budget.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin will tomorrow join the Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro, together with representatives from key NSW Government agencies at a workshop to outline the Fund's benefit to regional communities and explain the application process.

"The people of the electorate now have the opportunity to take advantage of the Regional Growth Fund, an unprecedented \$1.3 billion investment in regional NSW," Mr Aplin said.

"The NSW Government has invited local businesses, community and Indigenous groups, local councils, charities and sporting clubs to this workshop to find out how the Fund can help local communities."

Mr Aplin said he was keen to hear more ideas from the community about infrastructure needed to unlock the potential of regional economies and to improve the amenity of regional towns and cities.

"The workshop will outline the different funds and put local groups in contact with the NSW Government agencies whose job it is to assist them prioritise the best projects in their region and work with them on putting forward strong applications," Mr Aplin said.

"We're after fantastic ideas to improve the area, in partnership with local councils – these could be projects that help drive productivity and create jobs in regional economies, by delivering new lights at a sportsground, a new playground, a revitalised town centre or better digital connectivity.

"The Regional Growth Fund could be the answer you're looking for."

The Regional Growth Fund consists of six programs: the [Stronger Country Communities](#) Fund, [Resources for Regions](#), the [Regional Cultural Fund](#), [Growing Local Economies](#), [Regional Sports Infrastructure](#) and [Connecting Country Communities](#).

Individual fund information is available at www.nsw.gov.au/regionalgrowth.

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