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COMMUNITY MUST ACT NOW TO ACCESS STATE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin is reminding councils and residents in the region not to miss the chance of funding as part of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Applications are closing soon for the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund, a major investment in infrastructure projects in rural and regional communities to enhance their attractiveness as vibrant places to live and work and improve the lives of their residents.

"This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for regional communities to benefit from significant investment in community infrastructure," Mr Aplin said.

"There are community driven projects – individuals and community groups are encouraged to develop proposals with their local councils. Only councils can apply, but they must consult extensively with their communities to choose projects that meet community needs and aspirations.

"Councils are reminded that they need to submit all projects from community groups.

"The fund will support infrastructure projects such as building or refurbishing school facilities, rest rooms, libraries, parks, walking and cycle pathways, health centres, country halls, swimming pools and showgrounds," Mr Aplin said.

"Don't leave it until the last minute – we're urging people to make contact with their local councils to put forward suitable projects for consideration, and Councils to start work on the application process."

The Stronger Country Communities Fund is part of the NSW Government's \$1.3 billion Regional Growth Fund, designed to improve economic growth and productivity by investing in regional communities.

Go to www.nsw.gov.au/sccf for deadlines and project guidelines.

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