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\$350,000 IN GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR FOOD WASTE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

More than \$350,000 in grants is available for councils, not-for-profits, community groups and businesses to help tackle food waste, Member for Albury, Greg Aplin announced today.

“This funding will help change the way we think about food waste,” Mr Aplin said. “A NSW Government survey estimates the average NSW household is currently throwing out almost \$4000 of food waste per year.”

There are two grant streams available – the **first stream** is open to councils, not-for-profits, community groups and businesses to support households to reduce food waste. Successful applicants will receive grants of up to \$20,000 to rollout *Food Smart*, a month-long interactive program that provides households with six-steps to measure and reduce their food waste.

The **second stream** is for business education. Under this program food businesses such as cafes or restaurants with 10 outlets or more than 50 employees, councils, not-for-profits and community groups can apply for grants of up to \$30,000 for one year or \$60,000 for two years. Successful applicants will roll out the *Your Business is Food* program to help businesses measure their food waste and undertake actions to reduce it.

“Under the household stream, this funding will support education programs like workshops and cooking classes, while the business grants stream can help restaurants and café owners increase profits by reducing food waste,” Mr Aplin said.

For more information, visit: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/organics-infrastructure-fund/love-food-hate-waste-education.

Applications close 22 December 2017.

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