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GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES

A new \$3.5 million grants program will help NSW councils and communities with rising power bills and the impacts of climate change.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said the NSW Government will provide grants of up to \$300,000 to support local government and community organisations to adapt public spaces to mitigate heat, or upgrade community buildings to be more resilient to extreme weather.

“Councils are well placed to understand the needs of their communities, and identify the strategies and solutions most likely to succeed.”

Examples of eligible projects include

- Installation of shade cloth, water misting systems, shade canopies and the replacement of concrete with non-reflective material in council-run preschools and libraries to reduce risks from extreme heat.
- Planting trees in CBDs and around hospitals to cut ambient heat.

“I encourage our councils and other local government organisations to apply for funding under round one of this innovative new program,” Mr Aplin said.

Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton said “This grants program from the Office of Environment and Heritage will support councils and communities to take actions that minimise financial loss and address threats posed by a changing climate.”

The three-year program is funded by the Climate Change Fund. Applications are now open and will close on 1 March 2019. To apply visit:

<https://www.lgnsw.org.au/policy/increasing-resilience-climate-change>.

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