

# ClubGRANTS - Category 3

## Decision Document



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| <b>Grant program</b>  | Clubgrants Category 3 Infrastructure Program              |
| <b>Round</b>          | Selection of August 2023 grant project funding recipients |
| <b>Decision maker</b> | The Hon David Harris<br>Minister for Gaming and Racing    |

## DECISION TO AWARD GRANT FUNDING

I, the Hon David Harris MP, Minister for Gaming and Racing, in accordance with section 17A(4) of the *Gaming Machines Tax Act 2001* and the ClubGRANTS guidelines, approve the funding of 35 projects to the value of \$6,176,433.

The approved projects are identified in the Grant Selection Tool attached to this Decision.

## REASONS FOR DECISION

### Background

1. ClubGRANTS is designed to ensure that larger registered clubs in NSW contribute to the provision of front-line services to their local communities; and to ensure that the disadvantaged in the community are better positioned to benefit from the substantial contributions made by those clubs.
2. ClubGRANTS also facilitates contributions by larger clubs towards infrastructure to support sporting, health and community activities.
3. The *Gaming Machine Tax Act 2001* outlines the legislative arrangements for the granting of a rebate of gaming machine tax levied on registered clubs
4. Under the Act, 0.4% of a club's gaming machine profits over \$1 million during a tax year is paid into the ClubGRANTS Fund on behalf of the club to be used for large scale projects or services associated with sport, health or community infrastructure (ClubGRANTS Category 3).
5. The Act authorises the Minister to publish [guidelines](#) that determine what constitutes the application of profits and to define the terms for Category 1, 2 and 3 projects and services for ClubGRANTS purposes.
6. The Minister approves funding for projects submitted as grants from the ClubGRANTS Fund for sport, health and community infrastructure.
7. The Minister also approves the eligibility, criteria and application dates for grant rounds under ClubGRANTS Category 3

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### Current grant round

8. I approved the approach to the 2023/24 grant program in June 2023, which outlined two grant rounds opening in August 2023 and December 2023.
9. The total amount of available funding made available for the August 2023 ClubGRANTS Category 3 round is \$6.25 million
10. The advertised range of project funding in each category is:
  - a. \$50,000 to \$200,000 per project for Arts & Culture
  - b. \$50,000 to \$250,000 per project for Community Infrastructure
  - c. \$50,000 to \$200,000 per project for Disaster Readiness
  - d. \$50,000 to \$300,000 per project for Sport & Recreation

### Applications

11. Across the four categories 240 eligible applications were submitted, seeking a total of \$37.8 million in funding.
  - a. Arts & Culture - 15 eligible applications seeking a total of \$1.7 million
  - b. Community Infrastructure - 61 eligible applications seeking a total of \$8.2 million
  - c. Disaster Readiness - 11 eligible applications seeking a total of \$1.3 million
  - d. Sport and Recreation - 153 eligible applications seeking a total of \$26.6 million.
12. Grant applications were assessed and scored by external independent subject matter experts against criteria covering merit, engagement, viability and budget. Assessment reports were compiled for each category and include three application ratings for consideration by me:
  - a. Recommended: projects assessed to meet criteria with detailed and strong evidence to a very high standard.
  - b. Fundable: assessed to meet criteria with evidence to a notable standard.
  - c. Not recommended: projects identified as high risk and not suitable for funding.
13. The scores awarded to each grant applications were also provided to me. I prioritised funding the highest scored applications, taking into account the considerations below.

### Considerations

1. Each project was categorised into 10 regions being:
  - a. Central Coast
  - b. Central West and Orana
  - c. Far West
  - d. Hunter
  - e. Illawarra and Shoalhaven
  - f. New England
  - g. North Coast
  - h. Riverina

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- i. Southeast Tablelands
  - j. Sydney
2. I have attempted to provide geographic equity to each of the regions, noting the ClubGRANTS priority framework for regional and remote communities and vulnerable areas.
3. In considering the highest scored applications, where appropriate, I have prioritised those applications which provide benefit to:
  - a. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
  - b. culturally and linguistically diverse communities
  - c. disadvantaged communities
  - d. regional and remote communities.
4. As a secondary consideration, I have also had regard for the demand for each category (Arts & Culture, Community Infrastructure, Disaster Readiness and Sport & Recreation) to attempt to ensure funding is balanced across each category in line with the level of demand for each category.
5. Projects not classified as fundable were not considered by me.

### Conflicts of interest

6. I declared the following conflicts of interest:
  - a. Ngaimpe Aboriginal Corporation – in the Minister's electorate of Wyong and Minister has a personal association with the Group Manager at the Corporation. The conflict of interest was managed by using the assessment provided by the assessor panels. The decision reflects the scoring provided by the independent assessor panel.

### Decision

7. The following projects that were recommended by assessors have not been funded:

| Applicant                      | Project   | Reason for not funding      |
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| Kempsey Golf Club Ltd          | Upgrade of Kempsey Golf Club                      | Gaming machines on premises |
| Cardiff Bowling Club Co Op Ltd | Upgrade of the Cardiff Bowling Club outdoor areas | Gaming machines on premises |



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8. The projects approved for funding will result in funds being dispersed across the categories as follows:

| Category                 | \$ amount funded | % of overall funding |
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| Arts & Culture,          | \$732,155        | 11.9%                |
| Community Infrastructure | \$1,517,192      | 24.6%                |
| Disaster Readiness       | \$1,041,778      | 16.9%                |
| Sport & Recreation       | \$2,885,308      | 46.7%                |

9. The projects approved for funding will result in funds being dispersed across the 10 regions as follows:

| Region                   | # projects funded | Total \$ value of projects funded |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Central Coast            | 1                 | \$ 150,000                        |
| Central West and Orana   | 4                 | \$ 728,841                        |
| Far West                 | 2                 | \$ 437,790                        |
| Hunter                   | 2                 | \$ 243,917                        |
| Illawarra and Shoalhaven | 3                 | \$ 550,275                        |
| New England              | 1                 | \$ 199,927                        |
| North Coast              | 5                 | \$ 615,575                        |
| Riverina                 | 4                 | \$ 698,598                        |
| Southeast Tablelands     | 6                 | \$ 1,087,792                      |
| Sydney                   | 7                 | \$ 1,463,718                      |

10. Projects that I have approved for funding are identified in the Grant Selection Tool attached to this Decision

**Hon. David Harris MP**

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, Minister for Gaming and Racing  
Minister for Veterans, Minister for Medical Research  
Minister for the Central Coast

Date: