



The Hon. Paul Toole MP
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Clr Ambrose Doolan
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Dear Clr Doolan,

Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round Five

I am pleased to confirm the NSW Government's commitment to a new \$160 million Round Five of the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) as part of \$3.3 billion Regional Growth Fund.

The Stronger Country Communities Fund was introduced by the NSW Government in 2017. To date, the Fund has invested \$500 million into over 2,000 projects across every corner of regional NSW. These projects have boosted the wellbeing of the towns we call home and this new investment will support grassroots projects to reinvigorate rural communities.

Round Five will provide an additional \$160 million for community projects in regional NSW, including up to \$50 million for projects delivered by community organisations. This brings the total funding for the SCCF to \$660 million.

The funding available for projects in the Warrumbungle Shire Local Government Area (LGA) is \$1,370,717. Of this \$942,368 is available to Council as the applicant with the balance of the allocation open only to eligible community organisations. Council is encouraged to partner with community groups as the lead applicant where the project involves council-owned infrastructure.

Round Five is open to regional councils and Joint Organisations, eligible community organisations and Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

I encourage Council to start consulting with the community and preparing applications for Round Five as early as possible.

Round Five of the SCCF will open on 5 August 2022

Round Five of the SCCF will open to all eligible applicants on 5 August 2022. Applications for councils will close at 5pm AEST on 23 September 2022.

How to apply

Visit <https://regionaldevelopment.smartygrants.com.au/SCCF5> to submit an application to the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round Five. Only one application is required for up to 10 projects.

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Assistance to prepare applications

The Program Guidelines and other resources will be available on the SCCF website at nsw.gov.au/sccfr5 from 5 August. A webinar will be held during the application period to assist in application development.

Council is encouraged to work with the Department of Regional NSW to put forward eligible projects and/or programs that align with the program's objectives to boost the wellbeing of communities in regional NSW.

Your local Business Development Manager is Angela Shephard who can be contacted on angela.shephard@regional.nsw.gov.au or 0429 833 131 to provide information on the program and to assist you to develop applications.

Thank you for your continued support of the Stronger Country Communities Fund and I look forward to seeing your community's Round Five project applications.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Toole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'P'.

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