

# Helen Haines MP



INDEPENDENT FEDERAL MEMBER FOR INDI



## STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME Round 6

### INDI Commonwealth Stronger Communities Programme Round 6 is now open.

**Expressions of interest** are open for the current round of grants in the Stronger Communities Programme.

**If you have a small capital project that will improve local community participation and contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of the electorate of Indi, a Stronger Communities grant could help make it reality.**

Grants between \$2500 and \$20,000 are available to fund a maximum of 20 projects in Indi. Round 6 funding aims to support Australia's economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic. For this special round, grant funding will be up to 100 percent of eligible project costs, except for local government where grant funding will be up to 50 percent of eligible project costs. Total funding of up to \$150,000 will be allocated to successful projects in Indi.

**Expressions of interest open 19 January 2021 and close 5.00 pm Friday 26 February 2021**

#### Projects

Some examples of eligible Stronger Communities projects include:

- Fit out, alterations, upgrades and/or extensions to existing premises e.g. air-conditioning, painting, fixtures and fittings
- Purchase and installation of ICT (e.g. ICT hardware, virtual reality equipment, software license, creation of a website)
- Development and upgrade of bike paths, streetscapes, skate parks or community gardens
- Equipment purchase by local State Emergency Service and rural fire brigades
- Upgrade or installation of park furniture including shade shelters, BBQ, toilet facilities, drinking fountains.

#### Eligibility

Groups eligible for funding include:

- not-for-profit incorporated organisations
- local governments
- trustees with responsibility for a community asset; and

Groups must have an Australian Business Number (ABN).

An eligible project must:

- be for capital purchases/activities; and
- increase local community participation and deliver social benefits in Indi
- be completed within six months of your project start date and no later than 30 December 2021.

Spending not associated with a capital project (e.g. events, salaries, ongoing programs) is not eligible.

More detail on types of projects and eligibility is included in the [programme guidelines](#).

### Expressions of Interest and Applications

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the office of Dr Helen Haines, Independent Member for Indi, by no later than 5.00 p.m. 26 February 2021. Expression of interest forms can be obtained by emailing [helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:helen.haines.mp@aph.gov.au) or contacting the Indi electorate offices.

Before submitting an expression of interest, you should carefully read and understand the guidelines.

### Steps in the process



### Indi Stronger Communities Consultative Committee

Expressions of interest will be considered by Dr Helen Haines MP together with the Indi Stronger Communities Program Consultative Committee. The committee will assess eligible projects against the intended program outcomes and eligibility criteria. The Committee will then nominate projects to be invited to apply for Stronger Communities Programme funding.

A Program Delegate from the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources makes the final decision on awarding grants.

### More Information

Organisations should refer to the Stronger Communities Programme funding guidelines, fact sheet and the frequently asked questions for more information: <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/stronger-communities-programme>

#### For more information or to obtain an Expression of Interest form contact;

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