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Applications closing soon for \$35 million NSW Community Building Partnership

Treasurer Eric Roozendaal today reminded community groups across NSW that applications close shortly for the NSW Government's \$35 million Community Building Partnership.

Community groups are eligible to apply for funding under the partnership, which was announced in the NSW Budget to support jobs, stimulate growth and improve community facilities.

Applications close on Monday, August 10.

"Under the partnership, the NSW Government will contribute to the cost of building important community projects, supporting jobs and stimulating local economies," Mr Roozendaal said.

The NSW Government will invest \$300,000 into building local community projects in each of the 93 NSW electoral districts – with a further \$100,000 available to be invested in districts with higher unemployment.

"This partnership will support job opportunities for local tradespeople in these tough economic times and will quickly deliver improved local facilities for communities."

For instance, a community group which has started raising some of the cost of repairing a local hall roof would be able to apply under the partnership for the rest of the funding – getting the project completed faster, supporting local jobs and delivering new facilities.

The partnership is open to community groups, not-for-profit organisations, nongovernment organisations and local councils. Councils will be required to make a cocontribution.

The partnership encourages groups to contribute in cash or in kind to get local projects built faster.

The partnership is being managed by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet and all local MPs will have input into the priority of the projects.

Application forms are available from all NSW Members of Parliament and can also be downloaded online at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au