

Memorandum

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To: Incumbents, Church Wardens and Parish Secretaries
From: Diocesan Office
Subject: Opportunities for Community Building Partnership Grants
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Dear Incumbents, Church Wardens and Parish Secretaries

Success in 2019

In 2019, nine Parishes successfully applied for a total of \$134,532 in Community Building Partnership Grants. This fantastic result has allowed for the installations of solar panels, upgrades to bathrooms, accessibility projects, hall refurbishments and essential roofing repairs.

2020 Grant Applications now open

The 2020 round of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership grant program is now open. The program seeks to invest in community infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes as well as promoting community participations, inclusion and cohesion.

Grants of up to \$300,000 are available in each state electorate and Parishes are encouraged to consider what potential projects could be undertaken if enabled by a successful grant application. The average grant size is \$20,000. Projects may be fully funded by the grant or co-funded with the parish.

Examples of projects that can be eligible for a grant include:

- **Improving accessibility & inclusivity** through installing ramps, handrails, tactile tiles and hearing loops and/or upgrading pathways, toilet facilities, public address systems and signage.
- **Amenity improvements** through kitchen upgrades, installing air conditioning, establishing or upgrading children's play areas, building alterations and additions.
- **Building maintenance works** such as repainting, roof and guttering replacement, re-pointing mortar in aged brickwork, carpark resurfacing and line marking.
- **Environmentally friendly initiatives** such as installing solar power and rain water tanks, establishing community gardens or removing hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint.

We encourage all parishes to consider what opportunities could be unlocked by a Community Building Partnership grant and commence planning as appropriate. Having detailed quotes, designs and/or development approvals to support your grant application will assist those assessing the applications. We also suggest you contact your local member of parliament to discuss how the community will benefit from the proposed funding.

Property Project Approvals

Diocesan property approvals still apply to grant projects so if the project will require a development consent or if is for a total value of more than \$25,000 please contact the Diocesan Property Services Unit property@newcastleanglican.org.au to discuss what steps the parish will need to take to obtain approval.

Further information and guidelines are available online at:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/projects/community-building-partnership>

How to Apply

A simple quote is all that is needed to get started!

Grant applications are managed by the Property Team at the Diocesan Office. All applications must be in the name of the Trustees of Church Property for the Diocese of Newcastle. Applications are lodged on the Smarty Grants portal. Access to this portal is via a user name and password. Please contact the Property Team via email on property@newcastleanglican.org.au or by phone on 4926 3733 to obtain access details and supporting information. A short project summary and quote is the usual way to get started.

Key dates

4 May 2020	Applications open
12 June 2020	Applications close
June to November 2020	Eligibility, assessment and approval process
Late November 2020	Announcement of successful projects and advice to all applicants
31 March 2022	Project completion deadline

Due to high demand near the closing date, please be aware that access to and responsiveness of portal can get tricky. All applications are reviewed and submitted by the Property Team. Your early submission is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to receiving as many applications as possible in order to take advantage of the grants on offer.



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