Special purpose grants for Local Government now open

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The Country Liberals Government will provide a $3 million boost to councils through the Local Government Special Purpose Grants that can assist in creating distinct projects or essential infrastructure for local communities in the Territory.

Minister for Local Government Bess Price said the Special Purpose Grants gives a huge opportunity for all councils to apply for extra funding for specific projects or even large capital purchases.

“Our agenda is to focus on improving community amenity whenever and wherever we can, and the Country Liberals Government is determined to assist councils make headway in their communities by creating better places to live and prosper,” Minister Price said.

“These grants are quite versatile in nature and aim to improve community infrastructure and further connect local service delivery, applications can be made with varying creative ideas or even diverse local government ventures that may come to mind.”

Previous round grants provided in the past included:

- $185,000 towards a Caterpillar loader/waster handler in the community of Maningrida
- $64,264 for a tractor with slasher for the community of Elliott
- $80,520 towards upgrading grandstands and shade structures to six community ovals at Docker River, Haasts Bluff, Impanpa, Kintore, Mt Liebig and Finke – completed by local Indigenous work teams with the MacDonnell Regional Council
- $18,850 for solar lighting in Willowra through the Central Desert Shire
- $125,095 towards replacing a roof in Howard Springs on the local scout hall

“I urge councils in the Arafura, Big Rivers, Barkly, Central Australia, East and West Arnhem and across the Territory to apply today and come up with initiatives or projects that will benefit the whole community in all sorts of interesting ways,” Minister Price said.


Applications are due by September 7 2015.

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