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## Member for Hawkesbury

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### WESTINVEST COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS EXTENDED

The \$2 billion WestInvest Community Project Grants program has been extended to provide organisations with additional time to submit their applications.

Applications for both the \$1.6 billion Competitive Round and \$400 million Local Government Allocation will now close at 5.00pm on Monday 25 July 2022, with successful projects awarded from December 2022.

More than 1000 local organisations that successfully submitted a registration of interest (ROI) for a share of \$1.6 billion in WestInvest funding are eligible to apply for funding.

The 15 eligible local councils can also apply for a share in \$400 million in direct funding, with each council eligible for between \$20 million and \$35 million, depending on population size.

Treasurer Matt Kean said the NSW Government has responded to feedback from applicants that they require more time to ensure applications are of the highest standard.

“WestInvest is a \$5 billion program and a once in a generation opportunity to deliver transformational infrastructure to improve communities in Western Sydney,” Mr Kean said.

“Programs like WestInvest are very rare and we are committed to ensuring that we take the time to get it right.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres welcome the extension.

“Allowing applicants more time will result in better applications and ensure that we are funding truly transformational projects for communities in Western Sydney,” Mr Ayres said.

The WestInvest Program team will continue to hold online Q&A sessions to support applicants.

Projects funded under the \$3 billion Westinvest NSW Government allocation will be announced in the second half of the year.

Eligible projects must be based in one or more of the 15 eligible Western Sydney Local Government Areas and deliver infrastructure that addresses one of the six focus areas:

1. Parks, urban spaces, and green space
2. Enhancing community infrastructure such as local sporting grounds
3. Modernising local schools
4. Creating and enhancing arts and cultural facilities
5. Revitalising high streets
6. Clearing local traffic

To find out more about WestInvest, visit [www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/westinvest](http://www.nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding/westinvest)

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