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Community and sporting group grants up for grabs

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Member for Tamworth Peter Draper is encouraging councils and community and sporting groups to apply for funding under the State Government's 2004-2005 Capital Assistance Program.

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation program provides grants to local government authorities and not-for-profit sporting and recreational organisations to develop new facilities.

"This program is a great opportunity for community and sporting groups who generally rely on membership and fundraising activities to build or upgrade their facilities," Mr Draper said.

"The last round of grants in the Tamworth electorate was spread among a broad section of sport and recreation projects and it was wonderful to see so many groups and communities receive such a boost.

Projects successful in the 2003-2004 round included the Attunga Recreation Ground (steel light poles), Gunnedah Memorial Pool (pool chair lift for disabled access and a shade area), Kingswood Park and Recreation Area (amenities and barbeque facilities), Tamworth's Number One Oval (lighting), Tamworth's Wahroonga Park (mini basketball and mini netball half courts) and Tamworth Regional Sports Complex (athletics track fencing).

"Ultimately the program encourages a diversity of physical activity which must be applauded," Mr Draper said.

Projects eligible for consideration under the Capital Assistance Program include:

- the construction of new local sporting and recreational facilities;
- the enhancement of existing facilities such as water systems and lighting;
- the provision of ancillary and support facilities such as shelters, change rooms and toilet blocks;
- outdoor courts and playing areas, floodlighting to outdoor courts and recreation areas
- projects that improve access for under represented groups such as women, Indigenous people, seniors, youth at risk and people of diverse culture and language

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Mr Draper said the average grant awarded under the program over the last five years has been \$9000.

Applications must be submitted to the north west regional office of the Department of Tourism Sport and Recreation by the closing date of August 31 2004.

Capital Assistance Program guidance notes and application forms are available at Mr Draper's office at 13 Fitzroy St and from the Department's north west regional office at 155 Marius St, Tamworth. (Phone 6766 1200)

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