

Community Building Partnership 2011

Fellow Shedders

The following information has been provided by the NSW Government and should be of assistance to any shed considering upgrading their sheds.

“The NSW Government will conduct the Community Building Partnership (CBP) program in 2011. The CBP program provides funds for community groups and local councils to invest in community infrastructure throughout the State.

In 2009, 1,180 grants were approved for community groups and local councils to build or upgrade local facilities. In 2010, a total of 1,775 grants were approved.

Community organisations and local councils are once again encouraged to apply for funding to build and improve community facilities in their local area. Grant funding of up to \$300,000 is available for every electoral district with an additional \$100,000 for the forty eight electorates previously identified with higher unemployment rates. The list of funding per electorate is shown at the end of the Guidance Note page.

CRITERIA

Applicants should demonstrate how their project will benefit their local community through the building or improvement of facilities to deliver positive social, recreational or environmental outcomes.

Applications from local councils require a commitment of matching funding by the council.

Projects must be ready to commence by early 2012 and be completed before the end of March 2013.

Applications will be open - from Wednesday 14 September until Monday 31 October 2011.

APPROVAL

Members of Parliament will:

- encourage applications from community groups and local councils in their electoral district
- provide comments and recommendations on the suitability and priority of eligible proposals within their electoral district for the Premier's consideration.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet will make recommendations to the Premier based on the assessment criteria and information provided by the Members of Parliament and independent review panels.

INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

Information for applicants is available from your local State Member of Parliament or can be downloaded from www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au.

Applications may only be made online and organisations are encouraged to visit the website early to ensure they are eligible to participate and to check the details they will be required to include in their application.”

I have recently written to all members of parliament informing them of the role sheds and how they contribute to more vibrant communities, and asking that they support any applications from sheds in their electorate.

If your shed is based on council owned or managed land you will need to gain approval in principle for a matching contribution from the Council.

If you are on other than Council land you could either seek a co-contribution from Council or seek full funding under the Community Building Partnership Program.

In either case you will need to work quickly to develop a well thought out plan for the work you propose to undertake, gain development application approval in principle, inform your local Member of Parliament and seek their support for your plan. Applications need to be completed on line and must be in before 31 October 2011.

Again I encourage sheds to make best use of this program and I wish you every success with your application.

Kevin Callinan
Secretary
New South Wales Men's Shed Association