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Stronger Country Communities Funding

The State Government has released more funding under its Stronger Country Communities program. The Walcha Local Government Area has been allocated a total \$1,251,697 dollars in Round 5, with \$391,156 available to local community groups. The Funding Guidelines link is available at <https://www.walcha.nsw.gov.au/news/stronger-country-communities-funding-round-5.aspx>.

Projects must be for infrastructure or community programs that boost the wellbeing of regional areas through improved amenity and positive social outcomes.

The minimum grant amount is \$100,000 so if you have an infrastructure project or community program ready to go this funding might be able to help make it a reality.

The Stronger Country Community Grants have had a huge impact on Walcha since the first round was announced in 2017. Council projects completed or planned with this funding include:

Round 1 – New Walcha Preschool and lighting installation at Peter Fenwicke Oval

Round 2 – Community Gym, Pool refurbishment, Service Clubs Storage Facility and Upgrade of toilets/change rooms and kiosk at Peter Fenwicke Oval and Captain Cook park.

Round 3 – Men’s Shed relocation, Youth Club Hall renovations, Levee Bank Lighting

Round 4 – Sporting Amenity upgrades - Pool and John Oxley Oval – planned for 2023/24.

The Department of Regional NSW can assist applicants to develop strong applications. Please contact sccf.enquiries@regional.nsw.gov.au or call 1300 679 673 for a referral.

Applications Opened: 5 August 2022

Applications Close: 23 September 2022

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