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Empowering communities to save lives: Community Road Safety Grants now open

Transport for NSW is empowering grassroots organisations to create a positive impact in their local community by contributing to the reduction of road trauma and improvement of safety.

Round nine of the Community Road Safety Grants program opens on tomorrow, 1 August 2023.

Sally Webb, Deputy Secretary for Safety, Environment and Regulation at Transport for NSW, said road safety is a shared responsibility, and local organisations play an important role in reducing the trauma on our roads.

“The impact of a death or a serious injury on a local community is immeasurable. This is why we are investing a total of \$400,000 into this program through the Community Road Safety Fund,” Ms Webb said.

“The aim of this program is to support not-for-profit community groups address road safety issues unique to their local communities. By delivering targeted programs at the grassroots level communities increase road safety awareness and promote safer behaviours on our roads.

“Two categories of funding are available up to \$5,000 and up to \$30,000 in round nine of the Community Road Safety Grants program.

“I encourage local community organisations with ideas on how to improve road safety in their local area to apply.”

Transport for NSW has invested more than \$2.7 million to enhance road safety through the Community Road Safety Grants program, which has successfully funded more than 200 projects across the state since its inception in 2015.

Healthy Cities Illawarra was a recipient of the \$30,000 grant in the 2022 round of the program.

Kelly Andrew, CEO, Healthy Cities Illawarra, said, “The Community Road Safety Grant program provided the opportunity for a novel and innovative local media campaign to tackle bike safety and an increase in cycling in the community. We have seen impressive results in population samples indicating improved attitudes towards cyclists and decreased annoyance, helping to foster a safer environment for people who ride bikes.”

Applications for the 2023 round are now open, and community groups are encouraged to submit their ideas for local road safety projects by 4pm Tuesday 12 September 2023.

More information about the program and application submissions can be found at: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community/community-grants>.