

## Community Hall Renewal Fund

### Purpose of the Program

The NSW Government announced the Building the Country funding package in November 2008.

The Community Hall Renewal Package is 2.5 Million over five years to help small communities in country NSW to renovate, extend or upgrades on community halls. Grants will be provided to community based organisations for materials and equipment on a non-recurrent basis that demonstrate a clear community benefit by repairing or upgrading the hall.

Funds of up to \$50,000 per community will be provided to not for profit organisations in communities of 10,000 or less population. Funding for projects is to be matched on a 2 for 1 basis for every \$2 dollars provided by Government the community must contribute \$1 either in-kind or as a financial contribution. Projects are to be supported by local government.

**The funding application process is open all year.**

### Eligibility Criteria

Applications for funding to renovate, extend or upgrade a community hall will need to:

- be a community with a population of 10,000 or less
- be an incorporated body, community based organisation sponsored by government or local government
- demonstrate clear community benefit
- identified in-kind contribution to the project
- have local government support
- demonstrate that funds can be expended within 6 months of receipt of the grant

### What will be funded

- Infrastructure costs only - materials, equipment, building or repair costs

### What will not be funded

- no privately owned structure
- non trade qualified labour costs
- ongoing recurrent expenses
- personnel or other operating expenses
- Feasibility plans
- purchase of incidental capital equipment such as printers, computers etc

### How to apply

Applications can be made to the Office of Rural Affairs by **post** only. There is no closing date for this fund.

***Enquiries can be made on freecall 1800 801 738 or email:susan.belcher@ruralaffairs.nsw.gov.au***

**Please use the attached application form -  
Post Applications to:  
Community Hall Renewal Fund  
Office of Rural Affairs  
PO BOX 1314  
ORANGE NSW 2800**

### **Conditions of funding**

By accepting a grant, the grantee agrees:

1. That funds will only be used for the agreed purpose
2. Applicants successful in securing funding will need to comply with a number of conditions. These conditions will be detailed in a funding letter of offer to the sponsoring organisation. Conditions relate to:
  - publicity
  - general operations
  - financial reporting
  - providing documentation.
3. To submit **evidence of expenditure confirming that the funding has been expended as agreed** to the Manager, Office of Rural Affairs within six months of receipt of the grant.
4. To return **unexpended grant funds** via a cheque made payable to the "Community Halls Renewal Fund" at the above address.

*Any personal information provided to the Office of Rural Affairs is voluntary and protected by the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). The information is essential to determine your eligibility for assistance under the Community Halls Renewal Fund. The information may be used to send you communications such as newsletters, flyers and invitations about community capacity related activities.*

### **Fund Management**

The Office of Rural Affairs (ORA) administers the fund on behalf of the Minister for Rural Affairs.

The ORA will assess whether specific requests will be forwarded to the Minister for Rural Affairs for consideration.

Unsuccessful applications will be notified in writing.