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## LOCALS GET BEHIND MY COMMUNITY PROJECT

More than 1800 community groups and individuals across NSW have completed applications for the groundbreaking *My Community Project* grants program.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said he is delighted by the response to the \$24.4 million program which allows people to nominate a community project and then vote on which ones are funded.

"There has been a terrific response right across NSW, from Barwon to Bankstown and Wagga to Wollongong, people have put up fantastic ideas to be considered for funding by their local electorate," Mr Perrottet said.

"We asked people to think about their community needs, develop that idea with a local sponsor organisation such as a school or charity and then tell us how funding can help turn their concept into reality.

"I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to apply and seek out a sponsor and am looking forward to the voting stage now that applications have closed.

"This really is grassroots democracy in action, a program driven by the community with the aim of delivering for that community."

Completed applications will now be assessed for eligibility and viability before voting commences in mid-July and winners announced in September.

Grants of between \$20,000 and \$200,000 will be awarded once voting is complete.

People must be 16 years of age to vote and can only back projects in their own electorate.

Voting is conducted online through a Service NSW account or in person at their nearest Services NSW Centre.

My Community Project is made possible by the NSW Generations Fund, a sovereign wealth fund established in the 2018-19 Budget that is aimed at helping maintain debt at sustainable levels and supporting local community wellbeing.

For further information on My Community Project: www.nsw.gov.au/mycommunityproject

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