



HEZ help for Local Groups

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Hunter Economic Zone will once again come to the aid of local community groups and projects in need of funding assistance, with the opening of round two of its Community Support Program (CSP).

The HEZ CSP has been in operation since 2005 and provides funding to projects which address community needs including sporting, education, social and welfare projects.

Up to \$30,000 is given each year in two rounds of \$15,000 each.

Projects operating within the Kurri, Weston, Standford Merthyr, Abermain and Pelaw Main areas are eligible for inclusion in the CSP and are invited to submit applications.

Interested parties can download applications from the HEZ website at www.hez.com.au - where they can also view the projects of past HEZ CSP recipients.

HEZ general manager, Michael Barrow, said community projects are vital to the lifestyle and development of the local area.

"Supporting local community projects and catering to the region's growth needs is something HEZ considers to be of utmost importance," Mr Barrow said.

Submissions for the second round of 2008's CSP close Monday, September 8. Applications are assessed by a panel comprising of HEZ and third parties, with decisions based on several criteria.

Preference is given to projects which address areas of critical need and those which benefit a large proportion of local residents.