



## David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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# Media Statement

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### **APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ROUND THREE OF SAFER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME**

- **Local councils and community groups can apply for funding to make our communities safer**
- **Grants can also reduce crime through early intervention - getting local youth active in the local community**
- **\$18 million for Infrastructure Grants; \$12 million for Early Intervention Grants**

Member for Maranoa David Littleproud is calling on local councils and community organisations to apply for a share of \$30 million in round three of the Coalition Government's Safer Communities Fund.

"We're offering grants from \$1000 right up to \$1 million to boost community safety," Mr Littleproud said.

"This funding goes to crime hotspots to prevent, deter and detect crime, and protect community organisations.

"CCTV cameras have already delivered in the main streets of Nanango and Chinchilla thanks to Federal Government funding.

"The rubber really hits the road when we have access to CCTV footage. More watchful eyes in our community increases public safety and give people a greater sense of security."

The Safer Communities Fund, a 2016 election commitment, initially received \$40 million to support local communities address crime.

"Due to the success of previous rounds, we've put up an extra \$30 million to run an extra grant round in the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years," he said.

"Round three also provides early intervention funding for community organisations. This will help Police-Citizens Youth Clubs, Blue Light organisations and Youth off the Streets with their early intervention and youth activities around Australia.

“These types of projects bring our communities together and encourage organisations to implement changes that benefit everyone.”

Applications for the infrastructure stream close on September, 25 2018. For more information about the Communities fund – Infrastructure Stream, please visit [www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Safer-Communities-Fund](http://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/Safer-Communities-Fund) or call 13 28 46.

Applications under the early intervention stream will open on August 28, 2018 and close on September 25, 2018. For more information about the Early Intervention Stream, please visit [www.business.gov.au/Assistance/safer-communities-fund-early-intervention](http://www.business.gov.au/Assistance/safer-communities-fund-early-intervention) or by call 13 28 46.

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