

NEWS RELEASE

Sharon Bird MP

Federal Member for Cunningham



Round Two of Jobs Fund open

Federal Member for Cunningham, Sharon Bird, today encouraged local community organisations to lodge applications under Round Two of the Commonwealth Government's Job Fund Program.

"I am particularly encouraging local community organisations to form partnerships for project applications.

"Applications should focus on innovative projects, which are cost-effective and help support jobs in the region", she said.

Round Two of the Jobs Fund Program will provide \$93 million in available funds:

- \$52 million is available under the Local Jobs stream for projects focusing on green jobs and skills, and
- \$41 million under the Get Communities Working stream for projects with an emphasis on social enterprises in disadvantaged areas.

The Illawarra region received \$4.8 million under the first round of the Jobs Fund Program, and an addition \$1.8 million in Commonwealth Government funds to help expand the cycling network in the region.

Up to 189 jobs, 17 traineeships and 7 work experience places were supported under the First Round of the Jobs Fund Program.

The Illawarra Local Employment Co-ordinator, Jane Robinson, should be contacted to discuss potential projects by community organisations.

Further information on the Second Round of the Jobs Fund Program, including the new guidelines and electronic application forms for each stream is available from www.keeppaustraliaworking.gov.au/jobsfund

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