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Dear Councillor Statham

Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program

The NSW Government recently unveiled a \$200 million Regional Recovery Package that will create new jobs and support community events, shows and festivals to boost tourism across the state.

As part of this package, I am pleased to announce the NSW Government's Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program. This \$25 million commitment will promote economic and social recovery across all regional NSW local government areas.

This will be achieved by supporting regional NSW councils, the Lord Howe Island Board and Regional Development Far West to deliver COVID-Safe community events and festivals that are open for the entire community to attend, providing immediate positive outcomes for regional communities.

A dedicated allocation of **\$239,651** is available to the City of Lithgow Council to apply for funding towards these events. We encourage you to engage with the local community and employ local external event coordinators and businesses to support local recovery.

How to apply

- Applications for Reconnecting Regional NSW – Community Events Program grants will open 7 April 2022 and will close on the 24 June 2022.
- Events must be held by 31 March 2023.
- Please visit <https://rgf.smartygrants.com.au/CEP> to make an application.
- Once your completed application is submitted, assessment and approval will be within 20 business days. A funding deed will be issued shortly after, followed by an 80% upfront payment. The remaining 20% will be paid upon completion of the project and acceptance of your submitted completion report.

Assistance to prepare applications

You are encouraged to work with your local Department of Regional NSW representative Edward Frater on your application. Mr Frater can be contacted on edward.frater@regional.nsw.gov.au or 0427 103 979.

For any further information on the program please visit www.nsw.gov.au/CommunityEvents.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and I look forward to seeing your community's events go live.

Yours sincerely

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