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\$250,000 grants for public safety infrastructure

The Coalition Government has launched grants of up to \$250,000 for local councils to fund major projects to prevent crime and make their communities safer.

Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, MP, today encouraged councils in the North East to apply for Public Safety Infrastructure Fund grants.

“This new grants program is part of the Coalition Government’s \$39 million commitment to community crime prevention and will help councils improve security and community safety,” Mr Tilley said.

“The Government recognises that local councils are best placed to develop strategies for addressing local crime problems and these grants will support them to do so.”

Mr Tilley said that the grants of up to \$250,000 would support councils in developing a variety of public safety infrastructure, including:

- Closed-circuit television systems
- Vandal-resistant external lighting systems
- Security grade doors
- Perimeter fencing
- Bollards
- Window treatments and screens
- Alarms for community assets and facilities

“Streetscape and amenity improvements in public spaces designed to minimise the risks of crime and support safe behaviour, for example by encouraging mixed-use of open spaces, or enhancing natural surveillance, will also be part of the funding,” Mr Tilley said.

The grants are part of the Coalition Government’s broader \$39 million community crime prevention agenda which includes Community Safety Fund and graffiti removal grants to support local councils and community groups.

“Action on community safety and crime prevention is a high priority for the Coalition Government and this initiative will help to make communities safer across Victoria.

“Local communities can actively contribute to crime prevention by identifying local crime problems, providing potential solutions and promoting local involvement.

“Community action can achieve practical and positive outcomes and the Coalition is committed to supporting Victorian communities to achieve community-based crime prevention solutions.”

For further information please visit www.justice.vic.gov.au/infrastructuregrants

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