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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO KEEP STREETS SAFE

Fraud fighting measures, graffiti-busting art projects and twilight sports to help young people kick life goals are just some of the initiatives funded from the latest round of the NSW Government's $10 million crime prevention grants program.

Attorney General Mark Speakman and Police Minister David Elliott today announced six new projects worth almost $300,000 designed to drive down crime.

"The Government's crime prevention grants inspire local councils in NSW to think outside the box and deliver innovative ideas to tackle problems like graffiti, theft and assaults," Mr Speakman said.

"Everyone deserves to feel safe in and around their home and this program is all about empowering local communities to help tackle the issues they face."

Mr Elliott said a one-size-fits-all approach isn't always the best way to go and this approach draws on local, grassroots knowledge to build tailored projects.

"From Camden to Canterbury, we're supporting practical projects to safeguard communities, including security bollards for crowd safety and better lighting to make people safer when they're out and about at night," Mr Elliott said.

"Police Area Commands also play a vital role, working closely with councils and residents to support these programs so locals feel more secure on their streets."

The six local communities that have received grants are:
- $50,000 Northern Beaches Council - cut youth crime such as graffiti
- $32,000 Strathfield Council - improve street lighting at petty crime hot spots
- $48,000 Camden Council - install security bollards to protect public places
- $50,000 Fairfield City Council - teach older people and migrants about fraud
- $50,000 Canterbury-Bankstown Council - twilight youth sports program
- $50,000 City of Parramatta - improved street lighting in the CBD

More information about the grant program is available here.