

Deputy Premier John Rau

Attorney-General

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New funding to fight crime in our community

The State Government has launched a new Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Grants Program to help reduce local crime rates and improve community safety.

Attorney General John Rau today announced the new \$2 million program will fund the installation of CCTV systems, security lighting and other initiatives to improve safety in identified crime hot spots.

“Applications for the 2015 program are now open with \$500,000 available each year for four years to local councils,” he said.

“This is on top of our successful Crime Prevention and Community Safety Grants Program that makes grants available up to the value of \$50,000 to community groups, local government and not-for-profit organisations to help keep our communities safe.”

Mr Rau said funding is now available for one-off local crime prevention and community safety projects, with an additional stream of funding allocated to graffiti prevention projects.

“Our programs aim to keep levels of crime on the decline by funding community safety projects that tackle crime, graffiti and anti-social behaviour at their roots,” he said.

“Local communities are best positioned to come up with solutions to crime issues in their neighbourhoods.

“They know what is happening on the streets and through these grants, we are helping them to work together with local service providers to find solutions.

“We want communities where South Australians feel safe and welcome.”

Mr Rau said over the past four years, the Crime Prevention and Community Safety Grants Program has funded 71 projects and distributed approximately \$2.5 million.

“This year we expanded our grant program by including CCTV so we can assist local councils implement locally-based projects to improve a community’s capability of reducing the fear of crime in targeted locations.

“Councils will need to commit to match the funding amount for CCTV.”

Applications for both programs are now open. For more information about the grants, application process and guidelines please visit: www.agd.sa.gov.au