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CLUBGRANTS SUPPORTING ARTS AND CULTURE

Minister for Racing Paul Toole today announced \$220,000 in NSW Government funding for community arts and cultural projects, including support for the Sydney Fringe Festival and independent youth radio station FBI.

The announcements were made during a visit to FBI's studios and the Fringe Festival Hub, both in Alexandria.

Mr Toole said \$130,000 for the Sydney Fringe Festival will provide a performance and rehearsal space for independent artists to work and collaborate.

"This project will contribute to the vitality of arts and culture in NSW, and help put vacant commercial warehouses, offices and buildings in Sydney to good use," Mr Toole said.

Mr Toole said \$90,744 will go towards refurbishment of FBI's transmitter at Gore Hill, improving its radio signal and furthering its reach across Sydney.

"FBI is an important supporter of emerging musicians and this investment will give more Sydneysiders the opportunity to listen to local music and enjoy FBI's other programming," Mr Toole said.

Across NSW, 26 projects have been funded from the latest round of the Clubgrants infrastructure grants program.

"More than \$50 million in Clubgrants infrastructure funding is being provided in the current term by the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government for projects across emergency preparedness, sport and recreation, and arts and culture," Mr Toole said.

These grants are funded through a rebate on the state's registered clubs' gaming machines to reinvest profits back into community projects.

Mr Toole said the NSW Government improved the program in 2017 by giving community organisations more chances to apply for a wider range of projects.

"A streamlined application process is cutting red tape and allowing for faster assessment of these grants," Mr Toole said.

More information about Clubgrants can be found [here](#).

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