

TREASURER TOM KOUTSANTONIS

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\$40 million Fund My Neighbourhood program gives communities the power to decide

The 2017-18 State Budget includes a new \$40 million Fund My Neighbourhood program, which will give South Australians the power to decide how they want to improve their streets and suburbs.

In one of the world's biggest participatory-budget exercises - South Australians will get to nominate and vote on neighbourhood improvement projects in their local communities.

Background

Fund My Neighbourhood will be launched in July this year, at which time South Australians will be able to access eligibility criteria and nomination requirements.

Once launched, the community will be able to nominate local projects for funding support.

Local communities will then decide which projects are funded through the Fund My Neighbourhood website at www.fund-my-neighbourhood.yourSAy.sa.gov.au

Visit the website to sign up for updates or email bettertogether@sa.gov.au

Fund My Neighbourhood will be based on the internationally renowned Fund My Community program, developed by the State Government.

Under this program, each year the community decides how funding is allocated to not-for-profit, non-government community groups to provide programs or services for isolated, vulnerable or disadvantaged South Australians.

Fund My Community is a finalist in the 2017 United Nations Public Sector Award for excellence in the public sector. The awards will be presented tomorrow at the United Nations Public Sector Day in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

Nobody knows your neighbourhood better than you. So we are giving South Australians the power to decide how to spend their taxpayer dollars to improve their streets, their suburbs, their neighbourhoods.

They can be projects that make a neighbourhood safer, strengthen community cohesion or improve amenity. If there's something you want fixed or something you think your neighbourhood deserves - you can nominate that project. You are the experts.

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