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INVESTING IN WOMEN FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Innovative projects that support women and girls' economic opportunities will be eligible to apply for grant funding as part of the NSW Government's 2016 *Investing in Women* program, launched today by Minister for Women Pru Goward.

Ms Goward said the NSW Government continues to promote the leadership and economic security for women in NSW.

"Since 2012, we have seen *Investing in Women* grants support the training, employment and retention of women in non-traditional trades," Ms Goward said.

"We are expanding the grants to include projects that support women in male-dominated occupations and sectors, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers and trades; and projects that enhance women's financial security, make workplaces equitable for women, promote female entrepreneurship, and encourage more women into leadership roles.

"To remain the nation's leading economy, NSW needs to ensure and support the continued participation of women. These grants do exactly that."

The *Investing in Women* program offers grants of up to \$25,000 per project to organisations including training organisations, local councils, employers, industry bodies, and non-government organisations. A total of \$200,000 is available in 2016.

Ms Goward launched the 2016 *Investing in Women* program at the *Talking Women* forum held today. *Talking Women* is a quarterly forum held to discuss key issues facing women in NSW.

Today's forum discussed how to boost leadership and gender equality in the workplace and was attended by representatives from peak women's advocacy groups, government and the private sector.

For information on *Investing in Women* and how to apply, visit the Women NSW website www.women.nsw.gov.au Applications close at 5pm, Friday 13 May 2016.