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NSW BUDGET: FOCUS ON GENDER EQUITY FOR WOMEN

The empowerment of women and girls is the focus of a \$4 million investment by the NSW Government in the NSW Budget 2018.

Minister for Women Tanya Davies today announced the funding will help communities deliver programs and initiatives that promote the advancement of women.

“Our State has made real progress towards achieving equity for women and girls, but there is still more work to be done,” Mrs Davies said.

“The NSW Government is committed to empowering all women to access economic and career opportunities, particularly in traditionally male-dominated fields, as well as recognising the contribution women make to their families and the broader community.”

Key NSW Budget 2018 initiatives include:

- \$400,000 for the Investing in Women Grants program to **promote gender equality in the workplace and financial security for women;**
- The Council on Women’s Economic Opportunity will provide external advice to Government on **policies and programs that improve economic opportunities for women**
- Securing the 2019 NSW Women of the Year Awards program to **improve the status of women** and recognise outstanding contributions in their community;
- **Monitoring gender equality** across key indicators in education and learning, safety and justice, work and financial security, leadership and health and wellbeing.

“We will continue to work together with government agencies, businesses and community organisations to ensure women have every opportunity to succeed,” Mrs Davies said.

For further information go to www.women.nsw.gov.au.

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