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THE Regal Cinema at Birmingham Gardens will benefit from a federal government grant of \$180,491.

Regal Cinema Building Limited was yesterday announced as recipient in round five of the government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand Fund. The program was established last year to help arts and entertainment sector organisations develop cultural and creative projects, activities and events.

The latest funding round, about \$20 million in total, is expected to create more than 23,000 employment opportunities across the country.

"Regal Cinema ... has received full funding of their grant request," Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter, Hollie Hughes, said.

"This project will assist them with the 'Newcastle International Film Festival: Bringing Audiences Back', enticing regional audiences back to their local cinema."