

8.9 Drought Communities Funding - Acceptance of Grant Funding

REPORT BY THE MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 20 FEBRUARY 2019 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400067, GRA600031

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager Economic Development on the Drought Communities Funding – Acceptance of Grant Funding;
 2. accept \$1,000,000 in grant funding from the Federal Government, if successful, for Glen Willow Scoreboard and Player Seating, Technology Fit-out in Mudgee Library, Outdoor Camp Kitchen for Mudgee Showground, Saleyards Canteen Upgrade, Kandos-Rylstone Shared Pathway Rehabilitation, Rylstone Caravan Park Works, Rylstone Pathway Concreting, Rylstone Showground Irrigation, Waratah Park Scoreboard and Discuss Nets, Bus Access to Red Hill, Victoria Park Gulgong Fence Replacement, Cudgong Waters Park Potable Water project;
 3. authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign funding agreements with the Federal Government if funding applications are successful, for Glen Willow Scoreboard and Player Seating, Technology Fit-out in Mudgee Library, Outdoor Camp Kitchen for Mudgee Showground, Saleyards Canteen Upgrade, Kandos-Rylstone Shared Pathway Rehabilitation, Rylstone Caravan Park Works, Rylstone Pathway Concreting, Rylstone Showground Irrigation, Waratah Park Scoreboard and Discuss Nets, Bus Access to Red Hill, Victoria Park Gulgong Fence Replacement, Cudgong Waters Park Potable Water project;
 4. amend the 2018/19 Operational Plan and 2017/21 Delivery Program as follows:
 - In 2018/19 for the Glen Willow Scoreboard, set the expenditure budget at \$300,650 to be funded \$150,000 from Drought Communities grant income and \$150,650 from NSW Department Industry grant income and remove \$150,650 in funding from unrestricted cash.
 - In 2018/19 for the Glen Willow Player Seating, set the expenditure budget at \$40,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
 - In 2019/20 remove the budget allocation of \$40,000 for the Glen Willow Player Seating funded from \$20,000 grant and \$20,000 Voluntary Planning Agreement contributions.
 - In 2018/19 for the Technology Fit-out in Mudgee Library project set the expenditure budget at \$49,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
 - In 2018/19 for the Outdoor Camp Kitchen and new amenities for Mudgee Showground set the expenditure budget at \$150,000 to be funded \$25,000 from Drought Communities grant income, \$50,000 from Community Building Partnership grant income and \$75,000 from Capital Program Reserve.
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- In 2018/19 for the Saleyards Canteen Upgrade set the expenditure budget at \$50,000 to be funded \$41,000 from Drought Communities grant income and \$9,000 from Stronger Country Communities Programme grant income. Remove funding of \$20,000 from the Saleyards Reserve, \$7,901 from the Asset Replacement Reserve and \$99 from Saleyards Unrestricted Cash.
- In 2018/19 for the Kandos-Rylstone Shared Pathway Rehabilitation project set the expenditure budget at \$50,000 to be funded \$35,000 from Drought Communities grant income and \$15,000 from Community Building Partnership grant income.
- In 2019/20 remove the budget allocation of \$40,000 for the Kandos-Rylstone Shared Pathway Rehabilitation funded \$20,000 from grant income and \$20,000 from unrestricted cash.
- In 2018/19 for the Rylstone Caravan Park Works set the expenditure budget at \$60,000 to be funded \$40,000 from Drought Communities grant income and \$20,000 from unrestricted cash.
- In 2018/19 for the Rylstone Pathway Concreting set the expenditure budget at \$60,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
- In 2018/19 for the Rylstone Showground Irrigation set the expenditure budget at \$60,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
- In 2019/20 remove the budget allocation of \$60,000 for Rylstone Showground Irrigation funded from Asset Replacement Reserve.
- In 2018/19 for the Waratah Park Scoreboard and Discus Nets set the expenditure budget at \$100,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
- In 2018/19 for the Bus Access to Red Hill set the expenditure budget at \$100,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
- In 2018/19 for the Victoria Park Gulgong Fence Replacement set the expenditure budget at \$50,000 to be fully funded from Drought Communities grant income.
- In 2018/19 for the Cudgegong Waters Park Potable Water project set the expenditure budget at \$324,420 to be funded \$250,000 from Drought Communities grant income and \$74,420 from NSW Department of Industry grant income.

Executive summary

In December 2018, Council applied for funding for a number of projects from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Programme. The purpose of this report is to amend Council's Operational Plan and Delivery Program for the 2018-19 and 2019-20 financial years, if the funding applications are successful, and authorise the General Manager to accept the funding and sign the funding agreement and other relevant documentation.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Council applied for grant funding from the Federal Government's Drought Communities Extension Programme in December 2018. The applications for funding included Glen Willow Scoreboard and Player Seating, Technology Fit-out in Mudgee Library, Outdoor Camp Kitchen for Mudgee Showground, Saleyards Canteen Upgrade, Kandos-Rylstone Shared Pathway Rehabilitation, Rylstone Caravan Park Works, Rylstone Pathway Concreting, Rylstone Showground Irrigation, Waratah Park Scoreboard and Discus Nets, Bus Access to Red Hill, Victoria Park Gulgong Fence Replacement, Cudgegong Waters Park Potable Water project. The amounts requested are provided in the following table:

Project	Amount received
Glen Willow Scoreboard and Player Seating	190,000
Technology Fit-out Mudgee Library	49,000
Showground Amenities - Outdoor Camp Kitchen Amenities	25,000
Saleyards Canteen Upgrade	41,000
Kandos-Rylstone Shared Pathway Rehabilitation	35,000
Rylstone Caravan Park Works	40,000
Rylstone Pathway Concreting	60,000
Rylstone Showground Irrigation	60,000
Waratah Park Scoreboard and Discus Nets	100,000
Bus Access Red Hill	100,000
Victoria Park Fence, Gulgong	50,000
Cudgegong Waters Park Potable Water	250,000

It is recommended, that should the funding applications be successful, that Council accept the grant funding of \$1,000,000 and endorse the proposed amendments to the Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2018/19 and 2019/20 to ensure delivery of these projects.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council's Towards 2030 Community Plan has a range of strategies supported by the projects proposed to be funded including providing infrastructure and services to cater for current and future needs of the community.

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

The following table summarises the budget changes required to include these projects and to remove future year budgets where project timing has been brought forward.

	Financial Year	
	2018/19	2019/20
Grant Funding		
Grant Drought Communities	1,000,000	
Grants Other*	78,420	(40,000)
Total Grant Funding	1,078,420	(40,000)
MWRC Funding		
Unrestricted Cash	170,749	20,000
VPA Reserve	0	20,000
Asset Replacement Reserve	7,901	60,000
Saleyards Reserve	20,000	0
Total MWRC Funding	198,650	100,000

* Note: \$20,000 of grant funding was already budgeted for Kandos Rylstone Shared Pathway in the 2018/19 year, however we secured \$15,000 from Community Building Partnership. This adjustment is accounted for above with Grants Other.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2018/19	-	X	✓
Future Years	-	-	X

Because the recommendations include renewing existing infrastructure, the grants will improve the Building & Infrastructure Renewal ratio in the first year, however as the above recommendations will also result in an increased infrastructure portfolio, the ratio will be negatively impacted in future years as shown in the table above.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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