

9.4 Community Grants Program - April 2021

REPORT BY THE MANAGER FINANCE
TO 21 APRIL 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, FIN3000159

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager Finance on the Community Grants Program - April 2021;**
2. **provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy; and**

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| Mudgee Playgroup | 6,893 |
| Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc | 1,000 |
| Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce | 71 |
| Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee | 3,000 |
| The Australian Kidney Foundation trading as Kidney Health Australia | 2,000 |

3. **provide relief from the \$1,000 security bond fee for Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc for the showground hire**

Executive summary

This report considers requests for financial assistance under Council's Community Grants Program Policy.

Provision is made in Council's Community Grants Program Policy to provide financial assistance to not-for-profit community-based organisations, groups and individuals that offer a significant contribution to community outcomes and goals as provided in the Towards 2030 Community Plan.

All applications were first reviewed for eligibility and then assessed by a panel of three staff against the following criteria relative to the amount of funding requested:

- Degree of benefit to the community aligned with the community plan
- Level of consultation and collaboration with other local groups
- Organisational capacity to deliver the program or project

Even though an application meets the criteria it may be judged that there is not a significant enough benefit to the community in order to fund or fully fund the request. A summary of each application is shown below, together with panel recommendations.

| Applicant | Project/Activity | Funding Request \$ | Total Score out of 9 | Recommended Amount \$ |
|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mudgee Playgroup | Mudgee Playgroup Upgrade | 6,893 | 7 | 6,893 |
| Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc | Annual Dog Shows and Obedience Trials 2021 | 1,000 and waiver of 1,000 bond | 8 | 1,000 and waiver of 1,000 bond |
| Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce | AGM | 71 | 4 | 71 |
| Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee | Christmas in July 2021 | 3,000 | 7 | 3,000 |
| The Australian Kidney Foundation trading as Kidney Health Australia | Rallitrax Pty Ltd Kidney Kar Rally | 2,000 | 8 | 2,000 |
| Total | | | | 12,964 |

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The information provided below gives more detail on each application and the scoring against the policy criteria. Copies of all applications are provided as attachments to the report.

Mudgee Playgroup

Mudgee Playgroup requests \$6,893 for Mudgee Playgroup Upgrade. To maintain and improve the Mudgee Playgroup Facility including, painting, pressure cleaning and a new Baby Change Station.

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Groups Category – Specific Program/Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 6,893

Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc

Mudgee & District Kennel & Obedience Club Inc requests funding of \$500 cash, \$500 of showground hire relief and \$1,000 of security bond relief for Annual Dog Shows and Obedience Trials 2021. The operation of the Annual Championship Dog Shows, Obedience Trials and Rally Obedience trials will be at Victoria Park Gulgong on 7th and 8th of August 2021 with Friday 6th of August for setting up This is an annual event that has taken place on these grounds for more than 30 years.

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups, 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Groups Category – Community events and In-kind grant: Cap \$5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 1,000 and waiver of \$1,000 bond

Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce

Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce requests \$71 for AGM. The AGM was held on the 25 March 2021 for the Rylstone Kandos Chamber of Commerce.

Link to Community Plan:3.1.1 Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Business Associations Category: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 71

The panel considered that although the score is low and there is only link to the Community Plan, the size of the requested financial assistance is minimal and thus 100% of financial assistance is recommended.

Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee

Gulgong Memorial Hall Committee requests \$3,000 for Christmas in July 2021. The Christmas Party will be for the community. There will be a BBQ and Santa.

Link to Community Plan:1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Groups Category – Community events: Cap \$5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 3,000

The Australian Kidney Foundation trading as Kidney Health Australia

The Australian Kidney Foundation trading as Kidney Health Australia requests \$2,000 for Rallitrax Pty Ltd Kidney Kar Rally. The 32nd annual charity car rally is conducted by the Kidney Foundation Australia. Mudgee has been chosen as the start venue where crews will assemble from Friday 13th August for event registration and the opening dinner on Saturday evening. The opening dinner will be attended by KHA's CEO, ambassadors and mayor.

Link to Community Plan:1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Groups Category – Community events: Cap \$5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 2,000

Community Plan implications

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| Theme | Good Governance |
| Goal | An effective and efficient organisation |
| Strategy | Pursue efficiencies and ongoing business improvement |

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Not applicable

Council Policies

Recommendations are made under the Community Grants Program Policy.

Legislation

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993 Section 356 granting of financial assistance must be approved by a Council resolution.

Financial implications

Funding of \$105,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. \$71,033 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$33,967. Based on the scoring system above, the recommendation of staff is to provide \$12,964 in financial assistance. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$21,003 will remain.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

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1 April 2021

Attachments: 1. Community Grant. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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GENERAL MANAGER