

Item 11: Community

11.1 Acceptance of Grant Funding for Community Recovery Officer

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES
TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. receive the report by the Manager, Community & Cultural Services on the Acceptance of Grant Funding for Community Recovery Officer;**
- 2. accept the offer from Resilience NSW for up to \$330,000 funding for deployment of a Community Recovery Officer; and**
- 3. amend the 2021/22 budget to create a new budget for Community Recovery expenditure for \$220,000 to be grant funded.**

Executive summary

Council has been offered by Resilience NSW funding for deployment of a Community Recovery Officer to assist in both reactive and proactive response to significant community emergencies. The purpose of this report amend the budget in order to accept the grant funding.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

The Community Recovery Officer role is to support and assist the Mid-Western Regional community to identify needs, develop local recovery programs, assist in accessing information and resources and provider leadership and community capacity building in the wake of significant emergencies. The role will also address community resilience and future disaster preparedness. The Community Recovery Officer will work with a range of community and organisational stakeholders to achieve broad community participation in the recovery process that builds on the strengths and capacities of the community.

Resilience NSW provided a detailed framework for the new role, including outlining activities, reporting relationships and outputs.

The role will sit within Council's Community Services Department but will also have regular interactions with Council's Infrastructure Planning Team.

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 includes providing infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community.

Council's Local Emergency Management Plan details arrangements for effective coordination of statutory and voluntary services and resources in preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies within the Mid-Western Local Government Area.

This funding intends to provide for a role that is both reactive and proactive in relation to response to significant community emergencies.

Council Policies

Not Applicable.

Legislation

Not Applicable.

Financial implications

The maximum amount of funding available is \$330,000 which is comprised of up to \$225,000 for employee related expenses (eg, salaries and wages, superannuation and sick leave) and up to \$105,000 for eligible operating expenses. This funding is for an 18 month period and claimable on a reimbursement basis.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2019/20	-	X	-
Future Years	-	X	-

Associated Risks

Not Applicable.

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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