

9.3 Community Grants Program - July 2021

REPORT BY THE ACCOUNTANT REPORTING & ANALYSIS
TO 21 JULY 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400088, FIN3000159

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

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

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc.	\$6,000
The Business Concierge LTD	\$1,875
Western Region Academy of Sport Inc (WRAS)	\$751
Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc	\$5,000
Little Wings	\$1,200
Cementa Inc	\$12,500

3. **decline to provide financial assistance to the following applicants, for the reasons provided in the report;**
 - **Mudgee 200 Years**

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 10	Recommended Amount \$
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc.	Rylstone-Kandos District Newsletter-Community Capers	12,000	6	6,000
The Business Concierge LTD	Survivor Life Skills	2,500	7	1,875
Western Region Academy of Sport Inc (WRAS)	Annual operation of the Western Region Academy of Sport	1,502	6	751
Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc	Mudgee Showground Carols	7,000	9	5,000
Mudgee 200 Years	Mudgee 200 Years	5,000	5	-
Cementa Inc	WAYOUT Artspace (purchase of building)	90,000	6	12,500
Little Wings	Community Services Flights - Airway Refund	1,200	8	1,200
Total				27,326

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.

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc.

Kandos Rylstone Community Radio Inc. requests \$12,000 for Rylstone-Kandos District Newsletter-Community Capers. Publish and Distribute monthly community newsletter, Community Capers across the region.

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 6,000

The Panel scored the application as a 6, therefore we recommend providing 50% of the requested funding.

The Business Concierge LTD

The Business Concierge LTD requests \$2,500 for Survivor Life Skills. The applicant provide programs to High Schools and Primary School in order to teach Finance Literacy Skills, Interview and Employment and other Life Skills not covered in the School curriculum. There are 60 subjects

Schools can choose from based on the needs of the School and students. The program for Schools has been run in the Mudgee Region for 13 years.

Link to Community Plan: 3.3.2 Build strong linkages with institutions providing education, training and employment pathways in the Region 3.1.2 Encourage the development of a skilled and flexible workforce to satisfy local industry and business requirements

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 1,875

The Panel scored the application as a 7, therefore it is recommend to provide 75% of the requested funding.

Western Region Academy of Sport Inc (WRAS)

Western Region Academy of Sport Inc (WRAS) requests \$1,502 for Annual operation of the Western Region Academy of Sport. Council's contribution will be used to support Mid-Western Regional athletes selected in WRAS programs. WRAS (a non-profit association) uses funding to reduce the financial burden families face when their children become involved in higher level sport. WRAS eliminates some of the disadvantages that regional athletes face in comparison to their city counterparts.

Link to Community Plan: 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles 1.1.4 Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve community safety

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 751

The Panel scored the application as a 6, therefore it is recommend to provide 50% of the requested funding.

Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc

Rotary Club of Mudgee Inc and Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise Inc requests \$7,000 for Mudgee Showground Carols. Project/activity is annual celebration of Christmas for Mudgee community. The event gives Mudgee families and others the opportunity to come together to celebrate Christmas in an alcohol-free family environment. Santa lands on Showground in a Commercial Helicopter sponsored helicopter. The event comes to a conclusion with a fantastic fireworks spectacular.

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

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Community Events: Cap \$ 5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 5,000

The amount requested was above the policy's Cap and therefore the cap amount of \$5,000 is recommended.

Mudgee 200 Years

Mudgee 200 Years requests \$5,000 for Mudgee 200 Years. This will be an event to acknowledge the 200 years of Mudgee that will incorporate a street parade as well as historical displays, First Nation cultural displays and markets at Robertson Park and Market St

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups 1.2.1 Respect and enhance the historic character of our Region and heritage value of our towns

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Community Grants Category - Community Events: Cap \$ 5,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 0

There does not appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan. Council recognises celebrating the bicentenary in 2038 when Mudgee was gazetted.

Cementa Inc

Cementa Inc requests \$90,000 for WAYOUT Artspace (purchase of building). To support our purchase of 71 Angus Avenue, Kandos to enable a permanent and year-round space and facilities for activities such as workshops, group activities, exhibitions and events.

Link to Community Plan: 1.4.2 Support arts and cultural development across the Region 3.1.1 Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Capital Grants Category: Cap \$25,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 12,500

The purchase of the building provides a pathway for the growth and development of this project to attract visitors to the region and promote arts and culture. It is recommended to provide 50% of the category cap.

Little Wings

Little Wings requests \$1,200 for Community Services Flights - Airway Refund. Little Wings provide free air and ground transport for chronically ill and seriously injured children and their family that live in rural and regional NSW, ensuring consistent and long-term access to life saving medical treatment that is only available in city based hospitals. Little Wings is a 89% volunteer led organisation and supports approximately 6 families in the Mudgee region.

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 Grants Category - Specific Program/ Project: Cap \$10,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 1,200

Community Plan implications

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 \$110,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. \$0 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$110,000. Based on the scoring system above, the recommendation of staff is to provide \$27,326 in financial assistance. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$82,674 will remain.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

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5 July 2021

Attachments: 1. Community Grant Applications. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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