

8.5 Acceptance of Grant Funding - NSW Government (Community Building Partnerships Program, Everyone Can Play in NSW, ClubGrants Infrastructure, Regional Tourism Activation Fund, Regional Sports Facility Fund) and Commonwealth Government (Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund)

REPORT BY THE MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 TO 03 NOVEMBER 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager Economic Development on the Acceptance of Grant Funding - NSW Government (Community Building Partnerships Program, Everyone Can Play in NSW, ClubGrants Infrastructure, Regional Tourism Activation Fund, Regional Sports Facility Fund) and Commonwealth Government (Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund);
2. if successful, accept the following grant funding from the below Government grant funding bodies:

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Community Building Partnerships Program	Kandos Library – Construction of a disabled toilet	\$30,000
Community Building Partnerships Program	Kandos Public Swimming Pool - Shade Sail infrastructure	\$22,500
Everyone Can Play in NSW Fund	Rylstone Inclusive Playspace	\$146,000
ClubGrants Infrastructure Fund	Gulgong Public Swimming Pool – Replacement of pool heaters	\$52,500
Regional Tourism Activation Fund	Flirtation Hill Mudgee Activation Development	\$375,000
Regional Tourism Activation Fund	Glen Willow Accessible Amenities Building	\$103,000
Regional Sports Facility Fund	Glen Willow PA and Internet Upgrade	\$400,000
Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund	Putta Bucca Training Camp Facility – Stage 3	\$2,080,000

3. **amend the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 Budgets in accordance with the adjustments listed in the financial implications section of this report; and**
4. **if successful, authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreements with the NSW and Commonwealth Government.**

Executive summary

Council has applied to a number of funding bodies for a range of projects identified in the Operational Plan and those that will support the overall goals of the Community Plan.

The five NSW Government funding bodies identified in this report are:

- Community Building Partnerships Program
- Everyone Can Play in NSW Fund
- ClubGrants Infrastructure Fund
- Regional Tourism Activation Fund
- Regional Sports Facility Fund

The Commonwealth Government funding body identified in this report is:

- Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Fund

It is recommended, if successful in any of the above applications for funding, that Council accepts the grant funding, authorises the General Manager to sign the funding agreements and amends Council's Budget for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

NSW Government: Community Building Partnership Program 2021

The total funding available for projects in the Dubbo Electorate is \$300,000. Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria, viability and deliver positive social, environmental, and recreational outcomes while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion. Projects must be for capital works (including construction of new community infrastructure as well as refurbishment, repair and maintenance of existing community infrastructure), the purchase of equipment or the purchase of vehicles. The following projects were identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund.

- Kandos Library – Construction of Disabled Toilet
- Kandos Public Swimming Pool Shade Sail Infrastructure

NSW Government: Everyone Can Play in NSW - Round 4

The total funding available for projects in NSW is \$5,000,000. Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria, viability and support the creation of playspaces which invite all people to participate in a variety of play experiences, in ways that challenge, excite and promote an active and healthy lifestyle.

Projects must build new playspaces in communities that currently do not have them, or fund upgrades to existing playspaces to ensure they create a space that offers inclusive play

opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. The following project was identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund.

- Rylstone Showground Inclusive Playspace

NSW Government: ClubGrants Infrastructure Grants 2021-22

The NSW Government’s ClubGrants Category 3 Fund reinvests a contribution from the state’s registered clubs gaming machine profits back into community projects. These grants to communities across NSW support the building, renovation and fit-out of infrastructure. Funding is available for arts and cultural infrastructure, sport and recreation infrastructure and projects that assist communities with essential infrastructure and disaster readiness. Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria, viability and support the building, renovation and fit-out of infrastructure. The following project was identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund.

- Replacement of the Gulgong Pool Heaters

NSW Government: Regional Tourism Activation Fund

The total funding available for projects in NSW is \$30,000,000. Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria and viability, accelerate the development of unique and high impact tourism and events infrastructure, boost the visitor economy in regional NSW by creating desirable experiences that encourage people to plan and book holidays to regional areas, improve the visitor experience and accessibility and inclusion for people with disability and accessibility requirements, and increase expenditure and create new jobs in the tourism sector across regional NSW. The following projects were identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund.

- Flirtation Hill Mudgee Activation Development
- Glen Willow Stadium Accessible Amenities Building

Australian Government: Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program

Approximately \$276 million total is available through this grant fund. Mid-Western Regional Council Local Government Area (LGA) has been allocated a funding envelope of \$1.6 million. Funding will be allocated to projects that meet the program assessment criteria and viability, support the recovery efforts and resilience of communities in eligible LGAs affected by the 2019-20 bushfires, enable LGAs to address community recovery needs within their own timeframes, and build stronger communities by supporting social, economic and built environment recovery. The following project was identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund.

- Putta Bucca Training Camp Facility - Stage 3

It is recommended, if Council is successful in its application for any of the above grant funding, that it accepts the grant funding, authorises the General Manager to sign the funding agreement and amends Council’s Budget for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 by amounts noted.

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

The identified projects support a number of Council strategies as identified in the Community Plan including the effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure. In receiving grant funding for these projects, the goal of an effective and efficient organisation is also supported.

Council Policies

Nil.

Legislation

Nil.

Financial implications

If grant applications are successful, the following adjustments are required to the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 Budgets.

<p>Kandos Library - Disabled Toilet In 2021/22 budget there is an expenditure budget of \$60,000, to be funded by Asset Reserve Replacement Fund This is to be updated to: In 2021/22 \$10,000 to be funded by grants, and \$10,000 to be funded by Asset Reserve Replacement Fund In 2022/23 \$20,000 to be funded by grants, and \$20,000 to be funded by Asset Reserve Replacement Fund</p>
<p>Kandos Swimming Pool – Shade Sail Infrastructure In 2021/22 budget there is an expenditure budget of \$45,000, to be funded by Capital Program Reserve This is to be updated to: In 2021/22 \$22,500 to be funded by grants and \$22,500 to be funded by Capital Program Reserve</p>
<p>Rylstone Inclusive Playspace In 2021/22 budget there is an expenditure budget of \$146,130 to be funded by Asset Reserve Replacement This is to be update to: In 2021/22 set an expenditure budget of \$292,000, with \$146,000 to be funded by grants and \$146,000 funded by Asset Reserve Replacement</p>
<p>Replacement of Gulgong Pool Heaters In 2021/22 budget there is an expenditure budget of \$105,000, to be funded by Asset Replacement Reserve. This is to be updated to: In 2021/22 \$52,500 to be funded by grants and \$52,500 to be funded by Asset Replacement Reserve</p>
<p>Flirtation Hill Mudgee Activation Precinct In 2021/22 budget there is an expenditure budget of \$50,000, to be funded by Community Plan Reserve. In 2022/23 budget there is an expenditure budget of \$700,000, to be funded 50% by Community Plan Reserve and 50% grants No changes are required to this project budget.</p>
<p>Glen Willow Accessible Amenities Building In 2021/22, set an expenditure budget of \$103,000 to be fully funded by grants.</p>
<p>Glen Willow PA and Internet Upgrade In 2022/23, there is an expenditure budget of \$120,000 to be funded by Capital Program Reserve. This is the be update to: In 2022/23 set an expenditure budget of \$400,000 to be fully funded by grants.</p>
<p>Putta Bucca Training Camp – Stage 3 Works</p>

In 2021/22 set an expenditure budget of \$92,000 to be fully funded by grants
 In 2022/23 set an expenditure budget of \$1,074,000 to be fully funded by grants
 In 2023/24 set an expenditure budget of \$1,143,000 to be fully funded by grants

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2021/22	-	-	✓
Future Years	✗	✗	✗

Associated Risks

Operating Performance Ratio

Increased expenditure on new capital infrastructure does not impact operating performance ratios in the current budget year, but will increase depreciation expenditure in future years, which has a negative impact on the Operating Performance Ratio. Any anticipated income will offset this impact, but at this stage, no income budget variations are recommended.

Own Source Revenue

Acceptance of external funding such as grants will cause this ratio to decline.

Building and Infrastructure Renewals

Introducing new budgets to construct new infrastructure such as Glen Willow Accessible Amenities and the Training Camp Facility – Stage 3 will increase asset depreciation in future years causing this ratio to decline.

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Attachments: Nil

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