

8.7 Acceptance of Grant Funding - NSW Government Small Business Month

REPORT BY THE EVENTS COORDINATOR
TO 17 AUGUST 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400098, GRA600052

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Events Coordinator on the Acceptance of Grant Funding - NSW Government Small Business Month;**
2. **if successful, accept the following grant funding of \$5000 from the NSW Government;**
3. **amend the 2022/23 Event Operations Budget to set an expenditure budget of \$5000 funded by grant funding; and**
4. **if successful, authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreements with the NSW Government.**

Executive summary

The NSW Government is offering grants of up to \$5,000 to eligible applicants to deliver free events during NSW Small Business Month November 2022 that directly benefit and support the small business community.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

NSW Small Business Month is a program that brings together industry associations, small business advocates and government to upskill and connect NSW small business owners. The month-long event also promotes the importance of small businesses to the community and NSW economy.

This month-long program of activities is designed to support small businesses across the state. Eligible grant applicants are invited to apply for up to \$5,000. The theme for 2022 is 'Connect for Success', with the focus to help the state's small businesses as they recover from COVID, floods and other economic challenges.

Council has applied to this grant program for funding of \$5,000 to deliver a free online event. The Resilience Project Workplace Digital Program. The content of the program focuses on key areas of Gratitude, Empathy/Kindness and Mindfulness and is all evidence based wellbeing strategies relevant during times of crisis.

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 2022/23 by amounts noted.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Building a Strong Local Economy
Goal	An attractive business and economic environment
Strategy	Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The identified projects support a number of Council strategies as identified in the Community Plan including promoting the region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit.

Council Policies

Nil

Legislation

Nil

Financial implications

If application is successful, the following adjustments are required to the 2022/23 budget set an expenditure budget of \$239,651 funded by grant funding.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	X	-	-
Future Years	-	-	-

Associated Risks

Nil

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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GENERAL MANAGER