

8.4 Acceptance of Grant Funding - for development of a strategy to help manage impacts of State Significant Development (SSD) Projects in the Mid-Western Region

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR DEVELOPMENT
TO 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Development on the Acceptance of Grant Funding - for development of a strategy to help manage impacts of State Significant Development (SSD) Projects in the Mid-Western Region;**
2. **if successful accept \$154,078 in grant funding from the NSW Government's Regional NSW Business Case and Strategy Development Fund (Stream 1 – Regional Significance);**
3. **if successful create a 2022/23 Budget for the strategy development project with \$154,078 grant funding; and**
4. **if successful authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreement with the NSW Government.**

Executive summary

In August 2022, Council applied for \$154,078 in grant funding from Stream 1 of the NSW Government's Regional NSW Business Case and Strategy Development Fund to engage a consultant to develop a strategy to help manage the impacts of State Significant Development (SSD) projects in the Mid-Western Region. The purpose of this report is to accept the grant funding, authorise the General Manager to sign the funding agreement, and create a project budget for 2022-23 with grant funding of \$154,078 toward the strategy development project, if grant application is successful.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Mid-Western Region will be impacted by State Significant Development (SSD) projects over the next 10 years with particular demands and impacts on the region's housing, workforce, infrastructure services and community services. Council applied for \$154,078 in grant funding through Stream 1 of the NSW Government's Regional NSW Business Case and Strategy Development Fund to support the development of a of a strategy to help manage the impacts of State Significant Development (SSD) projects in the Mid-Western Region.

Stream 1 of the NSW Government's Regional NSW Business Case and Strategy Development Fund supports local councils, joint organisations of councils, not-for-profit, industry and Aboriginal community groups with funding to develop business cases or strategies for regionally significant

projects and initiatives. The funding will help organisations build their capacity to plan for and deliver projects and regional development initiatives.

The following project was identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund:

- Development of a strategy to help manage the impacts of State Significant Development (SSD) projects in the Mid-Western Region

It is recommended that if the grant application is successful, Council accept the grant funding, authorise the General Manager to sign the funding agreement, and create a project Budget for 2022-23 with grant funding of \$154,078.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Vibrant towns and villages
Strategy	Work with key stakeholders to minimise the impacts of state significant development in the region

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Council's Towards 2040 Community Plan has a range of strategies supported by this activity including maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community; work with key stakeholders to minimise the impacts of state significant development in the region; provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community; provide leadership on economic development initiatives and identify resources and infrastructure required to drive investment and economic growth in the region, and promoting the region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit.

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

Nil

Associated Risks

Nil

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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