

## 9.4 Community Grants Program - December 2022

REPORT BY THE ACCOUNTANT REPORTING & ANALYSIS AND MANAGER FINANCIAL PLANNING  
TO 14 DECEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400098, FIN3000159

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Financial Planning Coordinator on the Community Grants Program - December 2022; and**
2. **provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy:**
  - **Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc. \$10,000**
  - **Mudgee Show Society \$5,000**
  - **Mid-Western People Against Violence Committee \$5,000**
  - **Gulgong and District Campdraft Association \$5,625**
3. **decline to provide financial assistance to the following applicants, for the reasons provided in the report:**
  - **Cudgegong Antique Machinery Club Inc.**
4. **provide events assistance to the following application in accordance with the Events Assistance Policy;**
  - **Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc. – Gulgong Folk festival for \$2,500**

### 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 2040 Community Plan.

All applications except for those under the Youth Representative Grants and the Mudgee Sports Advisory categories 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 9	Recommended Amount \$
Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc.	Gulgong Chamber of Commerce administration	12,000	9	10,000
Mudgee Show Society	Mudgee Show and Rodeo	5,000	8	5,000
Mid-Western People Against Violence Committee	NSW Women's Week & International Women's Day Community Lunch	5,000	9	5,000
Gulgong and District Campdraft Association	Upgrade to the Gulgong Campdraft ground	15,512	7	5,625
Cudgong Antique Machinery club Inc.	Mudgee Swap Meet small shed hire	335	5	-
<b>Total Financial Assistance</b>				<b>25,625</b>
Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc.	Gulgong Folk Festival	6,000	8	2,500
<b>Total Events Assistance</b>				<b>2,500</b>

## 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.

### **Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc.**

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc. requests \$6,000 for Gulgong Folk Festival. To provide a promotional content and PA hire for the principal venue of the 2023 Gulgong Folk Festival, a rich tradition, folk festival which attracts quality musicians and performers and visitors to the region.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community group's 1.4.2 Support arts and cultural development across the Region, 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

Events Assistance Grant: Cap \$2,500

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 2,500

The Panel scored the application as 8 but no Financial Assistance amount was recommended as the applicant is entitled for the Event Assistance Program. The applicant missed the cut off for the Events Assistance report which was presented to Council last month. This report recommends payment of the maximum event assistance amount of \$2,500.

### **Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc.**

Gulgong Chamber of commerce Inc. requests \$12,000 for Gulgong Chamber of Commerce administration. It administers, finances and operates 6 major community activities and programmes. It assists many community groups in our area to help ensure the smooth running of their events staged in the Mid-Western Regional Council area. Each Chamber activity requires financial administration and provision of resources.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the ranges of community groups 3.1.1 Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries, 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$10,000

The Panel scored the application as 9 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Council's Community Plan so the cap amount requested was recommended.

### **Mudgee Show Society**

Mudgee Show Society requests \$5,000 for Mudgee Show and Rodeo. It strives to bring community together and showcase our region. Enables to showcase local livestock, arts and crafts, food and talent. Provides competitions which enable further completion to places like Sydney Royal Easter Show. We Need our smaller shows to have competitors eligible to compete at the big show.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community group's 1.4.2 Support arts and cultural development across the Region, 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 5,000

The Panel scored the application as 8 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Council's Community Plan so the full amount requested was recommended.

### **Mid-Western People Against Violence Committee**

Mid-Western People Against Violence Committee requests \$5,000 for NSW Women's Week and International Women's Day Community Lunch. During NSW Women's Week, the Mid-Western people Against Violence (MPAV) Committee hosts an International Women's' Day lunch which

invites community and guest speakers to connect, learn and celebrate the achievements of women locally and globally.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.1.4 Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve community health and safety 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups, 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 5,000

The Panel scored the application as 9 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Council's Community Plan so the full amount requested was recommended.

### **Gulgong and District Campdraft Association**

Gulgong and District Campdraft Association requests \$15,512 for Upgrade to the Gulgong Campdraft ground. The goal with the funding is to upgrade the Gulgong Campdraft grounds to improve safety for competitors, spectators, horses and livestock. The main works will include purchasing sand to fill the arena as it is currently unusable when it is wet. Increase the height of the arena to meet the requirement of the ABCRA insurance policy.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.1.4 Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve community health and safety 1.3.1 Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community, 1.4.3 Provide equitable access to a range of places and spaces for all in the community*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

Capital Grants Category: Cap 50% of requested amount or \$ 25,000 whichever is lower.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 5,625

The Panel scored the application as 7 and there appear to be significant benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so 75% of (\$15,512 x 50%) was recommended.

### **Cudgegong Antique Machinery club Inc.**

Cudgegong Antique Machinery club Inc. requests \$335 for Mudgee Swap Meet small shed hire. They hire the shed at the northern end of the showground and brings visitors to Mudgee to buy and sell second hand goods.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit, 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles*

#### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

Community Grants Category - In-kind Grant: Cap \$ 5,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 0

The Panel scored the application as 5 and there does not appear to be satisfactory benefits linked with the objectives of Councils Community Plan so \$0 was recommended.

### Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Good Government</b>
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 \$173,912 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. \$96,686 has already been allocated, leaving a balance of \$77,226. Based on the scoring system above, the recommendation of staff is to provide \$25,625 in financial assistance. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, a balance of \$51,601 will remain.

### Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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24 November 2022

*Attachments:* 1. Community Grants December 2022 attachment. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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