

8.3 Acceptance of NSW Government Grants

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 15 FEBRUARY 2023 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400103, GRA600052

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager - Economic Development on the Acceptance of NSW Government Grants;
2. if successful, accept the grant funding from the following NSW Government grant funding bodies:

Grant Fund	Project	Grant Amount Requested
Infrastructure Betterment Fund	Betterment of Access Road to Rylstone Water Treatment Plant	\$420,000
Infrastructure Betterment Fund	Betterment of Rylstone Dam Wall Foundation and Erosion Projection	\$420,000
Places to Play (Open Spaces Program)	BMX Pump Tracks (Glen Willow) Stage 1	\$150,000

3. if successful, amend the 2022/23 and 2023/24 budgets in accordance with the adjustments listed on the Financial Implication section of this report and authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreements; and
4. amend the 2022/23 income for Airport Ambulance Transfer Bay to be \$50,000 grant funded and authorise the General Manager to finalise and sign the funding agreement.

Executive summary

Council has applied to numerous 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 NSW Government funding bodies identified in this report include:

- Infrastructure Betterment Fund
- Places to Play (Open Spaces Program)

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

Further, an adjustment to the budget for the Mudgee Airport Ambulance transfer bay is required as funding has been granted totalling \$50,000. Therefore, an adjustment to the income budget for 2022/23 is required and recommended for approval.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Infrastructure Betterment Fund

The funding available for the Infrastructure Betterment Fund is for the resilience improvement activity (referred to as the betterment activity) that is additional to the reconstruction / repair works of an essential public asset damaged in the 2019/2020 NSW Bushfires (AGRN 871), February and March 2021 Storm and Floods (AGRN 960 and AGRN 954) or February and March 2022 Severe Weather and Flooding (AGRN 1012).

The following projects were identified as relevant and meeting the criteria of the grant fund:

- Betterment of access road to Rylstone Water Treatment Plant \$420,000
- Betterment of Rylstone Dam wall foundation and erosion protection \$420,000

Places to Play (Open Spaces Program)

The Places to Play program is available to create innovative and inclusive open spaces that promote play creating adventure, nature and water play areas.

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

- BMX Pump Tracks (Glen Willow) Stage 1 \$150,000

Regional Airports Program – Round 3

Council has applied to the Regional Airports Program – round 3 to support the Mudgee Airport Ambulance bay refit. A budget for this project was set and approved for the 2022/23 financial year, however an adjustment to the income component of the budget is required for the successful grant submission for \$50,000 in funding. Therefore an amendment to the income budget for 2022/23 is required and recommended for approval.

- Mudgee Airport Ambulance bay refit grant funding \$50,000

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:

- Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community
- Maintain and manage water quantity and quality

Council Policies

Nil

Legislation

Nil

Financial implications

Infrastructure Betterment Fund - Betterment of access road to Rylstone Water Treatment Plant. In 2023/24 set an expenditure budget of \$420,000 to be fully funded by grants.

Infrastructure Betterment Fund - Betterment of Rylstone Dam wall foundation and erosion protection.

In 2023/24 set an expenditure budget of \$420,000 to be fully funded by grants.

Places to Play (Open Spaces Program) - BMX Pump Tracks (Glen Willow) Stage 1

In 2022/23 increase income budget to receive \$5,000 from grant funding and reduce funding from VPA by \$5,000.

Regional Airports Program – Round 3

Amend the 2022/23 income budget to receive \$50,000 from grant funding and reduce VPA funding by \$50,000.

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

Associated Risks

If the grant funding for the above named projects is successful and not accepted by Council the projects may not be able to proceed or may be delayed due to funding restraints. There is a project delivery risk for each project. These risks are managed through Council’s policies and procedures.

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Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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