

8.2 Acceptance of NSW Government Grants

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 15 MARCH 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
Smart Places Acceleration Program 2023	Mid-Western Region and Surrounds Flooded Roads Smart Warning System – 1 Location Trial	\$55,000
Arts and Cultural Funding Program – Round 2	Mudgee Arts Precinct Exhibition Program	\$198,050
Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification – Phase 1 Funding	Mudgee Saleyards – Planning and Design of Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification	\$5,000

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.

Executive summary

Council have applied to two funding bodies for projects identified in the Operational Plan and that will support the overall goals of the Community Plan.

The NSW Government funding bodies identified in this report include:

- Smart Places Acceleration Program 2023
- Arts and Cultural Funding Program 2022-23 (Round 2)
- Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification (Phase 1 Funding)

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.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Smart Places Acceleration Program 2023

The Smart Places Acceleration Program allows regional NSW to accelerate smart technologies and capabilities. The program will:

- support economic and community recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- encourage partnerships with and co-investment from local councils and industry to deliver smart place initiatives;
- support progress and implementation of the NSW Smart Places Strategy; and
- ensure NSW remains the leading state in implementing smart places initiatives.

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

- Mid-Western Region and surrounds flooded roads smart warning system. \$55,000

Arts and Cultural Funding Program 2022-23

The Arts and Cultural Funding Program aims to enhance creative leadership and programming excellence in NSW; Grow NSW arts and cultural activity that drives community and social benefits; and Strengthen NSW as a leader in arts and cultural governance and financial management.

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

- Mudgee Arts Precinct Exhibition Program \$198,050

Sheep & Goat Electronic Identification – Phase 1 Funding

Funding is available for saleyards and processors who undertake planning and design activities relating to the installation of e-ID related infrastructure.

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

- Mudgee Saleyards – Planning and Design of Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification \$5,000

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging
Strategy	Support arts and cultural development across the region

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The identified projects support a number of Council strategies as identified in the Community Plan including:

- Support arts and cultural development across the region.
- Work with key partners and the community to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and improve our community health and safety.
- Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries.

Council Policies

Nil

Legislation

Nil

Financial implications

Smart Places Acceleration Program 2023 - Mid-Western Region and surrounds Flooded Roads Smart Warning System – 1 location trial.

In 2022/23 set an expenditure budget of \$55,000 to be fully funded by grants.

Arts and Cultural Funding Program 2022-23 - Mudgee Arts Precinct Exhibition Program.

In 2023/24 increase the expenditure budget by \$198,050 to be funded by grants.

Sheep & Goat Electronic Identification – Mudgee Saleyards – Planning and Design of Sheep and Goat Electronic Identification.

In 2022/23 set an expenditure budget of \$5,000 to be fully funded by grants.

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