

8.5 Acceptance of NSW Government Grants

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TO 19 APRIL 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
2024/25 Multi-Year Funding for Arts & Cultural Organisations	Mudgee Arts Precinct Exhibition and Education Program	\$338,000
NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund	Central West Young Entrepreneur Summit 2023 - speakers and social marketing	\$15,000
2023/24 Regional Event Fund: Flagship Event Fund	Flavours of Mudgee 2023 marketing	\$30,000pa for 3 years

3. if successful, amend the 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 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 multiple 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:

- 2024/25 Multi-Year Funding for Arts & Cultural Organisations
- NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund
- 2023/24 Regional Event Fund: Flagship Event Fund

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 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

2024/25 Multi-Year Funding for Arts & Cultural Organisations

The Multi-Year Funding supports arts and cultural organisations to deliver, develop and present multiple arts and cultural activities over a 4-year period.

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

- Mudgee Arts Precinct Exhibition and Education Program \$338,000

NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund

The NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund is designed to help create, attract and support business events for regional NSW and to support new business event infrastructure projects.

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

- Central West Young Entrepreneur Summit 2023 \$15,000
Speakers and Social Marketing

2023/24 Regional Event Fund: Flagship Event Fund

The 2023/24 Regional Event Fund: Flagship Event Fund funding is available to enhance marketing and promotion to assist existing events build visitation from outside the event's local area. Funding is not intended to replace previous or other event funding.

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

- Flavours of Mudgee 2023 \$30,000 p.a.
Marketing for 3 years

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;
- Encourage the development of a skilled and flexible workforce to satisfy local industry and business requirements;
- Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries; and
- Provide a roads network that balances asset conditions with available resources and community needs.

Council Policies

Nil

Legislation

Nil

Financial implications

2024/25 Multi-Year Funding for Arts & Cultural Organisations - Mudgee Arts Precinct Exhibition and Education Program.

In 2024/25 increase the expenditure budget by \$80,000 to be funded by grants.

In 2025/26 increase the expenditure budget by \$83,000 to be funded by grants.

In 2026/27 increase the expenditure budget by \$85,000 to be funded by grants.

In 2027/28 increase the expenditure budget by \$90,000 to be funded by grants.

NSW Regional Business Event Development Fund - Central West Young Entrepreneur Summit 2023 - speakers and social marketing.

In 2023/24 increase the expenditure budget by \$15,000 to be funded by grants.

2023/24 Regional Event Fund: Flagship Event Fund - Flavours of Mudgee 2023 Marketing.

In 2023/24 increase the expenditure budget by \$30,000 to be fully funded by grants.

In 2024/25 increase the expenditure budget by \$30,000 to be fully funded by grants.

In 2025/26 increase the expenditure budget by \$30,000 to be fully funded by grants.

Budget Year	Operating Performance Ratio	Own Source Revenue	Building & Infrastructure Renewal
2022/23	-	-	-
Future Years	X	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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20 March 2023

Attachments: Nil

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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