

## 9.5 Community Grants Program - February 2024

REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL PLANNING COORDINATOR  
TO 21 FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400105, GRA600009

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Acting Financial Planning Co-ordinator on the Community Grants Program - February 2024;**
2. **provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy:**
  - **Mudgee Aero Club Incorporated** **\$12,400**
  - **Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc** **\$10,000**
  - **Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated** **\$6,000**
  - **Spare Parts Invests in Arts Inc** **\$3,150**
  - **Life Charity Focus** **\$5,000**
3. **not provide financial assistance to the following applicants for the reason provided in the report:**
  - **Cudgegong Antique Machinery Club**

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### 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 (\$)
Mudgee Aero Club Incorporated	Replacement of Aero Club Roof	18,800	9	12,400
Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc	Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Administration	15,000	9	10,000
Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated	Mudgee Fine Foods Famers and Makers Markets	6,000	9	6,000
Cudgegong Antique Machinery Club	Mudgee Swap Meet	500	n/a	-
Spare Parts Invests in Arts Inc	Latin Percussion Workshops in Kandos and Rylstone	3,150	9	3,150
Life Charity Focus	Colour Run Gulgong	7,000	8	5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>36,550</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.

### **Mudgee Aero Club Incorporated**

Mudgee Aero Club Incorporated requests \$18,800 for Replacement of Aero Club Roof .

*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, 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit*

### **COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

Capital Grants Category: Cap \$25,000 or 50% of the total project cost, whichever is the lower.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

\$12,400 (50% of project costs being \$24,800)

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

Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Inc requests \$15,000 for Gulgong Chamber of Commerce Administration.

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

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$10,000

**Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated**

Mudgee Fine Foods Incorporated requests \$6,000 for Mudgee Fine Foods Famers and Makers Markets.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups 3.1.1 Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries, 3.2.1 Promote the Region as a great place to live, work, invest and visit.*

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

Business Association Category: Cap \$10,000

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 6,000

**Cudgegong Antique Machinery Club**

Cudgegong Antique Machinery Club requests \$500 for Mudgee Swap Meet.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community 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*

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 0

The Mudgee Swap Meet falls under the events assistance Program funding. In accordance with the Community Grants Policy, this makes the request ineligible for funding.

**Spare Parts Invests in Arts Inc**

Spare Parts Invests in Arts Inc requests \$3,150 for Latin Percussion Workshops in Kandos and Rylstone.

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

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 3,150

**Life Charity Focus**

Life Charity Focus requests \$7,000 for Colour Run Gulgong.

*Link to Community Plan: 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles 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.*

**COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY**

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

\$ 5,000

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 \$110,000 is provided in the Operational Plan for financial assistance. Based on the scoring system above, and the recommendation of Council officers, an amount of \$31,550 in financial assistance is proposed. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, an amount of \$32,655 remains in the budget.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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*Attachments:* 1. Community Grants Attachment - February 2024. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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