

9.3 Community Grants Program - March 2024

REPORT BY THE ACCOUNTANT REPORTING & ANALYSIS
TO 20 MARCH 2024 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400105, GRA600009

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Financial Planning Co-ordinator on the Community Grants Program - March 2024;**
2. **provide financial assistance to the following applications in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Policy:**
 - **Mudgee Show Society** **\$5,000**
 - **Lauren Reed** **\$1,000**
 - **Tully Robertson** **\$500**
 - **Kanandah Retirement Limited** **\$13,404**
3. **not provide financial assistance to the following applicants for the reason provided in the report:**
 - **Rylstone Rodeo**

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 Show Society	Mudgee Show and Rodeo	5,000	8	5,000
Lauren Reed	Hyrox World Championships	2,000	-	1,000
Rylstone Rodeo	Purchase 12 long distance walkie talkies	2,226	-	0
Tully Robertson	NSW Country, NSW Waratahs Rugby	500	-	500
Kanandah Retirement Limited	Quiet Room	20,000	8	13,405
Total				\$19,905

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 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:3.1.1 Support the attraction and retention of a diverse range of businesses and industries 1.4.2 Support arts and cultural development across the Region, 1.4.1 Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 5,000

Lauren Reed

Lauren Reed requests \$2,000 for Hyrox World Championships. She is one of the two females representing Australia in Nice France for the functional fitness race.

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Youth Representative Grants Category: Cap \$ 1,000

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 1,000

The maximum cap amount was recommended as she meets all the criteria for the Youth Representative Grant category.

Rylstone Rodeo

Rylstone Rodeo requests \$2,226 for Purchase 12 long distance walkie talkies. To ensure the safety of participants and ensure crowd control.

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 0

The applicant was not recommended as they have already received funding through the Events assistance Program for 2023FY, 2024FY & 2025FY, thus won't be eligible for community grants program.

Tully Robertson

Tully Robertson requests \$500 for NSW Country, NSW Waratahs Rugby. Travel and Accommodation to Granville Sydney for the NSW Country Rugby held on June 2023 & September 2023.

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

Mudgee Sports Advisory Group: Cap \$ 500

RECOMMENDATION:

\$ 500

The maximum cap amount was recommended as the applicant meets all the criteria for the Mudgee Sports Advisory Group.

Kanandah Retirement Limited

Kanandah Retirement Limited requests \$20,000 for a Quiet Room. A quiet room is a dedicated room where family members can rest, while remaining close to their loved one during the end stage of palliative care. This room will be fully equipped and offer overnight accommodation at no cost.

Link to Community Plan:1.1.2 Work with key partners and the community to lobby for effective health services in our Region 1.1.1 Maintain the provision of high quality, accessible community services that meet the needs of our community, 1.1.3 Support networks, program and facilities which promote health and wellbeing and encourage healthy lifestyles

COMMUNITY GRANT CATEGORY

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

RECOMMENDATION:

\$13,404 (50% of the total project expenses which is \$26,808)

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Government
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 \$19,905 in financial assistance is proposed. Should Council approve the recommendations in the report, an amount of \$26,151 remains in the budget.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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Attachments: 1. Community Grant March 2024 Attachment. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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