

Community Wellbeing

Community Grants and Sponsorship Fund

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Decision Sought Approval of recommended grant and sponsorship applications.

Vote Simple majority

Recommendation to Council

That Council approves 2022-23 Round 1 grants and sponsorships to a total of \$13,245 as follows:

- Community Grants, as per Table 1, to the value of \$12,145; and
- Sponsorship Donations, as per Table 2, to the value of \$1,100.

Report

Council's Community Grants Committee met on 21 June 2022 and formed a recommendation for Council to approve \$13,245 in grants and sponsorship. The following tables set out the detail of these recommendations:

1. Community Grant allocations for 2022-23 Round 1, in accordance with Policy No. 82 as indicated in Table 1.

See overleaf.

Community Grants		
Organisation	Project	Funding Recommended
AIC Tennis Club	Fencing	\$3,000
Deloraine Agricultural and Pastoral Society	Heating in Atkins Pavilion	\$716
Mole Creek Hall Committee	Preserving Historic Photos	\$3,000
Westbury Preservation Society	Women on the Land Display	\$3,000
Sculpture Tasmania	Site Gallery - Deloraine	\$2,429*
Sub-total		\$12,145
* Recommend an allocation of \$2,429 if the Organisation is successful in securing the additional funding required from Arts Tasmania grant funding.		

Table 1: Committee funding recommendations for community grant applications.

2. Approve sponsorship donations for individuals and organisations for 2022-23 Round 1, in accordance with Policy No. 82 as indicated in Table 2.

Sponsorship Donations for Organisations and Individuals		
Organisation	Project	Funding Recommended
Tamar NRM Community Working Group	Sustainable Business Forum	\$500
Individual (Name)	Event	Funding Recommended
Arnott, E.	National Indoor Cricket Championship - VIC	\$150
Bloomfield, D.	Men's Netball Nationals – New Zealand	\$300
Davey, O.	Southern States Rugby Championships	\$150
Sub-total		\$1,100

Table 2: Committee funding recommendations for sponsorship applications.

Assessment

The Community Grant Guidelines state that grants are for projects that support the community to address needs, build local skills, attract participation and improve local lifestyle and for projects that support community events, community development, health and wellbeing activities and sport and recreation projects. Applicants must demonstrate the benefits their projects will have to residents of the Meander Valley local government area.

Round one is the first planned round of community grants and sponsorship assessments for 2022-2023. The total grants and sponsorship budget allocation for the year is \$100,000.

The total of all grant and sponsorship requests for round one is \$19,529.

The Community Grants Committee (the Committee) comprising Councillors Stephanie Cameron and Tanya King, Jonathan Harmey (Director Corporate Services) and Kris Eade (Team Leader Facilities) reviewed round one grant and sponsorship applications on 21 June 2022.

Seven community grant applications were received for round one with requests totalling \$18,429.

Details of all grant applicants, the grant amounts requested and the grant amount recommended from the Committee are indicated in Table 2.1 below.

Community Grants				
Organisation	Project	Project Cost	Grant Requested	Grant Funding Recommended
AIC Tennis Club	Fencing	\$5,395	\$3,000	\$3,000
Deloraine Agricultural and Pastoral Society	Heating in Atkins Pavilion	\$3,001	\$3,000	*\$716
Mole Creek Hall Committee	Preserving Historic Photos	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Westbury Preservation Society	Women on the Land Display	\$5,221	\$3,000	\$3,000
Prospect Park Sports Club	Online Financial Services	\$2,821	\$1,000	*Not Supported
Sculpture Tasmania	Site Gallery - Deloraine	\$37,429	\$2,429	*\$2,429

Tasmanian Women in Agriculture – Meander Valley	Commemorative Bench Seat	\$4,760	\$3,000	*Defer
Total		\$61,626	\$18,429	\$12,145

* The following additional information was considered by the Committee:

- The recommended amount excluded the funds requested for kitchen items as they were considered ineligible as core consumables for the Deloraine Agricultural and Pastoral Society in the operation of its function facility. The grant funding amount that was recommended reflects the cost of the requested heaters only.
- This application was not supported as the “square” technology equipment that was requested for use in the operation of canteen, café/bar, kitchen, gate, merchandise and storage facilities was considered as a core operational cost for Prospect Park Sports Club as managers of Prospect Park activities. It was also assessed as not demonstrating community support or addressing community disadvantage.
- An allocation of \$2,429 is recommended to the Sculpture Tasmania project if it is successful in its application for additional funding from Arts Tasmania in order to complete the whole Site Gallery project.
- Planning detail remained unsatisfied for the installation of Tasmanian Women in Agriculture’s proposed commemorative bench seat. It is recommended that a decision on funding this project is deferred until the installation detail of where, how and when can be provided and a general level of community support for these plans can be demonstrated.

The applications received for all other funding streams were recommended as requested by applicants as per Table 2. If all recommendations are approved by Council, the total allocation provided through Round 1 of the 2022-23 Community Grants and Sponsorship program will be \$13,245 with a total of \$86,755 remaining for allocation across the next three rounds.

Attachments Nil

Strategy Furthers the objectives of Council’s strategic future direction 3: vibrant and engaged communities and 4: a healthy and safe community.

See Meander Valley Community Strategic Plan 2014-24. [Click here](#) or visit www.meander.tas.gov.au/plans-and-strategies to view.

Policy Council Policy No. 82: *Community Grant & Sponsorship Fund*.

Legislation *Local Government Act 1993: s77.*

Consultation Advice and assistance are provided to applicants on request. The Community Grants and Sponsorship program is communicated through community networks and the media. Guidelines and application forms are available to prospective applicants via Council's website and on request.

Budget & Finance The total Grants and Sponsorship budget allocation for the 2022-23 financial year is \$100,000.

Risk Management Not applicable

Alternative Motions The Council may vary the grants and sponsorships from those recommended, choosing to approve or not approve.