8.1. PETITION - FOR INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS IN FRONT STREET, MOSSMAN

REPORT AUTHOR(S) Darryl Crees, General Manager Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives the Petition and refer it to the Chief Executive Officer to submit a grant application under the Safer Communities Fund - Round 13 Infrastructure Grants for the purpose of CCTV installation in Front Street Mossman.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Petition has been received by Council and, in accordance with Clause 8.1 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings, is presented to Council.

The Petition is requesting Council to install Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) along Front Street, Mossman from George Davis Park up to the Woolworths Supermarket site.

The Principal Petitioner is Stacey Pont, owner of Mossman Bakery. The petition has been signed by 93 petitioners. (refer Attachment 1)

COMMENT

The Principal Petitioner has highlighted the recent incident of a fire in a Council rubbish bin that almost burnt adjacent buildings containing three businesses and a number of anti-social behaviour/criminal activities carried out in area.

The Principal Petitioner has also entered into discussions with Mossman Police who advise that they have provision for the CCTV screens and the manpower for surveillance and reviews of CCTV footage.

PROPOSAL

In accordance with Council's Standing Orders for Council Meetings, it is proposed that Council receive the petition and refer it to the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application for funding under the Safer Communities Fund – Round 13 Infrastructure Grants for the installation of CCTV in Front Street, Mossman.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Safer Communities Fund will provide 100% of establishment costs should Council's grant application be successful, therefore no financial implications.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Should the grant funding application for this initiative be successful then Council will be assisting the Mossman Community in mitigating the risk of crime to businesses in its main street.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

- 1.2.1 Advocate for state and federally funded services in identified areas of need.
- 1.2.4 Network, advocate and partner with stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Advocate Supporting communities and groups by advocating for certain actions

from other organisations (usually other levels of government)

CONSULTATION

Internal: Executive Leadership Team and relevant staff

External: Refer petition received

ATTACHMENTS

1. Petition for installation of closed circuit television cameras in Front St Mossman [8.1.1]



29th August 2018

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Ph: 07 4098 1907

Location: 37 Front St, Mossman, QLD 4873

Postal: PO Box 788 Port Douglas

Att: CEO Douglas Shire Council

Re: Petition for installation of Closed Circuit Television Cameras in Front St Mossman.

Dear Sir,

We would like to request that Douglas Shire Council installs Closed Circuit Television Cameras along Front St Mossman from George Davis Park up to the Woolworths Supermarket site.

As operators of Mossman Bakery for the past 10 years we have seen the consequences of petty and random crime at night in Mossman. We have had a window broken, put out several fires in the front DSC rubbish bin and spoken to the victim of a violent assault outside the bakery.

However, two weeks ago when a young girl threw her cigarette butt into the DSC bin outside the bakery at 10pm, the fire was so intense that fire fighters had to get up on our roof and hose it down due to the risk the heat it was creating. Our bakery and the livelihood of 8 residents could have burnt to the ground due to reckless and carless behaviour that occurs frequently in Front St. Three other fires were lit in Front St and Johnston Rd that night.

We hope that the installation of CCTV cameras will act as a deterrent to people of all ages who are acting in a reckless manner without regard for the consequences and also to those people who are regularly drunk and disorderly and commit assaults and property crimes along Front St. We are also confident that in the event that serious crime is committed, the police will be able to use CCTV footage to solve street crime and bring justice to its victims.

Our petition is signed by 93 people who were in the Front St shops at the time I was able to call in. Fifty-five out of the 60 businesses and services along Front St that I asked to sign the petition did so with much enthusiasm. Just 3 businesses declined to sign the petition and 2 were undecided. You may note that the overwhelming majority of business owners and managers in the street have signed along with strong support from Queensland Police Service members and Queensland Ambulance Service.

In fact Mossman Police Sergeant Matt Smith said we was willing to provide a space for the CCTV screens and man power for surveillance and reviews at Mossman Police Station.

Federal Member for Leichardt Warren Entsch announced last week that a third round of funding was available for local councils to install CCTV. Please see the Safer Communities Fund Round 3 – Infrastructure Grants enclosed along with a copy of our petition. We look forward to your response,

Sincerely

Stacey Pont

Owner Mossman Bakery

Petition to Douglas Shire Council

To install Closed Circuit Television Cameras in Front St Mossman

The recent lighting of a fire in a DSC rubbish bin that almost burnt the adjacent building containing three businesses sent shop owners scrambling to their security cameras. Little footage of good quality was available and the need for surveillance was highlighted.

While there is not an excess of street crime in Mossman there is a need for Front St businesses to be able to obtain evidence when shop windows are broken, unauthorised entry is gained, goods stolen and the occasional fire is lit.

As the shop owners and operators in a small town we should be supported in efforts to run a business knowing that if property crime is committed, the police have the best opportunity to solve that crime and present evidence in court.

The presence of CCTV footage would also be of advantage to the wider community when assaults, altercations and abuse take place, which is common in Front St Mossman at night.

We the shop owners and operators of Front St Mossman and the Mossman community request that Douglas Shire Council install Closed Circuit Television Cameras in Front St Mossman.

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At a glance

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Provides local councils and community organisations with grants of up to \$1 million for security infrastructure activities to address crime and anti-social behaviour in public or community spaces.

Who can apply:

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- an licorporated not to: profit organisation
- a local government agency or body

Industry/trade associations and chambers of commerce can apply if they meet the eligibility criteria Above.

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Deadline to apply:

Applications close; 25 September 2018 5:00 pm AEST

Contact information:

13 28 46 (https://www.business.gov.au(el:132846)

business_gov.au/contact (https://www.business.gov.au/Contact.us)

Overview

The Safer Communities Fund provides grants of up to \$1 million to community organisations and local governments for local crime prevention and security infrastructure activities and to protect community organisations that may be facing security risks associated with racial and /or religious intolerance. Project activities can include:

- · installation of fixed or mobile CCTV cameras
- · installation of security lighting
- installation of bollards
- installation of security and alarm systems, intercoms and swipe access attached to a public or community space
- · crime prevention through environmental design (GPIED) including changing environmental characteristics in public or community spaces, such முத்தில் அத்தில் அது முடியாக வருக்கும் காக்கிய க

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Projects must be completed by 31 March 2020.

Attachment 8.1.1

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Eligibility criteria

To be eligible you must:

- have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be one of the following entities:
- an incorporated not for profit organization ≥*
- a local government agency or body as defined in appendix A of the grant opportunity guidelines
 Industry/trader associations and chambers of commerce can apply if they meet the eligibility criteria above.

In order to be eligible you must:

- provide evidence from the site owner or manager providing authority for you to undertake the project at the nominated site. You should
 use the letter template at the bottom of this page and provide this with your application or prior to entering into a grant agreement.
- be able to start your project within 8 weeks of executing a grant agreement which can include project planning activities.
- have met relevant state or territory legislation obligations related to working with children, and ensure that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this program, has undertaken and passed a working with children check, if required under relevant State or Territory legislation. You are also responsible for assessing the suitability of the people you engage as part of your project to ensure children are kept safe.

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

a school or preschool that is registered as an educational establishment with a state or territory registration authority

Merit criteria

To be competitive you must score at least 50% against each merit criterion.

- The extent that your project will contribute to improved community safety (50 points)
- The impact of grant funding on your project (30 points)
- Your capacity, capability and resources to deliver the project (20 points)

How to apply

To apply for a grant you need to complete the online application form.

For assistance with the application form contact us (https://www.business.gov.au/Contact-us).

How we assess applications

Applications that meet eligibility will proceed to a merit assessment. AusIndustry will prepare a report that examines the claims you have made against the merit criteria. The Assistant Minister for Home Affairs will make the final decision taking into account the merit assessment and the availability of grant funds.

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