

## 5.2. COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING ROUND TWO

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### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council endorses a second round of Community Support Funding to be allocated to:**

- **Event Funding Program \$10,000 in total and**
  - **Industry Development Funding Program \$11,000 in total**
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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council provides a pool of \$60,000 for three Community Support Programs:

1. Community Support Fund
2. Events Fund
3. Industry Development Fund

In the first round the Community Support Fund was fully allocated (over allocated by \$8,278), the Event Fund was half allocated and no allocation from the Industry Development Fund was made. Total funds allocated were \$38,274.

There is a total of \$21,726 available for a second round of funding.

### BACKGROUND

Council provides the Community Support Funding annually.

### COMMENT

Should Council endorse the second round of funding, the current program guidelines will be utilised with the following key dates:

- 4 February 2019 Funding round opens
- 4 March 2019 funding round closes
- 7 March 2019 applications assessed by panel
- 12 March 2019 assessment panel recommendations discussed at Council workshop
- 22 March 2019 Council meeting to endorse successful applicants

### PROPOSAL

That the unallocated remaining budget for the 2018/19 Community Support Fund be allocated for a second round of funding as follows:

- Event Funding Program \$10,000 in total and
- Industry Development Funding Program \$11,000 in total

The appropriate Council officers will work with potential applicants whilst the funding round is open to support good quality applications. Officers will also liaise with unsuccessful applicants from the first round to assist the applicants, should they wish, in preparing a compliant application.

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Included in current 2018/19 budget

## **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The risks in relation to allocating public funds through Council's funding programs are:

### **Failure to acquit funds**

Risk Management procedures in relation to outstanding Outcome Reports will consist of the following:

- Requests for extension of project timelines and/or Outcome Report deadlines are to be submitted in writing to appropriate Council officer.
- Council grants extensions of project timelines and/or Outcome Report deadlines on a case by case basis when such requests are deemed to be justified.
- Council officer contacts grantees who have obtained extensions on projects on a regular basis to monitor progress.

At times grantees may face circumstances beyond their control which impact on project timelines so Council officers will try to support artists and organisations in such situations to achieve the original outcomes of awarded projects.

### **Conflict**

There may be a risk of conflict arising between applicants, Council staff, or elected members. Applicants will be encouraged to contact the Council officer about any disagreement or conflict with the grant application.

Applicants will have the right to request a meeting with Council staff to obtain feedback about their application or to view the minutes of assessment meetings.

To mitigate this risk minutes will clearly document Assessment Panel comments as to why an application should or should not be funded, with suggestions on where application could be improved for future submissions.

In addition, feedback forms have been developed to gauge feedback from people attending information sessions and applicants so that Council can refine processes, presentation tools and other practices to improve the program.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

### **Economic:**

The objectives of the funding streams include assisting organisations develop programs, projects or activities that provide economic benefits to the Shire including promoting employment and volunteering opportunities.

- Environmental:** The objectives of the funding streams include assisting organisations develop programs, projects or activities that encourage environmental protection and sustainability.
- Social:** The objectives of the funding streams include assisting organisations develop programs, projects or activities that encourage community involvement and participation.
- Policy:**
- Douglas Shire Council Community Support Program General Policy
  - Council's Role in Economic Development General Policy

## 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

*1.1.4 - Support and encourage a healthy, active and capable region through sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities, and community wellbeing initiatives.*

*1.1.5 - Support local non-profit community, sporting and cultural organisations to build their capacity.*

*1.3.1 - Take a proactive role in supporting the provision of improved facilities and services directed at assisting and caring for vulnerable groups in our communities.*

*1.3.3 - Foster and support the role of local artists, writers and performers to encourage community vibrancy and wellbeing.*

*1.3.4 - Provide and enhance community facilities and opportunities that cater for the arts, recreational and cultural pursuits.*

## 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:

<b>Facilitator</b>	Bringing people together to develop solutions to problems
<b>Fully-Responsible</b>	Funding the full cost of a program or activity
<b>Information Provider</b>	Bringing people together to develop solutions to problems.

## **CONSULTATION**

**Internal:** Nil

**External:** Nil

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Community Development Officers

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil