

## Community grants funding up for grabs

Round 1 of Council's 2017/18 Community Grants Program will open on 1 July following the adoption of the program's guidelines heading into the new financial year.

The guidelines are reviewed annually and the Community Grants Program is one of the most immediate ways Council can strengthen its communities by making funds available for a broad range of community initiatives.

Each year, the program is monitored in-line with the Community Grants Policy and adjusted accordingly to ensure the program objectives are met. As a result, there were a number of changes to the guidelines for 2017/18 including an update to the category names to provide clarity, an increase in the funding contribution to the Emergency Grants and a maximum funding allocation increase to the Celebrations, Festival and Events category.

Director Corporate and Community Services, Faith Page, said there was no other funding support quite like the Community Grants program.

"The Community Grants program is so diverse," she explained. "It can financially support community initiatives that enhance the quality of life, heritage, recreation and cultural opportunities for local residents."

"The application process itself is simple to complete because we want to make it accessible to all and I encourage applicants to take advantage of Council's Grants team, who is here to help anyone through the process should they need it."

Over 90 projects received almost \$300,000 via the 2016/17 Community Grants program and 11 projects received almost \$42,000 under the Dairy Tigh Times Support Events Program.

More information about Community Grants can be found on Council's website.

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