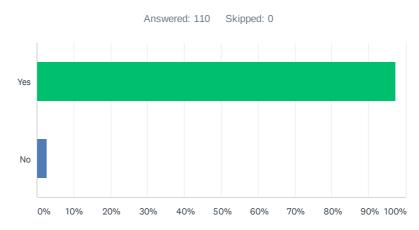
South Gippsland Shire Council Community Grant Program Evaluation Online Survey Responses - Appendix 3

Q1 Is your Community Organisation/Volunteer Group located in the South Gippsland Shire Council?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.27%	107
No	2.73%	3
TOTAL		110

Q2 What postcode is your community organisation located in?

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Q3 At this point in time, what is ONE word that best describes your experience of the Community Grants Program at South Gippsland Shire?

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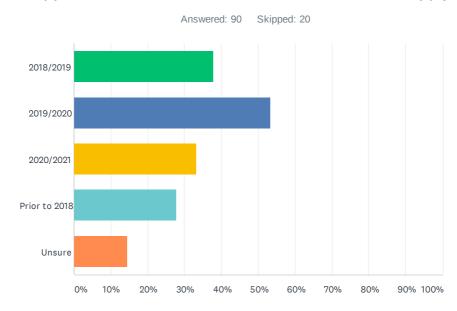
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37	APPRECIATION	5/7/2021 2:48 PM
38	Unclear	5/7/2021 2:47 PM
39	Helpful	5/7/2021 2:36 PM
40	Inconsistent	5/7/2021 1:50 PM
41	EXCELLENT	5/7/2021 1:50 PM
42	Welcome	5/7/2021 1:35 PM
43	POSITIVE	5/7/2021 1:24 PM
44	there is a specific dialogue that needs to be learnt to apply for any grant at any place	5/7/2021 1:24 PM
45	Unhelpful	5/7/2021 1:21 PM
46	Great	5/7/2021 1:18 PM
47	available	5/7/2021 1:16 PM
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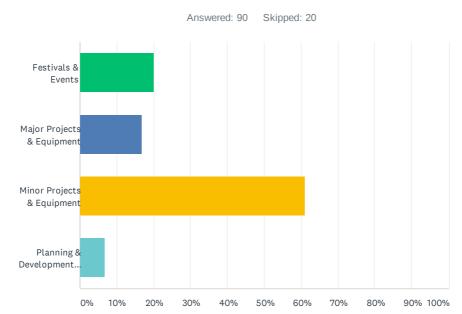
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86	Good	5/3/2021 7:06 PM
87	Good	5/3/2021 6:57 PM
88	Generous	5/3/2021 6:56 PM
89	Unfulfilling	5/3/2021 6:37 PM
90	Restrictive	5/3/2021 6:30 PM

Q4 Between the years 2018-2021 did your Community Organisation/Volunteer Group receive a Community Grant from South Gippsland Shire Council? Please check all that apply.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
2018/2019	37.78%	34
2019/2020	53.33%	48
2020/2021	33.33%	30
Prior to 2018	27.78%	25
Unsure	14.44%	13
Total Respondents: 90		

Q5 Thinking about the most recent Community Grant you were awarded (or applied for) what category was it in?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Festivals & Events	20.00%	18
Major Projects & Equipment	16.67%	15
Minor Projects & Equipment	61.11%	55
Planning & Development Reports	6.67%	6
Total Respondents: 90		

Q6 If your Community Organisation/Volunteer Group has received a Community Grant since 2018, please describe the outcomes the grant helped you achieve (eg, change in circumstances, knowledge, skills, behaviour, attitudes, awareness, etc)

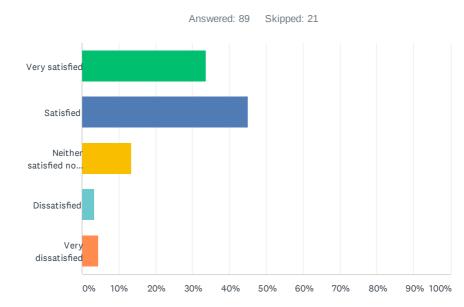
Answered: 78 Skipped: 32

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:48 PM
2	Community strengthening, employment, social capital, skills transfer, awareness of local issues	5/14/2021 2:37 PM
3	One step closer to much needed change facilities and loos.	5/13/2021 4:13 PM
4	Community connectivity	5/13/2021 3:57 PM
5	Korumburra Croquet Club Inc We received grants to replace our hot water service	5/13/2021 10:34 AM
6	Facility Improvements	5/12/2021 4:33 PM
7	Enabled our organisation to have better facilities for volunteers and visitors to our premises.	5/12/2021 10:13 AM
8	Upgrade to community facilities	5/11/2021 9:35 PM
9	Improve facilities	5/11/2021 5:14 PM
10	more effective volunteer support	5/11/2021 4:57 PM
11	Having climate control in our clubrooms year round has been a game changer	5/11/2021 4:20 PM
12	Equipment upgrade	5/11/2021 2:24 PM
13	Helped to reclad the Middle Tarwin hall	5/11/2021 2:05 PM
14	Korumburra & Diostrict Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.	5/11/2021 10:16 AM
15	Supporting community + legacy equipment (Rail Trail shelter), maintaining club infrastructure + efficiency (hot water set + computer)	5/9/2021 9:14 PM
16	update facilities	5/9/2021 8:58 PM
17	Developed a strategic plan for the community centre, supported the purchaser of equipment, supported missed funding to during COVID 2020	5/9/2021 8:00 PM
18	skills, accessibility	5/9/2021 1:08 PM
19	Unable to complete this for some reason?	5/9/2021 11:00 AM
20	Due to covid monies not dpent	5/8/2021 8:17 PM
21	Increased participation in our SkateFit program and significant reduction in work tasks for trainers as skated were able to be stored at the venue.	5/8/2021 8:04 PM
22	Building a stronger more connected community	5/8/2021 12:36 PM
23	Covid-19 changed our course so still planning	5/7/2021 9:51 PM
24	Update to clubrooms which gave us all more appreciation of our surroundings.	5/7/2021 7:31 PM
25	Engaging the Community post COVID	5/7/2021 7:31 PM
26	Incomplete	5/7/2021 5:28 PM
27	Engaged vibrant community	5/7/2021 5:12 PM
28	Upgrade of key local assets	5/7/2021 4:01 PM
29	Repair of damaged roof	5/7/2021 3:30 PM
30	Completion of the building for the Coal Creek Park and Museum	5/7/2021 3:29 PM

31	GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS	5/7/2021 2:48 PM
32	The grant was for building maintenance so I think it demonstrated a commitment to the hall to the community	5/7/2021 2:47 PM
33	skills, community cohesion, clarity of direction	5/7/2021 2:36 PM
34	Delivery of programs and services, skill sharing, building social capital, builsing community networks, raising awareness of issues (mental health, youth)	5/7/2021 1:50 PM
35	Saving time and ability to move volunteers safely and carry equipment.	5/7/2021 1:50 PM
36	Quick Response Grant for Agnes Falls Tourist Brochures which are then made available to visitors on-site	5/7/2021 1:35 PM
37	Awarness	5/7/2021 1:24 PM
38	Covid restart grant, enables us to purchase cleaning goods	5/7/2021 1:24 PM
39	Equipment	5/7/2021 1:21 PM
40	Improve Facilities	5/7/2021 1:18 PM
41	Access to tech for a small community foundation	5/7/2021 1:11 PM
42	The committee was able to engage performers and events we couldn't access without the grant	5/6/2021 12:57 PM
43	Replacement of old equipment, resulting in a safer and more efficient operation for volunteers.	5/6/2021 12:52 PM
44	it provided a safer environment for members and users of the facility	5/6/2021 9:16 AM
45	replacement of skylights and re-plastering of bathrooms	5/5/2021 11:21 PM
46	Facility upgrade	5/5/2021 9:07 PM
47	Grant overload	5/5/2021 8:40 PM
48	190 new chairs	5/5/2021 7:42 PM
49	change in circumstances, awareness of club	5/5/2021 7:09 PM
50	community engagement, boost to local tourism	5/5/2021 6:15 PM
51	security awareness	5/5/2021 5:20 PM
52	The grant made it possible for us to run the event and brought most if not all in the community together as one.	5/5/2021 3:19 PM
53	Valued contribution towards large project that is nearing stage completion	5/5/2021 1:24 PM
54	Enabled the community to come together to achieve collective goals, engage, create a sense of purpose and contribution that buoys and adds to our township.	5/5/2021 10:20 AM
55	Our grant was received before 2018	5/5/2021 9:43 AM
56	facility upgrade	5/5/2021 8:53 AM
57	Improvement of hall enviorment	5/5/2021 8:08 AM
58	Members felt reassured and supported in our activities	5/4/2021 5:01 PM
59	Bring communities together	5/4/2021 4:41 PM
60	Better community connectedness, increased team building, increased volunteer engagement	5/4/2021 4:28 PM
61	Better attitude and behavior from the girls.	5/4/2021 3:38 PM
62	Plan, skills	5/4/2021 1:59 PM
63	Hoping to build a covered meeting space in Community Garden to strengthen community connections	5/4/2021 10:02 AM
64	Eased the financial pressure	5/4/2021 9:20 AM
65	Increased participation in performing arts and awareness of disability.	5/4/2021 8:40 AM
66	Equipment upgrade & smarty grant for red ball courts	5/4/2021 6:24 AM

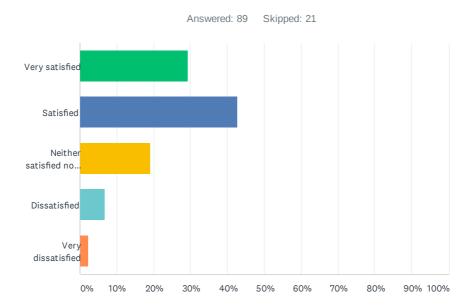
67	The grant helped to highlight our town	5/3/2021 10:21 PM
68	unfortunately we have not achieved a successful outcome as yet.	5/3/2021 9:39 PM
69	Facility Usage	5/3/2021 8:57 PM
70	Increased accessibility for disabled	5/3/2021 8:18 PM
71	Behaviour	5/3/2021 8:04 PM
72	Prepared for applying for large infrastructure grants; better facilities at our ground; helped decorate our town for Christmas	5/3/2021 7:45 PM
73	No grants received	5/3/2021 7:37 PM
74	Community involvement	5/3/2021 7:06 PM
75	Awareness	5/3/2021 6:57 PM
76	Project fullfillment, knowledge and skills	5/3/2021 6:56 PM
77	Not applicable	5/3/2021 6:37 PM
78	Equipment and maintainence	5/3/2021 6:30 PM

Q7 Overall the extent to which I am satisfied with the Application Process of the Community Grant Program?



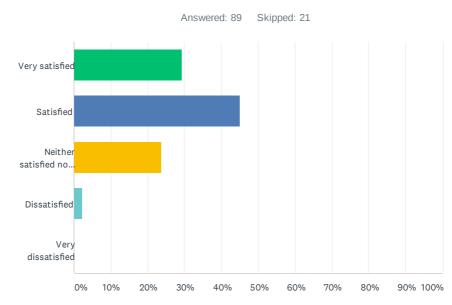
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	33.71%	30
Satisfied	44.94%	40
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	13.48%	12
Dissatisfied	3.37%	3
Very dissatisfied	4.49%	4
TOTAL		89

Q8 Overall, the extent to which I am satisfied with the Assessment Process of the Community Grants Program



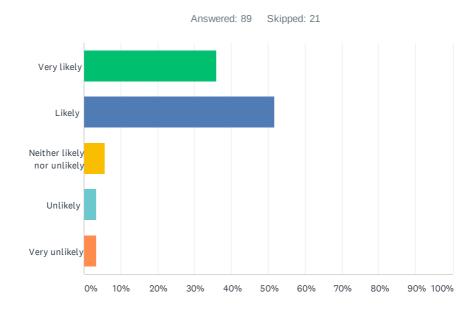
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	29.21%	26
Satisfied	42.70%	38
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	19.10%	17
Dissatisfied	6.74%	6
Very dissatisfied	2.25%	2
TOTAL		89

Q9 Overall, the extent to which I am satisfied with the Acquittal Process of the Community Grant Program



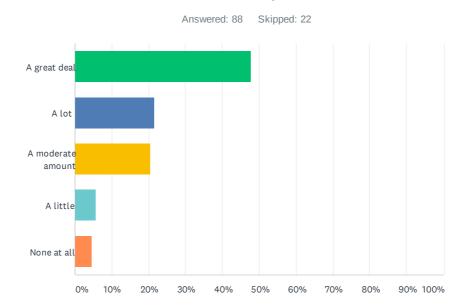
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	29.21%	26
Satisfied	44.94%	40
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	23.60%	21
Dissatisfied	2.25%	2
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		89

Q10 In the future, how likely are you to provide feedback on the Community Grants Policy and Program?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	35.96%	32
Likely	51.69%	46
Neither likely nor unlikely	5.62%	5
Unlikely	3.37%	3
Very unlikely	3.37%	3
TOTAL		89

Q11 Overall, how would you rate the Community Grant Program's impact (eg. positive community benefits and outcomes) on your local community?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	47.73%	42
A lot	21.59%	19
A moderate amount	20.45%	18
A little	5.68%	5
None at all	4.55%	4
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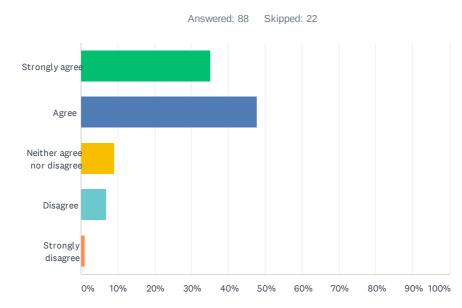
#	TELL US ABOUT THIS IMPACT (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	Community strengthening, infrastructure improvement, support for community groups to remain sustainable	5/14/2021 2:39 PM
2	They support a lot of community programs that would struggle otherwise.	5/13/2021 4:15 PM
3	it The Grants have helped our club replace equipment we would would have had trouble financing.	5/13/2021 10:39 AM
4	As a not for profit volunteer group it is vital to get support from our local council to achieve positive outcomes for our organization. This ultimately benefits our local community and provides another asset for the whole district of South Gippsland.	5/12/2021 8:27 PM
5	My own experience is that the small grants programs tend to support the groups/projects that often fall thru the cracks	5/11/2021 4:57 PM
6	The local community is very appreciative of having climate control in our rooms during the extremes of summer and winter. Being used by primarily the Cricket club in the summer and Football club in the winter, the climate control is having year round use.	5/11/2021 4:22 PM
7	Equipment upgrade means wifi firmware can be upgraded hence making wifi usage safer	5/11/2021 2:27 PM
8	As much as the Loch Community Development Association would like to participate in and benefit from Shire grants, I don't think we know much about the opportunities and process.	5/11/2021 10:22 AM

9	Grants spent within our region, if compliant to the nominated criteria, are more likely to deliver a positive community outcome. Our examples have been both public and internal, with the public use one being a more obvious community benefit. However, even an internal club benefit indirectly helps the community in the long run through ongoing distributions of funds and membership engagument.	5/9/2021 9:34 PM
10	allowed us to install a new updated stove and assist with covid impact	5/9/2021 9:01 PM
11	By having a strategic plan the ASCC had been able to develop a strategic plan, this in turn had directed how and what we have further applied for such as equipment , mower, items for the centre and further developing the community centre grounds	5/9/2021 8:05 PM
12	We were able to purchase equipment for our club which meant we could have more people participating in soccer in the community. This improves individuals well being, mental health and connectedness to the community they live in.	5/9/2021 1:10 PM
13	It supported purchase of equipment to provide free publi WiFi in Fish Creek. It has allowed us to pivot quickly to present an on-line festival exhibition during COVID. Provided weather proof banners and business cards for future festivals.	5/9/2021 11:16 AM
14	increased awareness of achievements of local women in improving the local Corner Inlet Community. Increased awareness in Foster Secondary College young men that they can contribute to improving inequality in daily life. Showcasing and modelling of skills needed to deal with present day inequalities. Historical record of local women and their achievements recorded, showcased in local media and on public display.	5/9/2021 11:02 AM
15	good financial assistance to volunteer groups	5/9/2021 10:17 AM
16	Impact for us has been limited as unable to undertake works as planned	5/8/2021 8:18 PM
17	The grants enable us to provide services, equipment, projects or strategic directions to strengthen and engage our community	5/8/2021 12:37 PM
18	Covid-19 has disrupted our use of the grant	5/7/2021 9:53 PM
19	The night we attended the Grant presentation it was overwhelming to see the number of small and large clubs in the community receiving small and large amounts for their clubs. Without this Shire community commitment and funding many clubs would not be able to buy new equipment or do updates etc and in some cases or even survive.	5/7/2021 7:36 PM
20	The grant has not been expedited	5/7/2021 5:30 PM
21	Positive outcome with social connections	5/7/2021 5:16 PM
22	Volunteer groups have limited funds grants are important for all groups	5/7/2021 3:32 PM
23	The impact is most noticed in the attitude of the community toward the council, which is positive. The community recognise the council is willing to help.	5/7/2021 2:49 PM
24	The grant allowed the purchase of a twin cab ute. Effective use of time and ability to transport volunteers and equipment to the Rail Trail and Lyrebird Forest Walk	5/7/2021 1:53 PM
25	Provides support for smaller community groups to achieve community strengthening outcomes, build infrastructure and purchase equipment	5/7/2021 1:52 PM
26	Volunteer community groups work hard for the benefit of their particular patch, and often find it difficult to raise sufficient funds for what they regard as being needed, thus the Shire Grants funding is most helpful to groups in achieving their goals.	5/7/2021 1:39 PM
27	our Hall was closed for nearly 12 months - no income so to get a grant to kick start the process of reopening was fantastic	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
28	Would be great if they were bigger and less often	5/7/2021 1:22 PM
29	Helped provide a shaded area at our club rooms	5/7/2021 1:22 PM
30	hard to discribe as we have not had an outcome yet	5/7/2021 1:19 PM
31	Made it easier for our group to maintain administrative governance for the group	5/7/2021 1:12 PM
32	With the grant money we can secure entertainers and artists otherwise out of our reach financially which is a benefit/bonus for the local community.	5/6/2021 1:00 PM
33	for a small club on a limited income, trying to improve our facility for the safety of all the current and future users, the impact of a grant is a vital boost to any project, as without it it'll have to remain a project for long time until funds become available.	5/6/2021 10:20 AM

34	The renovations made to our hall have ensured it is a clean/safe venue to offer to our community for hire. We have had a significant increase in the number of bookings in 2021 compared to 2019.	5/5/2021 11:25 PM
35	The whole community has benefited from the fac8,itynupgrade	5/5/2021 9:08 PM
36	It can have good positive outcomes on getting volunteers together but when you have to ask for money all the time for community infrastructure the in kind work becomes over worked volunteers who then end up walking away.	5/5/2021 8:44 PM
37	Helpled change our circumstances	5/5/2021 7:10 PM
38	Our community has received several council grants that advance; the 'look & feel' of our community, sense of community spirit, and pride in our community.	5/5/2021 6:55 PM
39	Greater connection with community and the Shire. Feels like the Shire is interested in getting the community involved.	5/5/2021 6:21 PM
40	The grant has enabled us to run an event which brings many 1000s of people into the South Gippsland region from across Victoria. It has facilitated community engagement, economic benefits, and social cohesion	5/5/2021 6:18 PM
41	Any financial support a small, community run organisation receives is beneficial and put to good use. It is worth the effort of engaging with the process to apply.	5/5/2021 6:01 PM
42	The benefits of different projects within South Gippsland being achieved assist many Organisations	5/5/2021 5:32 PM
43	The grant basically assisted us not only in running the event but, brought the whole community (clubs, associations, school, etc.) to work as one. It also assisted in bringing many tourists into our wonderful part of South Gippsland.	5/5/2021 3:23 PM
44	The grant has enabled the community to come together, particularly post COVID lockdown, to reconnect, rebuild and to share common goals that add value to individuals' quality of life and to the overall benefit of the township.	5/5/2021 10:23 AM
45	The community grant enabled us to refurbish the kitchen which has since been registered. This enabled our group to provide cooking workshops, which were well attended. It now enables us to use the kitchen to make produce which we sell at local markets, helping keep our group financially sustainable.	5/5/2021 9:47 AM
46	Has shown the local community if you take the time to apply there is a benefit and it breaks down the perceived barrier that the shire only looks after Leongatha	5/5/2021 8:10 AM
47	This funding enables us to bring additional tourism into our communities	5/4/2021 4:42 PM
48	Mostly grants have enabled better engagement with community, increased volunteering (short term) and added another element to events, like enabling the provision of children's entertainment at other community events.	5/4/2021 4:31 PM
49	I feel it will help us financially as we will be able to increase rental.	5/4/2021 3:39 PM
50	Allowed us to plan for the future	5/4/2021 2:00 PM
51	Encourages project and participants	5/4/2021 10:04 AM
52	The grants we have received have eased the financial pressure of holding our event which is held for the community in general.	5/4/2021 9:23 AM
53	Widen experience for juniors. Financial assistance after income lost due to COVID.	5/4/2021 6:26 AM
54	We would not have been able to complete our project without the grant we received	5/3/2021 10:24 PM
55	While our organisation has not been as successful I know of others that have been and that is good for the wider community and progressing facilities and events in the town.	5/3/2021 9:42 PM
56	I believe in the past 5 plus years there have been many grants given to those who have experience in grant submission. These are often completed by professional people to ensure they tick all the selection criteria and are not necessarily need driven. This has seen less needed projects, equipment successful over projects and equipment that are truly required and without community grant funding support the needing community group miss out.	5/3/2021 9:05 PM
57	Over the years we have been able to maintain and improve community asset that give great pleasure to our local community	5/3/2021 8:21 PM
58	Improved facilities for our volunteers Better places us for applying for large grants	5/3/2021 7:46 PM

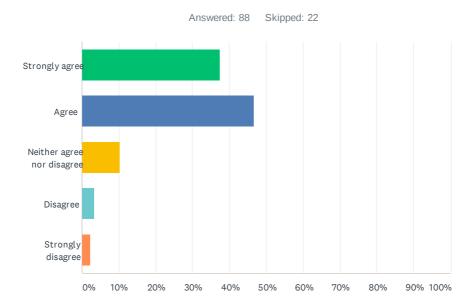
59	No impact as have not been successful in the Community Grants Program	5/3/2021 7:39 PM
60	Without Councils (and our Community Bank and Community Foundation's) help, we would not have been able to run our motorcycle show.	5/3/2021 6:59 PM
61	Helps undertake minor maintenance or upgrades	5/3/2021 6:31 PM

Q12 Grant officers are accessible for assistance when I may have questions about the application process.

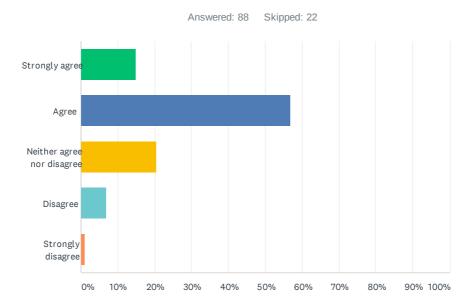


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	35.23%	31
Agree	47.73%	42
Neither agree nor disagree	9.09%	8
Disagree	6.82%	6
Strongly disagree	1.14%	1
TOTAL		88

Q13 Grant officers are able to respond to any request I may have about the application process.



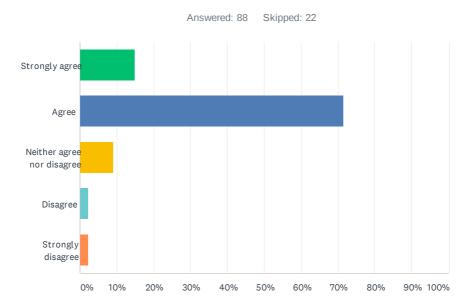
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	37.50%	33
Agree	46.59%	41
Neither agree nor disagree	10.23%	9
Disagree	3.41%	3
Strongly disagree	2.27%	2
TOTAL		88



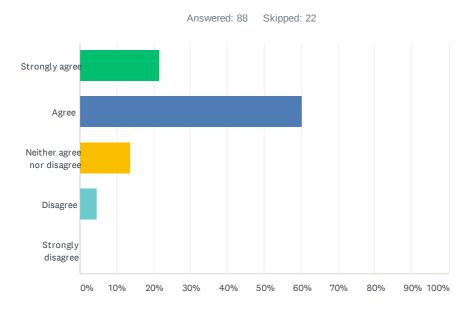
Q14 The application process is clear and easy to complete.

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	14.77%	13
Agree	56.82%	50
Neither agree nor disagree	20.45%	18
Disagree	6.82%	6
Strongly disagree	1.14%	1
TOTAL		88

Q15 The 'Community Grant Guidelines and Information' is a useful resource when completing my application.



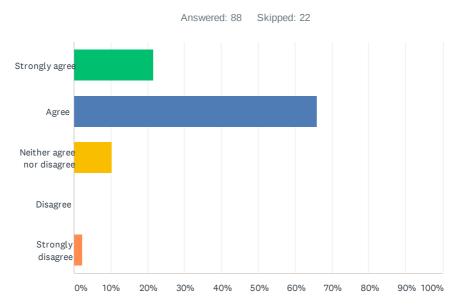
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	14.77%	13
Agree	71.59%	63
Neither agree nor disagree	9.09%	8
Disagree	2.27%	2
Strongly disagree	2.27%	2
TOTAL		88



Q16 The eligibility criteria are clear and easy to understand.

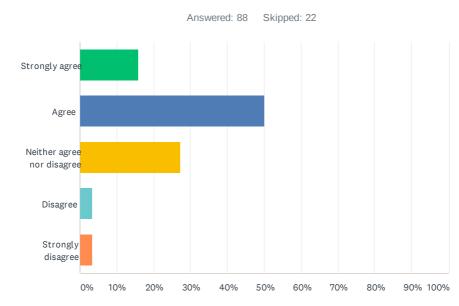
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	21.59%	19
Agree	60.23%	53
Neither agree nor disagree	13.64%	12
Disagree	4.55%	4
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		88

Q17 My organisation's needs are reflected in the categories of the Community Grant Program (ie, Minor Projects & Equipment, Major Projects & Equipment, Planning & Development Reports, Festivals & Events).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	21.59%	19
Agree	65.91%	58
Neither agree nor disagree	10.23%	9
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	2.27%	2
TOTAL		88

Q18 Council provides useful and appropriate resources to guide the grant application process.



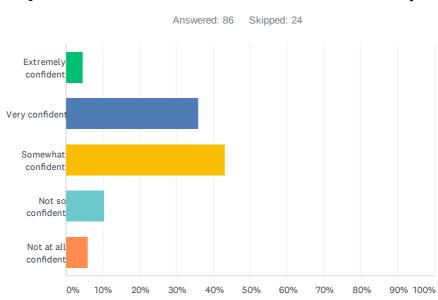
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	15.91%	14
Agree	50.00%	44
Neither agree nor disagree	27.27%	24
Disagree	3.41%	3
Strongly disagree	3.41%	3
TOTAL		88

Q19 Anything else you'd like to share about the Application Process of the Community Grants Program?

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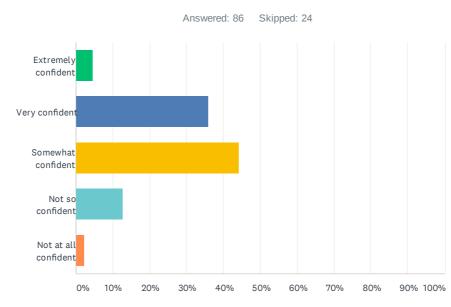
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:49 PM
2	no	5/14/2021 2:40 PM
3	Our grants officer, Sophie, is a great help, and always cheerful.	5/13/2021 4:18 PM
4	Our committee always look at our local shire community grants as a first possible opportunity for funding needs we have, and have always found the process straightforward.	5/12/2021 8:36 PM
5	An ENORMOUS amount of work/documentation required for small amount of financial benefit compared to other Grant Application processes!	5/12/2021 4:42 PM
6	XXXXXXXXXXXXX	5/11/2021 4:57 PM
7	No	5/11/2021 2:29 PM
8	The LCDA would be delighted to make contact with a relevant person at the Shire office to acquaint us with grant opportunities.	5/11/2021 10:24 AM
9	application details require more than State government grants	5/11/2021 10:22 AM
10	The timeline can be a bit too distant for short term or spontaneous needs or ideas	5/9/2021 9:40 PM
11	The opportunity to apply and receive grants has assisted our group to have a active community and a centre that is utilised by your small community and many others. Thank you	5/9/2021 8:09 PM
12	Loved the 2020 simplified version. Was a real chore previously	5/9/2021 11:17 AM
13	not always easy to compose	5/9/2021 10:21 AM
14	I'd like to see an equitable spread of grants to each district and include more arts and environmental projects - this has improved over time though.	5/8/2021 12:39 PM
15	I wrote a comment but received a message to say it was an invalid format. Community grants are an awesome program.	5/7/2021 7:43 PM
16	no	5/7/2021 3:34 PM
17	It would be best for the entire process to be online, nothing to be printed out and manually filled in etc. There was confusion around the expenses and in kind forms	5/7/2021 2:54 PM
18	PROJECTS NEED TO BE ASSESSED ON BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY AND NOT DISADVANTAGED IF PARTICIPATED IN PAST GRANTS	5/7/2021 2:53 PM
19	Appreciation for the staff and for the resources.	5/7/2021 2:39 PM
20	Appreciation to Council for making these grants available	5/7/2021 1:54 PM
21	No	5/7/2021 1:53 PM
22	Just wish that applicants can find out sooner rather than later if their application has been successful!	5/7/2021 1:41 PM
23	The councils priorities seem to be top down	5/7/2021 1:23 PM
24	It seemed quite long for a small amount of money - we couldnt apply for a small grant because it wasnt enough, and the big grant wanted a lot more information than we felt necessary.	5/7/2021 1:13 PM
25	Sophie Dixon was fabulous in assisting us throughout the Grant process and organising of the Festival. Thanks Sophie	5/6/2021 1:07 PM
26	very good as it is.	5/6/2021 10:25 AM
27	This program is essential for local community groups.	5/5/2021 9:09 PM

28	Great opportunity - thank you	5/5/2021 7:11 PM
29	It is a very cumbersome application which requires a lot of time to complete- can be quite repetitive, and also requires many attachments.	5/5/2021 6:23 PM
30	The training seminar on how to apply for grants was most helpful.	5/5/2021 6:02 PM
31	The guidelines ask some of the same questions in different sections	5/5/2021 5:32 PM
32	The application is relatively simple and the assistance provided is great.	5/5/2021 3:23 PM
33	Irt was difficult as we were refused a grant the first time for not having discussed it with the grants officer at the time	5/5/2021 9:54 AM
34	Different funding rates required	5/5/2021 8:55 AM
35	it was an easy process to follow	5/5/2021 8:11 AM
36	Registration to receive notice of upcoming grant availability would help	5/4/2021 5:06 PM
37	The application process is great as you can save and return to it anytime before submitting	5/4/2021 4:46 PM
38	Sometimes the expectation around the time it takes for processing and approval is hard to convey to community members	5/4/2021 4:33 PM
39	Although the application process is simple- I few there is not enough room to fully explain the grant. This makes it difficult to include a holistic view of the grant	5/4/2021 2:02 PM
40	The application process is easy to understand and complete	5/4/2021 9:25 AM
41	No	5/3/2021 10:26 PM
42	As previously mentioned the process rewards professional grant submissions over need driven submissions. The rich get richer the poor are left to fend for themselves.	5/3/2021 9:08 PM
43	I have always found council officers very helpful when advice is needed	5/3/2021 8:24 PM
44	Perhaps the application process and forms can be more tailored to the type of grant being sought. ie Planning and Development Reports, Events and Festivals, etc.	5/3/2021 7:43 PM
45	More information on available grants would be appreciated. We often findbout late that money isvavailable.	5/3/2021 7:02 PM
46	Limit in \$ amount too restrictive to allow major projects	5/3/2021 6:32 PM



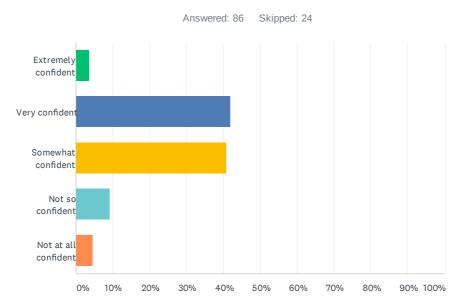
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely confident	4.65%	4
Very confident	36.05%	31
Somewhat confident	43.02%	37
Not so confident	10.47%	9
Not at all confident	5.81%	5
TOTAL		86

Q21 Criteria that the grant will be assessed against is transparent.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely confident	4.65%	4
Very confident	36.05%	31
Somewhat confident	44.19%	38
Not so confident	12.79%	11
Not at all confident	2.33%	2
TOTAL		86

Q22 Criteria that the grant will be assessed against is appropriate.



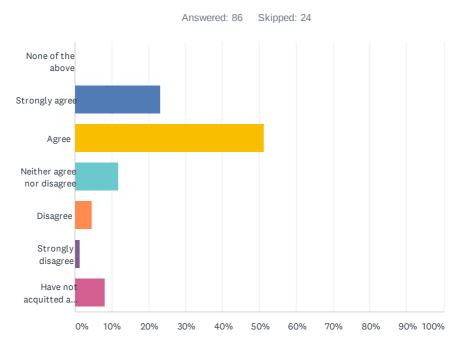
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely confident	3.49%	3
Very confident	41.86%	36
Somewhat confident	40.70%	35
Not so confident	9.30%	8
Not at all confident	4.65%	4
TOTAL		86

Q23 Anything else you'd like to share about the Assessment Process of the Community Grants Program?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 81

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:50 PM
2	If your calls were returned it would help a lot.	5/13/2021 10:43 AM
3	XXXXXXXXXX	5/11/2021 4:57 PM
4	No	5/11/2021 2:30 PM
5	often, only source of funds for such a large non for profit	5/11/2021 1:28 PM
6	We are not in a position to accurately respid to the questions above as our experience has been limited.	5/11/2021 10:26 AM
7	We are not that clear on how merit is decided but have confidence in the process.	5/9/2021 9:46 PM
8	Clearer support for applications that are auspiced which serves small emerging groups that are not yet incorporated	5/8/2021 12:40 PM
9	I didn't come across information about the assessment process	5/7/2021 2:55 PM
10	Officers were very helpful in the process.	5/7/2021 1:55 PM
11	Seems to be working well to date.	5/7/2021 1:42 PM
12	Seems confusing	5/7/2021 1:24 PM
13	there is a large gap in time between submission and answers	5/7/2021 1:22 PM
14	Dont really know what it is	5/7/2021 1:14 PM
15	No	5/6/2021 1:08 PM
16	no	5/6/2021 10:27 AM
17	N/A	5/5/2021 7:12 PM
18	All applicants should receive feedback on why their application was not successful, including areas to focus on should they wish to reapply.	5/5/2021 7:00 PM
19	The assessors have a hard task when assessing applications	5/5/2021 5:32 PM
20	No	5/5/2021 9:56 AM
21	Given that the money is limited, I recognise that not all applications can be successful	5/4/2021 5:08 PM
22	This process could be more transparent and clearer in the guidelines	5/4/2021 4:35 PM
23	I feel the grant process seems a bit ad hoc and there seems to be no real explanation with unsuccessful projects or consistency with what gets funded	5/4/2021 2:03 PM
24	No	5/3/2021 10:28 PM
25	It is not driven by need or risk - A great emphasis on the risk and need of submissions not being successful to that community groups survival and growth.	5/3/2021 9:12 PM
26	Sometimes it is very hard to frame the application to be confident in the assessment process	5/3/2021 8:29 PM
27	Would like more targeted and constructive, more detailed feedback following unsuccessful applications	5/3/2021 7:45 PM
28	This section was a bit difficult to answer as you don't really know how the assessment process actually worked only how it was suppose to work.	5/3/2021 7:05 PM
29	?	5/3/2021 6:33 PM

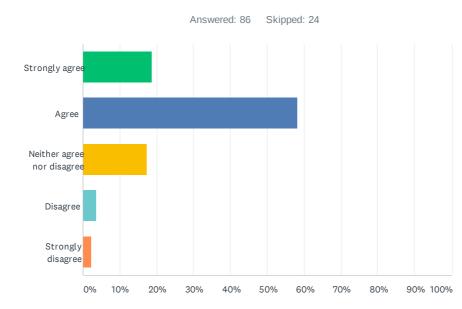
Q24 South Gippsland Shire Council provides my organisation with an opportunity to say how the funded activity has benefited the community.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	0.00%	0
Strongly agree	23.26%	20
Agree	51.16%	44
Neither agree nor disagree	11.63%	10
Disagree	4.65%	4
Strongly disagree	1.16%	1
Have not acquitted a grant	8.14%	7
TOTAL		86

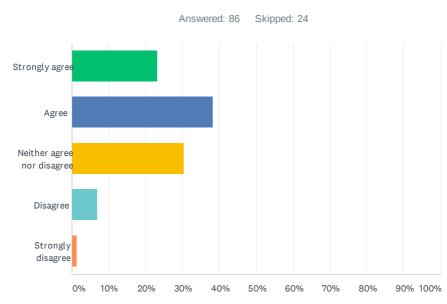
#	HAVE NOT ACQUITTED A GRANT	DATE
1	Have not acquitted our grant yet	5/11/2021 9:38 PM
2	Just received the news of getting the grant	5/11/2021 2:32 PM
3	Not clear on the phrase "Acquittal Process" in this context	5/9/2021 9:50 PM
4		5/7/2021 10:36 PM
5	do not have an outcome	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
6	Never done one	5/5/2021 7:01 PM
7		5/5/2021 6:24 PM

Q25 I find the 'Information Pack for Successful Applicants' easy to understand.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	18.60%	16
Agree	58.14%	50
Neither agree nor disagree	17.44%	15
Disagree	3.49%	3
Strongly disagree	2.33%	2
TOTAL		86

Q26 I would like the opportunity to tell our success story after receiving a grant.



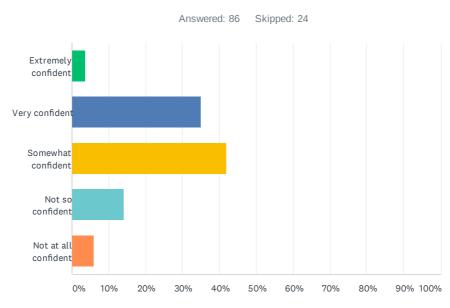
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	23.26%	20
Agree	38.37%	33
Neither agree nor disagree	30.23%	26
Disagree	6.98%	6
Strongly disagree	1.16%	1
TOTAL		86

Q27 Anything else you'd like to share about the Acquittal Process of the Community Grants Program?

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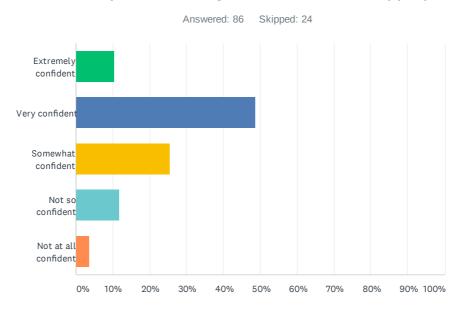
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1	test	5/14/2021 2:50 PM
2	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	5/11/2021 4:57 PM
3	Not yet	5/11/2021 2:32 PM
4	Time frame may protract due to unforeseen blockers	5/11/2021 1:30 PM
5	Not clear on the phrase "Acquittal Process" in this context	5/9/2021 9:50 PM
6	We were not notified of our grant. A club member noted it in the local paper. New secretary contacted shire to get relevant information	5/8/2021 8:21 PM
7	It's fair and reasonable	5/8/2021 12:40 PM
8		5/7/2021 10:36 PM
9	Our acquittal was never acknowledged by the council	5/7/2021 2:56 PM
10	Keep giving community groups the opportunity to apply	5/7/2021 1:56 PM
11	Seems fairly straightforward.	5/7/2021 1:43 PM
12	lage time gap between submission and answer	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
13	The requirements are extensive. There is much to be collated.	5/6/2021 1:10 PM
14	no	5/6/2021 10:29 AM
15	N/A	5/5/2021 7:13 PM
16	Not clear what an Acquittal Process is	5/5/2021 6:24 PM
17	needs to be available to complete on line	5/5/2021 6:24 PM
18	It's good to get the media involved with our successful funding	5/5/2021 5:32 PM
19	As above	5/5/2021 3:29 PM
20	I don't believe we have acquitted our grant, is there any follow up to ask us why?	5/5/2021 9:58 AM
21	It's important to recognise who the funding grant came from	5/4/2021 4:51 PM
22	Sometimes there's a need to make changes as the grant works are being undertaken. A process to apply for variation, so both parties have in writing the variations would be good.	5/4/2021 4:37 PM
23	Would be great to promote our project on your social media to leverage further to community	5/4/2021 2:04 PM
24	No	5/3/2021 10:29 PM
25	Nil	5/3/2021 9:12 PM
26	We haven't actually completed our project yet therefore have not done the acquittal.	5/3/2021 7:08 PM
27	No	5/3/2021 6:33 PM

Q28 The Community Grants Program puts community benefits at the forefront of Council's decision making process.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely confident	3.49%	3
Very confident	34.88%	30
Somewhat confident	41.86%	36
Not so confident	13.95%	12
Not at all confident	5.81%	5
TOTAL		86

Q29 The Community Grants Program is available to appropriate groups.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely confident	10.47%	9
Very confident	48.84%	42
Somewhat confident	25.58%	22
Not so confident	11.63%	10
Not at all confident	3.49%	3
TOTAL		86

Q30 What Community Organisations/Volunteer Groups are missing out on Community Grants? If so, how can Council address this?

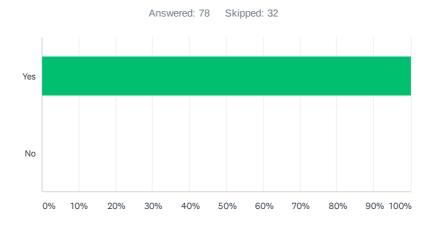
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:50 PM
2	Not sure.	5/13/2021 4:31 PM
3	Some volunteer based organizations could be missing out on grants because they don't know they are open / not exposed to reminders etc. They may also be deterred as it is difficult to find the resources for a volunteer to write a lengthy application and fulfill the criteria	5/13/2021 2:56 PM
4	Don't Know	5/13/2021 10:52 AM
5	There really is no need to miss out on the opportunity to apply for a Community as its a simple process to apply. Perhaps a group email to community groups would let them know they are currently open.	5/12/2021 8:53 PM
6	Not sure	5/12/2021 4:57 PM
7	Not known	5/12/2021 10:22 AM
8		5/11/2021 9:40 PM
9	smaller groups (e.g those that aren't incorporated) maybe intimidated by the process; council needs to actively engage smaller groups, not just call for applications	5/11/2021 5:04 PM
10	not sure	5/11/2021 4:25 PM
11	If they don't apply they probably won't get. Council officers speaking to groups.	5/11/2021 2:39 PM
12	I think most organisations have plenty of opportunity	5/11/2021 1:55 PM
13	Unsure	5/11/2021 10:30 AM
14	Not sure which, if any are missing out. However I doubt that the community grants program is widely known or if smaller or low tech groups are capable of applying if they were aware and had a need.	5/9/2021 10:12 PM
15	unsure who	5/9/2021 9:09 PM
16	Not sure	5/9/2021 8:14 PM
17	n/a	5/9/2021 1:14 PM
18	Unsure	5/9/2021 11:22 AM
19	unsure	5/9/2021 10:26 AM
20	I think be aware of groups and try to be even in distribution of funds	5/8/2021 8:24 PM
21	Unsure	5/8/2021 8:08 PM
22	Smaller emerging groups that might not have knowledge or expertise to apply, nor are they incorporated so may not qualify	5/8/2021 12:46 PM
23		5/7/2021 10:37 PM
24	I don't know any who missed out when applying.	5/7/2021 8:01 PM
25	Some smaller groups that are not incorporated or have no other Community group to auspice then	5/7/2021 7:38 PM
26	Unsure	5/7/2021 5:37 PM
27	Unaware of any	5/7/2021 5:29 PM
28	committees/organisations that lack computer literate members	5/7/2021 4:30 PM

29	variation	5/7/2021 3:40 PM
30	BETTER COMMUNICATION TO ORGANISATIONS	5/7/2021 2:57 PM
31	It is difficut for tose who don't have the literacy or organisational experience	5/7/2021 2:46 PM
32	not aware of any	5/7/2021 2:00 PM
33	Not sure - maybe the small ones	5/7/2021 1:52 PM
34	Not sure.	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
35	Don't know	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
36	dont know	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
37	I am not sure	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
38	Individual projects	5/7/2021 1:28 PM
39	No idea	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
40	I do not know	5/6/2021 1:29 PM
41	There are possibly many groups that wouldn't apply due to the process and paperwork required.	5/6/2021 1:16 PM
42	Not sure what community groups are missing out.	5/6/2021 1:07 PM
43	don't know	5/6/2021 10:46 AM
44	Not sure	5/5/2021 9:12 PM
45	We could call it Grant depression.	5/5/2021 9:06 PM
46	Those that lack leaders with technology skills - training	5/5/2021 7:52 PM
47	A lot of oranisations have sections in them that are self funded and I find that the shire do not recognise the importants of funding a small part of a large event which makes the major event so successful	5/5/2021 7:27 PM
48	South Gippsland Landrace Network -and its x16 volunteer groups - focus on enviro vols programs /funding SGLN covers the same size are are shire boundaries (info@sgln.net.au)	5/5/2021 7:16 PM
49	Council should not feel compelled to fund all groups. This is inappropriate socialism and subject to manipulation.	5/5/2021 7:05 PM
50	Not sure of any groups. Further publicity?	5/5/2021 6:33 PM
51	Don't know if they are	5/5/2021 6:25 PM
52	Not sure if they are as sometimes they receive part funding for their projects	5/5/2021 5:37 PM
53	A little unsure on this? I do know most are made aware of the grants in our area then it is up to them to make contact.	5/5/2021 3:44 PM
54	Leongatha Velodrome User Groups. Soon a representative committee will be formed which will hopefully make it more available to further Community grants	5/5/2021 2:08 PM
55	Our community feels that youth are missing out and there is a risk they will relocate post secondary school	5/5/2021 10:33 AM
56	Not sure	5/5/2021 10:03 AM
57	Unsure	5/5/2021 8:59 AM
58	no sure	5/5/2021 8:19 AM
59	I am not aware of other groups problems but being able to register to receive notifications of grant availability (as in the Federal scheme) would help.	5/4/2021 5:18 PM
60	To my knowledge if there are to many applicationsfor the funding	5/4/2021 4:55 PM
61	Those that don't go looking	5/4/2021 4:43 PM
62	don't know	5/4/2021 3:49 PM
63	I'm not sure who is missing out	5/4/2021 2:14 PM
64	not sure	5/4/2021 10:09 AM

65	The grants program is open to all groups and it is up to each group to apply - maybe include adverts in local papers more offen.e	5/4/2021 9:35 AM
66	Not sure	5/4/2021 9:01 AM
67	Don't know	5/4/2021 6:33 AM
68	Not sure	5/3/2021 10:39 PM
69	I don't believe that all community groups know of the process of applying for these grants and the type of projects that are acceptable to council	5/3/2021 9:48 PM
70	The groups that don't have access to professional or competent grant writers. Alter the selection criteria so it is risk and need driven and measurable impacts of the group missing out can be measured so this criteria drives the decision making process.	5/3/2021 9:17 PM
71	Not sure of this	5/3/2021 8:36 PM
72	Some groups have little money so how much can be applied for is limited	5/3/2021 8:16 PM
73	Sometimes feels as though the shire is very Leongatha and foster- centric. No doubt because more groups so more applications. Perhaps when grants are open it would be worthwhile someone from shire contacting small groups to make them aware and offer assistance.	5/3/2021 7:57 PM
74	Residents and Ratepayers Associations	5/3/2021 7:50 PM
75	Maybe groups that don't have the knowledge or know how of this program. Council can only assist if there are aware of it.	5/3/2021 7:16 PM
76	Lesser organised youth organisations Ie: Mirboo North Moto Cross track group (unsurebif they qualified or not).	5/3/2021 7:07 PM
77	Many	5/3/2021 6:41 PM
78	Restrictive on \$ organizations have for major projects in the future	5/3/2021 6:35 PM

Q31 Is it important to have a Community Grants Program?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	78
No	0.00%	0
TOTAL		78

#	WHY DID YOU ANSWER THIS WAY? (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:50 PM
2	Many community organisations would be unable to operate or grow without thier assistance.	5/13/2021 4:31 PM
3	Because volunteer based community organizations have difficulty generating fundraising in this politely, environmental and social climate	5/13/2021 2:56 PM
4	Because there is a lot of small groups that need help.	5/13/2021 10:52 AM
5	The benefits to the shire from volunteer groups and the assets they maintain far outway any monies given through grants.	5/12/2021 8:53 PM
6	Because community volunteers give tirelessly to keep these small, not-for-profit organisations & services running for the benefit of the community. The least the Shire can do is to support us all in ensuring these vital facilities & services continue to be provided. When we lose our facilities & services, the community starts to collapse as people move away to a place where they can find the facilities & services they want & need!	5/12/2021 4:57 PM
7	From a volunteer perspective it is important that this type of unpaid work is recognised and supported by Council	5/12/2021 10:22 AM
8	Volunteer groups often have great ideas and enthusiasm, but need funds to get them off the ground	5/11/2021 9:40 PM
9	forces council and community groups to engage and interact	5/11/2021 5:04 PM
10	Because local communities need a local government avenue to apply for grants. Loal government can better understand local issues.	5/11/2021 4:25 PM
11	Community groups need funding for projects deemed essential by their members	5/11/2021 2:39 PM
12	Probably only real chance for recognition as they are local and all count towards community benifits	5/11/2021 1:55 PM
13	South Gippsland is struggling to keep up with population growth and community grants, well, assessed, would help many communities implement improvements that would otherwise be beyond their fiscal ability.	5/11/2021 10:30 AM
14	Other than for the few larger events, which are already dominated buy one (but worthy) service group, minimal funding is available for the remainder from the public of South	5/9/2021 10:12 PM

Gippsland and possible funds are few and far between for the tourist dollar. So if affordable for the shire or government, the other organisations can and do spend most monies within the region.

15to allow communities to grow16Community groups and organisations are run by volunteers, some very opportunity to access grants can support and make goals of the group17It is important non-for profit organisations are supported by council as of benefits to our community as a whole.18Community groups need local funding sources that understand their need	they provide an array 5/9/2021 1:14 PM eeds. Council and 5/9/2021 11:22 AM nounts. 5/9/2021 10:26 AM
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Community Bank are only local sources that can provide significant ar	
19 unless there is another avenue of assistance	
20 I feel groups need to access funding to help maintain facilities and ma local community level	intain groups at a 5/8/2021 8:24 PM
21 It's critical that the Shire has a means to support the enormous volunte build and strengthen all areas of our community - the shire cannot do t grants program assists groups/organisations to achieve smaller projec partnership between council and community with the added benefit of understanding the issues each area faces and their aspirations	his alone and the ts. It also serves as
22 .	5/7/2021 10:37 PM
23 So many small local clubs and groups rely on this program to help the has an enormous flow on effect in the broader community.	m at club level which 5/7/2021 8:01 PM
24 Because it allows Organisations to receive funds for important projects projects could not be completed	s that otherwise these 5/7/2021 7:38 PM
25 Allows for more impoverished communities to be supported	5/7/2021 5:37 PM
26 Enables projects/events to proceed	5/7/2021 5:29 PM
27 The Community Grants Program is essential for our community to prov venues/events for our community and grow with changing times/comm few years I have been involved in community groups on the receiving that have enabled projects that simply wouldn't have been possible with	nunity needs. In just a end of council grants
28 Groups struggle to finance vitally i mportant projects to their communit	ty 5/7/2021 3:40 PM
29 VALUABLE SOURCE OF FUNDING	5/7/2021 2:57 PM
30 We have been very successful in our grant applications because we here experienced in similar processes. Feedback from other people in other the lack of skilled volunteers with the time to gather the best evidence that hinders their success.	r groups indicates it is
31 Some Community groups are all volunteers and grants are a significan Ensures projects are successfully executed.	t financial boost. 5/7/2021 2:00 PM
32 It helps us provide things to our community when we are not able to ra do it on our own	ise enough money to 5/7/2021 1:52 PM
33 This is often the only way that community groups can achieve their go fundraising efforts.	bals, in spite of local 5/7/2021 1:47 PM
34 They help us fund projects that otherwise we couldn't afford	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
35 since covid, drought and bushfires it is difficult to raise funds to contin	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
36 no all community groups or communities are able to raise money requi upgrades infrastructure or events that would benmifit the community.	ired for rerpairs/ 5/7/2021 1:29 PM
37 Need to help the community	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
38 Voluntary Organisations depend on generosity of sponsors to assist co develop.	ommunities to 5/6/2021 1:29 PM
39 Without the Shire Grant we couldn't have run the Festival to the level v Arts Victoria and other Government entities are difficult to come by.	we did . Grants from 5/6/2021 1:16 PM
40 Community organisations need ongoing support for them to continue to	b be effective and 5/6/2021 1:07 PM

viable organisations. It can be difficult for organisations in smaller towns to get access to sufficient funding (via sponsorship, donations and membership) to make acquisitions or run projects that contribute to their success.

	projects that contribute to their success.	
41	It is accessible to all groups and a easy process to follow	5/5/2021 9:12 PM
42	Because if you do a grant and you are successful you probably try again if you are not successful you give up. There does not seem to be any other way for community groups to renew equipment or infrastructure other than grants.	5/5/2021 9:06 PM
43	Community grants make it possible to fund projects that otherwise may not get off the ground. They also give encouragement to overworked volunteers that what they do is worthwhile. It is great value for money for council and the community.	5/5/2021 7:52 PM
44	Because it very hard to fundraiser for all monies as there are so many obstetrical in the process. Insurance is complicated and hard to find for suitable cover	5/5/2021 7:27 PM
45	Helps volunteers engage and feel supported	5/5/2021 7:16 PM
46	Grants support community development, and should be a lever for the council to deliver it's strategic plan.	5/5/2021 7:05 PM
47	Most community events rely on volunteers. Burn out of organisers of large events is a very real outcome. Fundraising in small rural communities requires the support and generosity of the same people/ businesses and organisations year after year. The Council should support events which attract people into the area as there are ongoing benefits beyond the event (increased visitation, people moving to the area, new businesses, families, students in schools, shopping/ retail/ trade/ hospitality benefits etc etc)	5/5/2021 6:33 PM
48	Enables community groups to add to their assets and resources	5/5/2021 6:25 PM
49	Being in a small community it is hard to always fundraise for the projects	5/5/2021 5:37 PM
50	In my opinion it is extremely important. Initially, it brings the community together, encourages tourism, and assists businesses to survive. It also greatly assists with medical assistance to organisations such as CERT, CFA, Life Saving Club, etc.	5/5/2021 3:44 PM
51	The South Gippsland Shire Council is so heavily dependent on volunteers (especially in sporting facilities) compared to other Shires	5/5/2021 2:08 PM
52	Community grants allow the opportunity for bespoke projects, initiatives and events to take place that are often unique to a particular township. It allows a community to develop a sense of identity and feel valued. Some project initiatives are what keeps residents engaged and motivates them to continue to reside in the town.	5/5/2021 10:33 AM
53	The community grant funding enabled us to refurbish our kitchen. We could not have afforded to do this without the grant.	5/5/2021 10:03 AM
54	Provides connection with SGSC	5/5/2021 8:59 AM
55	Without this program we are begging for money from the same people in the community	5/5/2021 8:19 AM
56	Groups cannot be reliant on Council funding but occasional support is very welcome. The group feels valued and recognised for the work it does in the community.	5/4/2021 5:18 PM
57	I answered yes as it's sometimes hard to fundraise the full amount for our projects	5/4/2021 4:55 PM
58	Often grants from state, federal or other philanthropic organisations take a long, long time to apply for and receive notice of success or failure to secure funds. Shire grants allow for things that need a quick response.	5/4/2021 4:43 PM
59	Our group would have no other way of getting this type of funding.	5/4/2021 3:49 PM
60	The role of the council is to support our community and help it to function. Providing grants for the community is a critical way of ensuring our community stays strong and healthy by being guided by what the community sees as pertinent and where their passion and energy is.	5/4/2021 2:14 PM
61	Shire needs to know active community groups and people as these are the strengths particularly of the many small towns in South Gippsland	5/4/2021 10:09 AM
62	The grant helps finance our organization to run the community event which is appreciated by members of the community.	5/4/2021 9:35 AM
63	The community needs to feel empowered to make positive change at a grassroots level.	5/4/2021 9:01 AM
64	Important to keep community groups functioning effectively and good for community health	5/4/2021 6:33 AM

65	The grants program give communities an opportunity to complete projects that otherwise may never be possible	5/3/2021 10:39 PM
66	A lot of community groups are not for profit and run by volunteer groups and often there is costly expense with the up keep of buildings etc.	5/3/2021 9:48 PM
67	The majority of small local community groups are not SGSC owned or managed facilities or service provisions so there access to SGSC funds and resources is greatly reduced to those services and facilities directly funded by SGSC.	5/3/2021 9:17 PM
68	We have a large community asset to look after and not significant revenue	5/3/2021 8:36 PM
69	Community groups work with such little money	5/3/2021 8:16 PM
70	Small community groups in small towns rely on grants to get things done. In a small community fundraising can only get you so far	5/3/2021 7:57 PM
71	The Community Grants Program supports volunteerism which is a vital capacity-building and social interface in our communities. A little can go a long way.	5/3/2021 7:50 PM
72	It gives community groups a chance to complete projects by receiving these grants that might not otherwise be able to be done. It's handing money to communities that work hard for the benefit of their community knowing what projects are required.	5/3/2021 7:16 PM
73	The community can spend money far more efficiently than Council	5/3/2021 7:07 PM
74	So that locals can get things funded	5/3/2021 6:41 PM
75	No other way of getting fund without forever dragging money out of the same people in a small community	5/3/2021 6:35 PM

Q32 What are the best aspects of Council's Community Grants Program?

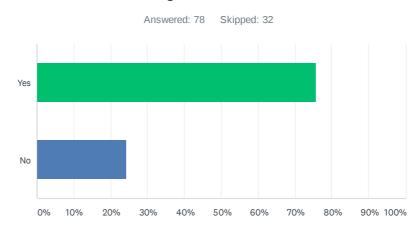
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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:50 PM
2	They are very helpful with the application process, and how to improve our chances.	5/13/2021 4:31 PM
3	The affirmation of greater community support and interest. And obviously the grant funds that enable much needed development	5/13/2021 2:56 PM
4	You have a chance to fund your projects	5/13/2021 10:52 AM
5	Keeping the community's assets well maintained and cared for.	5/12/2021 8:53 PM
6	Funds to assist us with 31!	5/12/2021 4:57 PM
7	The help received from Council's respective officers	5/12/2021 10:22 AM
8	Seeing projects come to fruition	5/11/2021 9:40 PM
9	promotes innovation and interaction in the community	5/11/2021 5:04 PM
10	the fact that it offers grants to SG groups	5/11/2021 4:25 PM
11	Access to money to enable community efforts	5/11/2021 2:39 PM
12	No discrimination	5/11/2021 1:55 PM
13	Unsure	5/11/2021 10:30 AM
14	Its available to all comers	5/9/2021 10:12 PM
15	update of facilities for all ages.	5/9/2021 9:09 PM
16	Flexibility. Access to large and small grants	5/9/2021 8:14 PM
17	Supporting the grassroots community groups who make Sth Gippsland a grant place to live	5/9/2021 1:14 PM
18	It's local, Transparent, responsive to needs of community and offers opportunity to learn/share with other groups.	5/9/2021 11:22 AM
19	accessibility	5/9/2021 10:26 AM
20	Helps smaller clubs/ groups	5/8/2021 8:24 PM
21	Applications can relate to minor works, program support costs etc	5/8/2021 8:08 PM
22	Available twice each year	5/8/2021 12:46 PM
23		5/7/2021 10:37 PM
24	It helps so many clubs and associations.	5/7/2021 8:01 PM
25	Ease to apply and knowing that any questions you have will be answered by a staff member	5/7/2021 7:38 PM
26	See above	5/7/2021 5:37 PM
27	Provides necessary funding	5/7/2021 5:29 PM
28	Ability for community organisations to fund projects they otherwise wouldn't be able to	5/7/2021 4:30 PM
29	assistance may be given	5/7/2021 3:40 PM
30	AVAILABILITY TO WORTHY PROJECTS	5/7/2021 2:57 PM
31	That it is there, that it is inclusive, that staff support organisations in applying.	5/7/2021 2:46 PM
32	Assisting Community groups to execute their plans	5/7/2021 2:00 PM
33	Getting the money to do the things we want to do.	5/7/2021 1:52 PM

34	Making them available in teh first place, and having staff who can assist with applications, if needed.	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
35	Helps us fund projects	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
36	recieving a grant	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
37	there are people there to help you with the application	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
38	Ability to apply multiple times per year and leverage one grant to show capacity for the next.	5/7/2021 1:28 PM
39	regular	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
40	It allows for improvement and maintenance of facilities	5/6/2021 1:29 PM
41	It is the people of the Shires money being put back in to the community for their enjoyment	5/6/2021 1:16 PM
42	NA	5/6/2021 1:07 PM
43	without the community grants program we simply couldn't have done it.	5/6/2021 10:46 AM
44	Simplicity	5/5/2021 9:12 PM
45	Being successful in obtaining a grant.	5/5/2021 9:06 PM
46	Support for volunteeers	5/5/2021 7:52 PM
47	They help to alow us to achieve our goals of bringing events to the local community	5/5/2021 7:27 PM
48	Funding available	5/5/2021 7:16 PM
49	That it exists	5/5/2021 7:05 PM
50	Financial aid and assistance with organisational matters. Completing the Events guide ensures that all logistical matters are considered and covered. Support staff always willing to help. More support needed with COVID safe events now	5/5/2021 6:33 PM
51	Easy process, twice a year	5/5/2021 6:25 PM
52	A choice of 4 categories	5/5/2021 5:37 PM
53	Initiates the possibility of running events, better emergency supplies, etc.	5/5/2021 3:44 PM
54	Frequent and ease of participation	5/5/2021 2:08 PM
55	The grants provide seed funding to get small initiatives off the ground.	5/5/2021 10:33 AM
56	The dollars	5/5/2021 10:03 AM
57	Bi annually	5/5/2021 8:59 AM
58	diversibility, growth in Shire	5/5/2021 8:19 AM
59	Possibly the range of the grants.	5/4/2021 5:18 PM
60	Having an opportunity to re - apply again in second round	5/4/2021 4:55 PM
61	That it can be reactive	5/4/2021 4:43 PM
62	easy to apply, criteria fit our needs.	5/4/2021 3:49 PM
63	Simple application	5/4/2021 2:14 PM
64	A real help tp community initiatives	5/4/2021 10:09 AM
65	Helps with the finance of our event	5/4/2021 9:35 AM
66	clarity of application	5/4/2021 9:01 AM
67	Financial source for development	5/4/2021 6:33 AM
68	The best aspects of the grants program is that it supports small communities and projects	5/3/2021 10:39 PM
69	they help community/volunteer organisations	5/3/2021 9:48 PM
70	Assisting volunteer organizations providing community outcomes	5/3/2021 9:17 PM
71	They have been consistently available and accessible	5/3/2021 8:36 PM

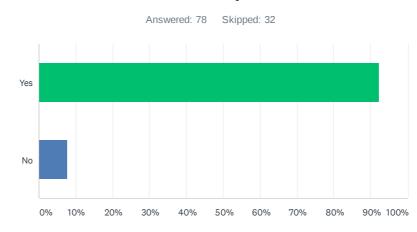
73	Simple to complete form	5/3/2021 7:57 PM
74	That it is broadly targeted.	5/3/2021 7:50 PM
75	Reasonably easy to complete and available for most groups.	5/3/2021 7:16 PM
76	It works!	5/3/2021 7:07 PM
77	An opportunity for locals to be assisted	5/3/2021 6:41 PM
78	Variety	5/3/2021 6:35 PM

Q33 The Community Grants Program is a vital source of funding for my organisation?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.64%	59
No	24.36%	19
TOTAL		78

Q34 The Community Grants Program is a vital source of funding for my community?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.31%	72
No	7.69%	6
TOTAL		78

Q35 Anything else you would like us to know about the Community Grants Program?

Answered: 71 Skipped: 39

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	test	5/14/2021 2:50 PM
2	They do a great job.	5/13/2021 4:31 PM
3	Please make this process easier and please do not ask for matching monetary and I kind contributions and these are a huge deterrent of applicants	5/13/2021 2:56 PM
4	A little bit of information at times helps greatly.	5/13/2021 10:52 AM
5	50/50 grant funding is not always easy to achieve. Perhaps some things could be assessed on merit	5/12/2021 8:53 PM
6	Not at the moment	5/12/2021 4:57 PM
7	Will this survey determine whether the Council will provide them into the future?	5/12/2021 10:22 AM
8	No	5/11/2021 9:40 PM
9	some funding bodies actively solicit community groups to tender for funding for specific community projects identifed by the funding source	5/11/2021 5:04 PM
10	all good	5/11/2021 4:25 PM
11	No	5/11/2021 2:39 PM
12	Perhaps a simpler template similar to state applications	5/11/2021 1:55 PM
13	See earlier comments	5/11/2021 10:30 AM
14	I have answered no to question 34 as I don't know the depth of the program	5/9/2021 10:12 PM
15	no	5/9/2021 9:09 PM
16	Thank you for the support	5/9/2021 8:14 PM
17	it is a valuable program and we hope it continues	5/9/2021 1:14 PM
18	Please continue them.	5/9/2021 11:22 AM
19	sometimes difficult to match dollar for dollar	5/9/2021 10:26 AM
20	No	5/8/2021 8:24 PM
21	Keep it going please!	5/8/2021 8:08 PM
22	It would be great to see support from shire to develop and review local community plans to assist both community members and council to understand what matters to each different community. Currently, there is very minimal support from shire to assist communities with this process	5/8/2021 12:46 PM
23		5/7/2021 10:37 PM
24	No	5/7/2021 8:01 PM
25	Just keep the program going	5/7/2021 7:38 PM
26	Keep it going	5/7/2021 5:37 PM
27	No	5/7/2021 5:29 PM
28	Thank you for offering grants to our community. The various levels of grant funding are important to enable big projects to be considered (bi-annual \$10k grants) as well as providing for smaller repairs/equipment replacement at short notice (monthly \$1000 grants).	5/7/2021 4:30 PM
29	no	5/7/2021 3:40 PM
30	KEEP UP GOOD WORK	5/7/2021 2:57 PM

31	no	5/7/2021 2:46 PM
32	Continue with the grants	5/7/2021 2:00 PM
33	no	5/7/2021 1:52 PM
34	May they continue long into the future!	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
35	No	5/7/2021 1:47 PM
36	no	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
37	no	5/7/2021 1:29 PM
38	Would love to see the time taken to notify outcomes shortened	5/7/2021 1:28 PM
39	Less often, bigger chunks!	5/7/2021 1:25 PM
40	Keep up the good work!	5/6/2021 1:29 PM
41	It should continue as it benefits locals	5/6/2021 1:16 PM
42	NA	5/6/2021 1:07 PM
43	no	5/6/2021 10:46 AM
44	Please keep the program	5/5/2021 9:12 PM
45	If there is no budgeting for renewal of infrastructure projects across the shire only projects that fit the squeeky wheel sindrome seem to be funded. More money could be available to groups in the community grant scheme if the infrastructure within Parks and Reserves were appropriately renewed an infrastructure renewal system (that seems to work in most organisations) not when they are falling down.	5/5/2021 9:06 PM
46	No	5/5/2021 7:52 PM
47	no thanks	5/5/2021 7:27 PM
48	N/A	5/5/2021 7:16 PM
49	The program should explicitley support the council's Strategic Plan. So targetted to spcific Strategy focus areas.	5/5/2021 7:05 PM
50	Please make the process/ application form simpler!	5/5/2021 6:33 PM
51	no	5/5/2021 6:25 PM
52	You have the opportunity to re-apply in next round if missed out funding	5/5/2021 5:37 PM
53	It is vital to assist all communities in the South Gippsland area.	5/5/2021 3:44 PM
54	How to go about applying for a major shire grant	5/5/2021 2:08 PM
55	There needs to be a broader sense of 'solution driven' culture within the Council departments when initiatives are put forward prior to grant application.	5/5/2021 10:33 AM
56	I believe the grants program has changed since my experience with it and is now easier to navigate. I found it a very difficult process when I first applied for our grant, and was extremely frustrated when we were refused the grant because of not speaking to the grants officer when this is a recommendation rather than a requirement.	5/5/2021 10:03 AM
57	More options required	5/5/2021 8:59 AM
58	no	5/5/2021 8:19 AM
59	We aren't dependent on grants but at times a grant is very beneficial.	5/4/2021 5:18 PM
60	It's good you can speak with the grant officer re your project before you commence application	5/4/2021 4:55 PM
61	It would be great if organisations could contribute to some sort of central database of equipment that has been shire funded. There are a lot of multiple items funded that could be shared across the shire	5/4/2021 4:43 PM
62	no	5/4/2021 3:49 PM
63	The community grants could be greatly improved by increasing the value of the grant.	5/4/2021 2:14 PM
64	This is a great way for Council to really help the community	5/4/2021 10:09 AM

65	Maybe look at finance say three quarters of the application - a half does limit the amount of items we may be able to purchase or provide	5/4/2021 9:35 AM
66	No	5/3/2021 10:39 PM
67	Nil	5/3/2021 9:17 PM
68	Our organisation greatly appreciates the grants	5/3/2021 8:36 PM
69	It is precious and should be constantly monitored and developed to be as good as it can be.	5/3/2021 7:50 PM
70	Sophie Dixon is a star employee! Deserves a pat on the back.	5/3/2021 7:07 PM
71	Noi	5/3/2021 6:35 PM