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COMMUNITY GRANTS ALLOCATION

The Shire of Esperance is pleased to announce the allocation for Community Grants Program 2017/2018.

The Community Grants Program is the Shire's principal community investment program and the aim is to develop and actively support community organisations and individuals who contribute to the wellbeing and the cultural life of the region.

The program has been running for 17 years and is a way for Council to support dynamic projects, programs and activities; encouraging collaboration through engagement and participation in the community; facilitating stronger, more sustainable and resilient communities; and supporting the maintenance and upgrade of community facilities.

A total of 18 applications were received under the three annual grant categories of the Community Grants Program. Council approved the following funds to be distributed in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Program:

- Support category budget of \$20,000 (to be allocated during the 2017/2017 year)
- Assistance category, applications to the value of \$23,236.32
- Development category, applications to the value of \$97,005
- Events category, applications to the value of \$10,500

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "This program is a great way to help groups in our community provide events and services for everyone to enjoy. It is fantastic that we are able to help community groups through the Community Grants program and Council were impressed by the amount of work that went into each submission."

Council would like to congratulate all recipients and look forward to continuing to support community groups in achieving their goals. To find out more about the program and its criteria go to the Shire website www.esperance.wa.gov.au

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Community Grants Program Allocation – 2017/2018

Support Category

Budget of \$20,000.00 allocated during the year in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Program.

Assistance category

Budget of \$23,236.32, allocated to the following organisations:

- Esperance Bay Radio Control Car Club – Portaloos Project – \$2,390.00
- Esperance Brass Band – Operational Costs – \$5,000.00
- Esperance Care Services – Movie Nights – \$2,146.32
- Esperance Volunteer Fire and Rescue – Training Gear – \$5,000.00
- SAFE Esperance – De-sexing – \$5,000.00 - Council funds to contribute to no more than 50% of the cost of any de-sexing procedure
- ESCARE Inc. – Civic Centre Costs - \$3,500.00
- South Coast Tennis Club – Purchase of Chairs - \$200.00

Development Category

Budget of \$97,005, allocated to the following organisations:

- Cannery Arts Centre – Program Costs – \$7,000.00
- Esperance Bowling Club – Replace Greens – \$10,000.00
- Esperance Care Services – Rag Cutter, Waste Costs – \$15,000.00
- Esperance Pistol Club – Retaining and Baffle Board – \$5,005.00
- Newtown Condingup Football Club – Upgrade Facilities – \$50,000.00
- Ports Football Club – Upgrade Kitchen Facilities – \$10,000.00

Events Category

Budget of \$10,500, allocated to the following organisations:

- Condingup Primary School P&C – Condy Fair Free Entry – \$2,000.00
- Grass Patch Community Development Assoc. – Equipment Hire – \$2,000.00
- Kids Fun Day Out – Event Costs - \$5,000.00
- Rotary Club of Esperance Bay Inc. – Marketing and Promotional Plan – \$1,500.00