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COMMUNITY GRANTS ALLOCATED

The Shire of Esperance is pleased to announce the allocations of the Community Grants Program 2016/2017.

The Community Grants Program is the Shire's principal community investment program which has been running for 16 years (previously referred to as the Community Development Fund). Through this program Council contributes to community wellbeing by supporting and stimulating diverse and 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 25 applications, requesting \$179,564.46, were received under the 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
- Assistance category: \$13,475
- Development category: \$71,809
- Events category: \$37,500

Council have committed to the provision of \$43,296 to the Esperance Community Arts for the 2016/2017 year. This is the third and final year of the pre-approved funding allocation.

CEO Matthew Scott said "The Community Grants Program is an opportunity for Council to encourage and support volunteers and community groups to help achieve their goals. We are pleased to announce that \$186,080 will be widely distributed through the many proactive groups and individuals in our community to support a diverse range of projects."

Council congratulates 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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Additional Attachment: Community Grants Program allocations