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## **Community Grants Allocation 2018**

The Shire of Esperance is pleased to announce the allocation for the Community Grants Program 2018/2019. Council resolved to allocate funds at the June Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Community Grants Program allocates funds with the aim of developing and actively supporting community organisations and individuals who contribute to the wellbeing and the cultural life of our region.

The program has been running for almost 20 years and is a positive 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 30 applications were received in the three annual grant categories of the Community Grants Program with Council approving the following amounts:

- Support category budget of \$25,000 (to be allocated during the 2018/2019 year)
- Assistance category, applications to the value of \$22,949.00
- Development category, applications to the value of \$84,500.00
- Events category, applications to the value of \$36,820.06
- Contribution to Esperance Community Arts of \$43,296.00

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "This year's program received some excellent applications. We also recognised that some of our community groups are really feeling the pressure of attracting members, volunteers and funding and want to acknowledge the great work they do in our community.

"It's important that we continue to have strong community groups, to help make Esperance the place we all want to live in, with opportunities for all to be involved. Whilst we wish we could support every application, we were unable to approve them all."

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](http://www.esperance.wa.gov.au)

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## **Community Grants Program Allocation – 2017/2018**

### **Support Category**

Budget of \$25,000.00 allocated during the year in accordance with the criteria and guidelines of the Community Grants Program.

### **Assistance category**

Budget of \$22,949.00, allocated to the following organisations:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Cannery Arts Centre	Kickarts School Holiday Programming	\$5,000
Esperance Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue	Purchase of Drone	\$1,500
Esperance Brass Band	Operational Costs	\$5,000
Esperance Amateur Swim Club	Swim Club Shade Shelters	\$1,250
Esperance Triathlon Club	Trailer	\$2,000
Restore Hope Foundation Esperance Ltd	Soup kitchen	\$1,000
Esperance Toy Library	Improve the Esperance Toy Library	\$1,000
Esperance Volunteer Fire & Rescue Service on behalf of Esperance Emergency Services Day Committee	Esperance Emergency Services Day	\$5,000
Esperance Table Tennis Club	Table Tennis Tables	\$1,199
Applicant	Project	Cash Contribution
Cannery Arts Centre	Kickarts School Holiday Programming	\$5,000
Esperance Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue	Purchase of Drone	\$1,500

### **Development Category**

Budget of \$84,500.00, allocated to the following organisations:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Cannery Arts Centre	Art Lab	\$10,000
Esperance Cycling Club	Esperance Velodrome Upgrade	\$32,500
Esperance Squash Club Inc	Kitchen Amenities and Flooring Upgrade	\$15,000
Clontarf Foundation	Engaging Teenage Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Males in Education & Employment	\$7,000
Esperance Care Services	Rubbish Disposal & Recycling	\$20,000

## **Events Category**

Budget of \$36,820.06, allocated to the following organisations:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
RSL Esperance	Armistice Learning Journey	\$11,208.09
Esperance Music Festival	47th Annual Esperance Music Festival	\$3,000
Esperance Cycling Club	Tour d'Esperance (French Week)	\$3,500
Rotary Club of Esperance Bay	Esperance Foreshore Festival & Fireworks	\$3,320
Esperance Squash Club	WA Squash State League Matches	\$7,400
Esperance Volleyball Association Inc.	Volleyball WA Beach Volleyball Tour Round	\$6,391.97
Condingup Primary School P&C Association	Condingup Community Fair	\$2,000