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## **Community Grants 2019**

Nearly \$240,000 will be distributed across a wide range of fantastic community programs that will create positive benefits for Esperance.

The Shire of Esperance is pleased to announce the successful applicants for the Community Grants Program 2019/2020. Council resolved to allocate \$239,808 of funds across a number of diverse community groups at a Special Council Meeting on 11 June 2019.

The Community Grants Program aims to develop and actively support community organisations and individuals who are working towards contributing 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 \$239,808 has been allocated in the four grant categories of the Community Grants Program with Council approving the following amounts:

- Support category budget of \$25,000 (this is for smaller applications that pop up during the 2019/2020 financial year)
- Assistance category, applications to the value of \$2,4411
- Development category, applications to the value of \$177,300
- Events category, applications to the value of \$13,097

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "The Community Grants Program is an opportunity for Council to support and show appreciation for the tremendous work clubs and organisations in our district do. This year's applications were all of a high standard and they need to be, as the annual Community Grants Program is highly competitive.

"Support for the World War One film is going to boost tourism, the local economy and give many community groups and organisations an opportunity to be involved. Providing funding for sporting clubs, art groups and community events is integral to a vibrant and healthy community."

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 – 2019/2020****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 \$2,4411.00 allocated to the following organisations:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
103.9 HopeFM Community Radio	Equipment Installation	\$2,500.00
Esperance Soccer Association	Renew Portable Goals	\$2,500.00
Pink Lake Golf Club	Electricity Source Re-alignment	\$2,000.00
Esperance Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	Upgrade firefighting equipment	\$2,773.00
Cannery Arts Centre	Exhibition Fees, Professional Development	\$4,638.00
Esperance Brass Band	Operating Costs	\$5,000.00
Rotary Club of Esperance Bay	Adventure Camp Esperance 2020	\$5,000.00

**Development Category**

Budget of \$177,300.00 allocated to the following organisations:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Esperance Cycling Club	Velodrome Fence Upgrade	\$4,000.00
Esperance Regional Tourism Inc	Feature Film	\$52,000.00
Esperance Care Services	Waste Management	\$19,708.00
Esperance Tennis Club	Boundary Fencing Replacement	\$15,000.00
Esperance Community Arts	Arts	\$43,296.00
Cannery Arts Centre	Arts	\$43,296.00

**Events Category**

Budget of \$13,097.00 allocated to the following organisations:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Condingup Fair	Condingup Fair 2020	\$2,000.00
Grass Patch Community Development Association	Grass Patch Yabbie Classic	\$2,000.00
Rotary Club of Esperance Bay	Esperance Foreshore Festival & Fireworks	\$2,000.00
Escare (auspicing on behalf of the Kids Fun Day Out)	Kids Fun Day Out 2019	\$5,000.00
Moving Movies	Moving Movies Season 2019/20	\$2,097.00