

## 6.2.2 Community Wellbeing and Support Grants Recommendations

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council approve 34 applications for funding under the 2022/23 Community Wellbeing Support Grant program to the value of \$60,642.61

### Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL - 2022-2023 CWSG application summary [6.2.2.1 - 6 pages]

### Executive Summary

The Community Wellbeing Support Grant Program provides support for sustainable initiatives that improves health and wellbeing, supports volunteer development, and builds capacity of community organisations.

Applications for the 2022/23 Community Wellbeing and Support Grants opened for applications on Monday 10 January and closed on Friday 11 March 2022.

Council received 42 Community Wellbeing Support Grant applications for the 2022/23 grant round totalling \$84,618.86.

Following an extensive assessment process, grant applications have been evaluated against eligibility and it is recommended that 34 applications be approved for funding to a total value of \$60,642.61.

### Background

The aim of the of the Community Wellbeing Support Grant Program is to equitably support sustainable community led initiatives that address identified and unmet community need, that aim to:

- Improve resident health and wellbeing
- Support opportunities for volunteer development
- Build capacity of community groups through support for projects and programs.

Applications across the program were assessed by a multidisciplinary group of Council officers from the areas of Actives Reserves, Parks Planning, Arts and Culture, Connected Communities, Youth Services and Risk, Health and Safety.

These assessments were then taken to the Senior Leadership Team and Council Briefing for further input before going to Council Meeting for endorsement.

Below are the outcomes following this process:

Application Funding Recommendations	Number of Applications
Fully funded	25

Partially funded *	9
Ineligible	7
Withdrawn	1
Total amount allocated	\$60,642.61

\*some requests ineligible

Eligible applications can be broken down into the following categories:

Application Category	Applications	Funds Allocated
Seeding Grants	7	\$30,646.91
Volunteer Support Grants	6	\$12,413.20
Small Change Grants	22	\$17,582.50

## Policy Implications

Both grant programs align to Council priorities and objectives, along with Cardinia Shire's Liveability Plan 2017 - 2029.

## Relevance to Council Plan

### 1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient

1.1.1 Plan for, and support the delivery of, accessible health and social services that address critical gaps in provision.

1.1.2 Enrich local identity and opportunities for the community to connect through art, history and cultural expression.

1.1.3 Lead by example in creating an inclusive and welcoming community for all by facilitating community education, capacity building, connection and celebration of our diversity.

1.1.4 Facilitate a partnership approach to create safer communities.

1.1.5 Work closely with the community to deliver programs that build community resilience, relating to a pandemic or other disasters.

### 2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places

2.1.2 Plan and maintain safe, inclusive and connected open spaces, places and active travel routes.

2.1.5 Upgrade Council's road network to improve safety and connectivity while considering traffic demand and freight transport needs.

### 3.1 We value our natural assets and support our biodiversity to thrive

3.1.1 Partner with community, business and industry to take action on, and adapt to, climate change.

3.1.2 Actively move towards zero waste through increasing waste recovery and reuse.

3.1.3 Work with community to improve and manage our natural assets, biodiversity and cultural heritage.

3.1.5 Facilitate community stewardship to build preparedness for natural threats.

### 4.1 We support our productive land and employment land to grow local industries

4.1.3 Improve local learning and employment pathway opportunities through strategic partnerships.

4.1.5 Strengthen and promote our shire's unique identity and visitor attractions.

## **5.1 We practise responsible leadership**

5.1.1 Build trust through meaningful community engagement and transparent decision-making.

5.1.2 Manage our finances responsibly and leave a positive legacy for future generations.

5.1.3 Strive to be a customer focused organisation and be a great place to work.

5.1.4 Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery, innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy.

5.1.5 Champion the collective values of the community through the Councillors' governance of the shire.

## **Climate Emergency Consideration**

Not applicable.

## **Consultation/Communication**

A comprehensive Communications Plan was undertaken, and as a result the program and invitations for applications were widely promoted through Cardinia. An additional social media campaign was undertaken to boost awareness and target new and emerging community groups in the Shire. This was in addition to target emails to Officers contacts.

Upon endorsement at a Council Meeting, applicants will be advised of the outcome via a 'letter of offer' through the SmartyGrants system.

## **Financial and Resource Implications**

The available funding for the 22/23 Community Wellbeing and Support Grants program is \$99,251. The total amount required to support 34 of recommended grant applications is \$60,642.61.

## **Conclusion**

The Community Wellbeing Support Grant Program provides support for sustainable initiatives that helps build capacity of our community organisations.

It is recommended to support funding 34 grants applications to the value of \$60,642.61 through the 2022/23 Community Wellbeing Support Grant program. Following formal endorsement, grant applicants will be advised of the outcome in a formal letter of offer.