

Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Name	Greater Geraldton Community Grants Program – Round 32	Meeting No.	2 – 2024/25
Meeting Date	Tuesday 25 March 2025		
Meeting Time	2:00pm		
Meeting Location	Civic Centre, Greenough Room		
Attendees	Cr Simon Keemink / Voting Member Cr Jennifer Critch / Voting Member Cr Victor Tanti / Voting Member Cr Michael Librizzi / Voting Member Brooke Rafferty	By Invitation	Paul Radalj Jay Prow Jacqui McLean Rebecca Bohannan
		Apologies	Cr Steve Cooper
		Leave of Absence	
		Distribution	As above
Purpose of Committee	To allocate funds provided by Council to Community Groups servicing the Greater Geraldton area in accordance with determined guidelines.		
Attachments	1 – Disclosure of Interests 2 – Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting Minutes 17 September 2024 3 – 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round 32 Application Summary (CONFIDENTIAL) 4 – Officer Recommendation for the Allocation of 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round 32 (CONFIDENTIAL) 5 – 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program Application Summary (CONFIDENTIAL) 6 – Officer Recommendation for the Allocation of 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program (CONFIDENTIAL) 7 – Awarded Community Funding Report (CONFIDENTIAL)		

All Committee Members, including external members, are subject to the same rules as a Council Meeting concerning confidentiality, public statements, conflicts of interest and behaviours of members, pursuant to the [Local Government \(Model Code of Conduct\) Regulations 2021](#).

The Presiding Member is to refer to the following Policy, Meeting Procedures and Regulations when chairing a meeting.

[Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011](#)

[Council Policy 4.4. Operation of Advisory Committees](#)

[Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates](#)

1 Declaration of Opening

2 Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from Cr Steve Copper

4 Disclosure of Interests

Cr Critch declared an impartiality interest in Item 7 relating to application 25/26FE-01 (Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc), as she is a resident of Mullewa.

Cr Critch declared an impartiality interest in Item 7 relating to application 25/26FE-06 (Mullewa Muster & Rodeo Inc), as she is a donor and volunteer for the event.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Committee Recommendation:

RECOMMEND that the minutes of the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2024 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

6 Community Grants Program Round 32

The Community Grants Program aims to provide assistance to not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations to implement projects, activities and programs that enhance and promote community wellbeing within the Greater Geraldton region.

The Community Grants Program has an annual budget of \$150,000 to be allocated over two (2) rounds during the financial year. \$75,000 was awarded in Round 31 of the Community Grants Program delivered at the start of 2024/25. The total available for disbursement in Round 32 is \$75,000.

Applications opened for the City's Community Grants Program Round 32 on 13 January 2025 and closed on 14 February 2025.

A total of 14 applications have been received, requesting funding of \$97,055 for projects worth \$433,091.

Two applications have been deemed **ineligible** on pre-assessment against the Community Funding Guidelines as outlined in Attachment 3 – 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round 32 Application Summary.

The remaining 12 applications have been deemed **eligible** based on the criteria in the Community Funding Guidelines. Discussion of the individual committee member assessments will form the basis of the Committee decision for recommendations to the CEO for endorsement as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs.

Full applications have been provided to the Committee through SmartyGrants for assessment and will be attached as Confidential Attachments to the minutes.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee RECOMMENDS the allocation of funding through the 2024/25 Community Grants Program Round to eligible projects as detailed in Confidential Attachment 4 to the Chief Executive Officer for endorsement as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs; and
2. RECORD the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee decision in the minutes

7 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program

The Festival and Event Funding Program aims to provide assistance to host events within the City that bring tourism and an economic boost to the region.

Applications are received in advance for the next fiscal year and outcomes will be incorporated into the draft 2025/26 budget based on the Committee recommendation.

Applications opened for the 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program on 7 August 2024 and closed on 31 December 2024.

Six applications have been received and have been deemed **eligible** on pre-assessment against the Community Funding Guidelines as outlined in Attachment 5 – 2025/26 Festival and Event Funding Program Application Summary.

The total of applications for funding in 2025/26 is \$ 285,965 for events worth \$1,937,275.

Discussion of the individual committee member assessments will form the basis of the Committee decision.

Full applications have been provided to the Committee through SmartyGrants for assessment and will be attached as Confidential Attachments to the minutes.

Festival and Event Funding Program 2024/25

Geraldton Greenough Sunshine Festival	Year 3	\$20,000
Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival	Year 3	\$15,000
Shore Leave Festival	Year 2	\$110,000
Mullewa Agricultural Show	Year 2	\$20,000
Carols by Candlelight	Year 2	\$5,000
TOTAL		\$170,000

Festival and Event Funding Program 2025/26

Mullewa Agricultural Show	Year 3	\$20,000
Carols by Candlelight	Year 3	\$5,000
TOTAL		\$25,000

PLUS applications received

<i>Outback Bloom – Mullewa's Wildflower Festival</i>		<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Geraldton Blessing of the Fleet</i>		<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Geraldton Greenough Sunshine Festival Family Funday</i>		<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Junior World Windsurfing Grand Final</i>		<i>\$45,965</i>
<i>Mullewa Muster & Rodeo</i>		<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Shore Leave Festival</i>		<i>\$110,000</i>
TOTAL		\$290,965

2025/26 will be the final allocation of funding currently awarded to Mullewa Agricultural Show and Carols by Candlelight.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee RECOMMENDS the provision for events for the 2025/26 Festival and Events Funding Program in the 2025/26 to 2034/35 Long Term Financial Plan as detailed in Confidential Attachment 8 to conditionally allocate funding in future years;
2. RECORD the Greater Geraldton Community Grants Committee decision in the minutes;

8 Update on Awarded Community Funding

Refer Attachment 7 - Awarded Community Funding Report.

This report has been developed to provide an update to the Committee on projects that have previously been awarded funding through the Community Grants, Community Project Support, Festival and Event Funding and Service Agreement programs.

This provides the status of all current funding including details for projects acquitted since the previous report in September 2024.

9 General Business

Matters for discussion:

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 2pm Tuesday 23 September 2025 at Civic Centre, Greenough Room.

11 Close