

Amended Report – Addition italicised, bold and in blue

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Summary

A list of projects to be considered for the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) is presented for Council shortlisting.

Recommendation

That Council nominate projects from the list contained in the report, to be considered for Round 3 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund.

10 **Background**

The SCCF is providing \$100 million for community projects across NSW, with at least \$50 million of that for youth-related projects (12-24 cohort). For the first time, applications are invited from incorporated not-for-profit community organisations, as well as councils.

A certain amount of funds have been earmarked for each LGA in regional NSW. \$1,750,792 has been allocated for the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA. Allocations of funding for each LGA were based on a funding formula based on population and the cost of construction in each LGA.

20 Incorporated Not for Profit entities are able to enter a grant application independently of Council. QPRC will submit its own applications to the grant fund and a selection of potential projects is contained in the Priority List below.

What will they fund?

- The program is now expanded to cover programs and events as well as infrastructure.
- 50% of funds will be for infrastructure projects or for programs that improve the lives of young people aged 12-24.
- The remaining 50% will be for other local community and sporting infrastructure, street beautification, plus community programs and events.

Eligible youth projects

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- Eligible projects include indoor sports programs, creative arts and culture projects, mentoring and skills training services and will reflect the unique conditions and needs of young people in the regions.
 - Any programs OR infrastructure that will enhance the lives of young people.
 - Youth related infrastructure and programs must be aligned to the areas of community, wellbeing, connectivity and work readiness.

General community amenity projects

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- Construction of new or upgrades to existing community or sporting infrastructure.
 - Capital works related to street beautification and other public places that promote the health, happiness and wellbeing of the community.
 - Delivering programs that benefit the local community.
 - Infrastructure to assist the delivery of general community programs.

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Funding amounts per project:

- Minimum amount per project is \$50,000. Maximum amount is not stated.
- Projects can be over \$1 million, but will only be considered where there is a financial co-contribution of at least 25% of the total grant amount. This may come from the applicant or from another funding source.
- Projects must be completed within 3 years of the Funding Deed being signed.

Projects list

The following List proposes QPRC projects to be considered to be put forward for funding.

	Round 3 Project Application	Description	QPRC Branch	\$ Amount
A	Upgrades to Braidwood Pool	Roof for the change-rooms, pool heating improvements and other plant/infrastructure works	Recreation and Culture	\$1,000,000
B	Upgrades to Queanbeyan Pool	Refurbishment of change rooms, parents and disabled amenities	Recreation and Culture	\$300,000*
C	Youth Learner Driver / Mentor Program	Disadvantaged youth and/or those of Aboriginal backgrounds to be provided with five professional driving lessons, and 120 hours of driving experience with volunteer mentors, over 12 months, to allow them to obtain their driver's P1 licence. Costs of completing driving tests will also be covered. Car may have to be sourced through a donation by a community sponsor.	Community and Education	\$80,000
D	Upgrade Axis Youth Centre to become Youth and Community Centre	Refresh flooring, add outdoor youth fitness equipment outside rear of building, refit existing music and media room, small office refurbished into a homework room and meeting room for agency support consultations, update and refurbish kitchen to allow more youth participation in food preparation, and to allow for easy conversion of the premises for community use (seniors, families). Option to extend current building.	Community and Education	\$180,000 + an additional \$100,000 if current building is extended.

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E	Aussie Optimism Program (Teachers of Year 1 -9)	National Agency in conjunction with QPRC Youth team to deliver a program to all schools in LGA. This is a positive mental health program for local teachers focused on anti-bullying, dealing with stress and anxiety, building resilience, suicide prevention and building respectful behaviours.	Community and Education	\$70,000 (\$7000 per school, noting Braidwood High is already funded)
F	Moore Park Youth Park	Finish the upgrade of Moore Park. Works to include: installation of outdoor fitness and park equipment aimed at young people but open to the community; scooter park upgrade including safety fencing, electric BBQ, activation of current shipping container, fencing of the basketball half court, an art mural, pathways to access pool and rest of park, and a bridge or pedestrian crossing to Apex Park to utilise toilet block and access to family all-abilities playground.	Community and Education	\$300,000
G	Braidwood Library and Community Information Centre	Refurbish the existing library, old library and customer service areas to accommodate a new library and community centre precinct for Braidwood. The refurbishment will include increased community spaces and meeting rooms, increased self-service, dynamic library collections, greater awareness of online resources and safety, access to new technologies and digital library training, enhanced library services and high quality customer service facilities. Outdoor areas to be enhanced with art works and seating.	Community and Education	\$300,000*
H	Bungendore Park Playground and Park Furniture	Installation of additional all abilities playground equipment at Bungendore Park, and installation of outdoor furniture.	Urban Landscapes	\$350,000

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I	Flood lights for Steve Maugher and Halloran Ovals (Junior AFL)	Flood lights for Steve Maugher Oval in Karabar. Oval is currently used for AFL, touch football, softball and includes netball courts. Flood lights for Halloran Drive Oval, Jerrabomberra, which is used for Junior AFL.	Urban Landscapes	\$425,000
J	Freebody Cricket Club Women's Amenities	Amenities infrastructure for women at Freebody Oval, Queanbeyan. The Oval is home to the Queanbeyan District Cricket Club.	Urban Landscapes	\$775,000
K	Archery Toilets	Installation of toilet amenities at Noel Templeman Archery Range, Queanbeyan, home of the Monaro Archers.	Urban Landscapes	\$250,000
L	Braidwood Wallace St Façade Improvement	Improve the heritage facades of approximately 10 heritage buildings in the main street of Braidwood through funding 50% of the cost of painting the building facade to a maximum \$10,000 with the owner funding the balance.	Business and Innovation	\$75,000*
M	River Walk Continuation	Continuation of QBN River walk/bike path (2km) on one side from Dane Street to new EDE bridge. With the completion of the bridge this path will become more extensively used providing an important component of Council's passive recreational infrastructure and connection to the CBD.	Urban Landscapes	\$725,000*
N	Wright Park Facilities	Replace facilities at Wright Park including storage and canteen facilities	Urban Landscapes	\$1,500,000
				\$6,310,000

* Grant sought to support current QPRC-funded project

Conclusion

\$1,750,792 has been allocated for projects in the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA under the Stronger Country Communities Fund. The above list of projects have been sourced from

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previous requests to Council and staff proposals, from which Council should determine a shortlist of eligible projects so that applications can be developed for formal submission.

60 Particular reference and narrative to support youth though programs and infrastructure will be included in the formal submissions, where relevant. The amounts submitted are to augment Council funding, where marked.

Not for Profit groups will submit applications directly to Government.

Attachments

Nil