



Ordinary Meeting of Council

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA 2

27 January 2022

On-site Inspections - Nil

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Open Attachments

Nil

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File Reference: COMMUNITY-CULTURE- CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT 1.1 – Cultural Arts Assistance 1.1.3

Summary

On 20 January 2022, QPRC received an urgent request seeking a Council donation to prevent a long-standing and popular rhythmic gymnastics program from permanently closing.

Recommendation

That Council approve the allocation of a donation of \$3,000 from the Cultural Grant Scheme to the Queanbeyan Police and Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) to assist with costs for a rhythmic gymnastics program for our area's youth.

Background

A volunteer parents' group has recently been formed in Queanbeyan due to the Canberra YMCA recently cancelling a valuable and popular rhythmic gymnastics program formerly run by the Queanbeyan YMCA. The group of parents are very concerned about the closure of the program, and the effect the closure would have for the 80 children previously engaged in the program.

The former rhythmic gymnastics program included high performing athletes who have competed in Russia, as well as many promising high performing gymnasts. The volunteer parents group advises that up to 250 local parents have expressed their willingness in participating in keeping a rhythmic gymnastics program open for local youth, as they do not want to let this valuable program die. The parents' group has advised they have secured the cooperation of Queanbeyan PCYC who have taken on the club.

The parents' group is seeking urgent assistance with costs to retain the program locally, but do not have the required gymnastics equipment. The group is seeking a minimum of \$4,000 to buy equipment required to commence the new rhythmic gymnastics program. It is understood no equipment was capable of transfer or reuse from the former program.

Implications

Up to \$25,000 is provided to community groups under Council's Cultural Grants Program each year. The program is administered in line with Council's Donations Policy 2020 (for donations under 3.356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*). Under the Policy, Council commits to providing financial assistance for the development of positive and beneficial projects which address the identified objectives of the QPRC Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028.

The project aligns well with the key goals and outcomes of the Plan's Strategic Pillar 1 – Community, including the goal of having an active and healthy lifestyle, and Council's associated service objective to 'Support the active recreational, sporting and health pursuits of the community through the availability of facilities and participation in programs and events in the Queanbeyan-Palerang region'.

The project meets and aims and eligibility criteria for a Council Cultural Grant, and 'seed funding' of projects or new organisations is considered eligible. The project will advance the

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cultural and/or creative experiences of the QPRC LGA community and demonstrates educational components that seek to advance the creative skills and knowledge of the Queanbeyan-Palerang LGA's community.

The Queanbeyan PCYC meets the organisation's eligibility criteria for a Cultural Grant as a non-government organisation working in and with the Queanbeyan-Palerang community. As the project will employ professional coaches and rhythmic gymnasts the project fits the eligibility criteria for a grant from Council of up to \$3,000.

Social / Cultural

This project has the potential to provide positive social and cultural outcomes in the Queanbeyan-Palerang community, particularly for youth.

Financial

There are sufficient Cultural Grants funds available to cover this funding request. \$5,500 Cultural Grant funds have been released thus far in 2021/22, leaving \$19,500 available.

Program Code	Expense Type	Funding source	Amount
3020-5070	Donations Cultural Activities	Cultural Grants	\$3,000

Conclusion

This project is in line with the aims and purpose of the Cultural Grants and the QPRC Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 and would provide cultural benefits to residents.

Attachments

Nil