

# Community Grants Committee

## Meeting Minutes

### Community Funding Programs – March 2021



<b>Meeting Name</b>	Community Funding Program March 2021 Committee Meeting	<b>Meeting No.</b>	2 - 2021
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday 23 March 2021		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	12:00pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Civic Centre, Greenough Room (Committee Meeting Room)		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Jennifer Critch	<b>By Invitation</b>	Fiona Norling
	Cr Steve Douglas	<b>Apologies</b>	Cr Simon Keemink David Emery
	Cr Bob Hall		
Cr Victor Tanti	<b>Distribution</b>	As above	
Brooke Rafferty			
Jane Bagshaw			
<b>Attachments (Confidential)</b>	<p>D-21-004719 20/21CGR24-02 – 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Living History Unit – Glass Fronted Secure Display Cabinets for Interpretive Centre - Application</p> <p>D-21-015483 20/21CGR24-03 – Anglican Parish of Bluff Point – Growing Community Spaces - Application</p> <p>D-21-011836 20/21CGR24-05 – Rotary Club of Geraldton – Rotary WA Driver Education - Application</p> <p>D-21-020321 20/21CGR24-06 – Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc. – 2021 Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival - Application</p> <p>D-21-009688 20/21CGR24-08 – Northern Agricultural Catchments Council Inc. – National Malleefowl &amp; WA Threatened Species Forum - Application</p> <p>D-21-019774 20/21CGR24-09 – Batavia Coast Replica Long Boat Association – Maintaining and Restoring the Batavia Longboat - Application</p> <p>D-21-020771 20/21CGR24-12 – Geraldton Athletics Centre Inc. – Track-side Shade - Application</p> <p>D-21-020056 20/21CGR24-13 – Tarcoola Park Tennis Club – Installation of Security Screens for Club House - Application</p> <p>D-21-022742 20/21CGR24-15 – Ngala Community Services – LEAD - Application</p> <p>D-21-020052 20/21CGR24-18 – Friends of Geraldton Gardens – Maitland Park Botanic Garden - Application</p> <p>D-21-020778 20/21CGR24-21 – Geraldton Yacht Club Inc. – 60<sup>th</sup> Flying 15 State Championship &amp; Dragon Boat Classic 2021 - Application</p> <p>D-21-022144 20/21CGR24-24 – Geraldton Bowling Club Inc. – Carpark Resurfacing - Application</p> <p>D-21-022972 20/21CGR24-25 – Geraldton Board Riders Junior Development Club – Frothin Fools Gero Groms Fest 2022 - Application</p> <p>D-21-024347 20/21CGR24-26 – Pollinators – Geraldton Light Show Equipment</p> <p>D-21-033371 Community Grants Program Round 24 – Endorsed Committee Meeting Outcomes</p> <p>D-21-033406 2021-22 Festival &amp; Event Funding Program – Committee Meeting Outcomes</p> <p>D-21-033407 2021-222 Service Agreement Program – Committee Meeting Outcomes</p> <p>D-21-028820 13/14CGR14-08 – Geraldton Softball Association – Unable to Provide Acquittal</p> <p>D-21-033426 Community Grants Program Round 24 – Disclosure of Interest – Cr Robert Hall</p> <p>D-21-033427 Community Grants Program Round 24 – Disclosure of Interest – Jane Bagshaw</p> <p>D-21-033428 Community Grants Program Round 24 – Disclosure of Interest – Brooke Rafferty</p> <p>D-21-033429 Community Grants Program Round 24 – Disclosure of Interest – Cr Jennifer Critch</p> <p>D-21-033430 Community Grants Program Round 24 – Disclosure of Interest – Cr Victor Tanti</p>		

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

Meeting opened at 12:03pm

Apologies received from Cr Simon Keemink and David Emery.

**2. Disclosure of Interests**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Reference</b>	<b>Applicant &amp; Project</b>	<b>Details</b>
Cr Jennifer Critch	20/21CGR24-06	Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc. – 2021 Outback Bloom Mullewa’s Wildflower Festival	Member of the Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc.
Cr Simon Keemink	20/21CGR24-25	Geraldton Board Riders Junior Development Club – Frothin Fools Gero Groms Fest 2022	Friends of some influential members of the club so would prefer not to take part in this grant application.
Cr Victor Tanti	20/21CGR24-05	Rotary Club of Geraldton – Rotary WA Driver Education	I do know Ms Gilleland (project contact) but as an acquaintance.
Cr Bob Hall	20/21CGR24-05	Rotary Club of Geraldton – Rotary WA Driver Education	Have from time to time helped at previous events due to my background experience in Policing.
Jane Bagshaw	20/21CGR24-26	Pollinators Inc. – Geraldton Light Show Equipment	Former Board member and current member of the applicant.
Brooke Rafferty	20/21CGR24-24	Geraldton Bowling Club – Carpark Resurfacing	Immediate family are current members of the organisation.
Cr Steve Douglas	20/21CGR24-13	Tarcoola Park Tennis Club – Installation of Security Screens / Mesh for the Club House	Immediate past Member of the club.

**3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

**OFFICER RECOMMENATION:**

Minutes of the Community Grants Committee held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

Minutes of the Community Grants Committee held on Wednesday 10 February 2021 as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**MOVED: Cr Hall**

**SECONDED: Cr Douglas**

#### 4. Community Grants Program Round 24

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 total available for disbursement in Round 24 is \$100,000 (100% of the 2020-21 budget allocation).

Applications opened for the City's Community Grants Program Round 24 on 4 January 2021 and closed on 5 March 2021.

A total of 12 applications have been received, requesting funding of \$142,298 for projects worth \$654,478.80.

The following applications have been deemed ineligible on pre-assessment based on the criteria in the Community Funding Guidelines:

Reference	Applicant	Project	Comments
20/21CGR24-12	Geraldton Athletics Centre Inc.	Track-side Shade	As this project is already partly funded by the City through the CSRFF, the application is deemed ineligible for additional funding.

The following 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.

Reference	Applicant	Project	Requested Amount
20/21CGR24-06	Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc.	2021 Outback Bloom – Mullewa's Wildflower Festival	\$17,295
20/21CGR24-21	Geraldton Yacht Club Inc.	60 <sup>th</sup> Flying 15 State Championship & Dragon Boat Classic 2021	\$10,000
20/21CGR24-25	Geraldton Board Riders Junior Development Club	Frothin Fools Gero Groms Fest 2022	\$5,000
20/21CGR24-05	Rotary Club of Geraldton	Rotary WA Driver Education	\$4,132
20/21CGR24-26	Pollinators Inc.	Geraldton Light Show Equipment	\$20,000
20/21CGR24-18	Friends of Geraldton Gardens Inc.	Maitland Park Botanic Gardens	\$18,553
20/21CGR24-15	Ngala Community Services	LEAD	\$20,000
20/21CGR24-24	Geraldton Bowling Club Inc.	Carpark Re-surfacing	\$20,000
20/21CGR24-13	Tarcoola Park Tennis Club	Installation of Security Screens / Mesh for the Club House	\$6,595
20/21CGR24-03	Anglican Parish of Bluff Point	Growing Community Spaces	\$2,946
20/21CGR24-08	Northern Agricultural Catchments Council Incorporated	National Malleefowl & WA Threatened Species Forum	\$10,000

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee determine which applications be approved for funding under the Community Grants Program Round 24.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

1. **NOTE** the ineligible application from Geraldton Athletics Centre for Track-side Shade.
2. **RECOMMEND** the allocation of \$93,557 through the Community Grants Program Round 24 as follows for delegated authorisation by the Chief Executive Officer:
  - a. **APPROVE** \$15,000 to the Mullewa Community Resource Centre Inc. for the 2021 Outback Bloom – Mullewa's Wildflower Festival.
  - b. **APPROVE** \$3,755 to the Geraldton Yacht Club Inc. for the Dragon Boat Classic 2021.
  - c. **APPROVE** \$4,325 to the Geraldton Board Riders Junior Development Club for the Frothin Fools Gero Groms Fest 2022.
  - d. **APPROVE** \$4,132 to the Rotary Club of Geraldton for the Rotary WA Driver Education.
  - e. **APPROVE** \$15,000 to Pollinators Inc. for the Geraldton Light Show Equipment.
  - f. **MAKE PROVISION** to conditionally allocate \$10,000 to Friends of Geraldton Gardens Inc. for the Maitland Park Botanic Garden subject to the following:
    - i. Applicant presents at Council Concept Forum outlining the remaining elements and stages, including how they are to be funded and maintained.
    - ii. Discussion by Council to determine:
      1. if an Item is to be prepared for Council Meeting to overturn the previous recommendation by Council, or
      2. if the recommendation by Council to not fund any part of Stage 1 stands.
    - iii. If required, endorsement by Council to overturn the previous recommendation by Council and award the \$10,000 funding.
  - g. **APPROVE** \$11,250 to Ngala Community Services to LEAD.
  - h. **APPROVE** \$15,000 to Geraldton Bowling Club Inc. for Carpark Re-surfacing.
  - i. **APPROVE** \$6,595 to Tarcoola Park Tennis Club for Installation of Security Screens / Mesh for the Club House.
  - j. **APPROVE** \$1,500 to Anglican Parish of Bluff Point for Growing Community Spaces.
  - k. **APPROVE** \$7,000 to Northern Agricultural Catchments Council Incorporated for National Malleefowl & WA Threatened Species Forum.

**MOVED:** Cr Tanti

**SECONDED:** Cr Hall

## 5. 2021-22 Festival and Event Funding Program

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

Applications are received in advance for next financial year and outcomes will be incorporated into the draft 2021/22 budget based on the committee recommendation.

Applications opened for the City's 2021-22 Festival and Event Program (previously known as the Signature Events Program) on 4 January 2021 and closed on 24 February 2021.

Two applications have been received, 1 of which has been deemed ineligible based on the criteria in the Community Funding Guidelines. The total of eligible applications for funding in 2021/22 is \$20,000 for events worth \$115,000.

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

The following application has been deemed **ineligible** on pre-assessment:

Reference	Applicant	Project	Comments
21/22FE-01	HMAS Sydney Association	HMAS Sydney Memorial Weekend	Application was submitted by an individual who did not have the authority from the Combined Defence Support Association of WA Inc. (incorporating VLSVA and HMAS Sydney Association).

The following application has been deemed **eligible** on pre-assessment and is to be assessed by the Community Grants Committee for recommendations to Council 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.

Reference	Applicant	Project	Funding Amount
21/22FE-02	Midwest Multicultural Association	Geraldton Cultural Festivals	2021-22 - \$20,000 2022-23 - \$20,000 2023-24 - \$20,000

There is one other Festival and Event, Shore Leave Festival, with funding of \$100,000 per annum committed in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

1. APPROVE PROVISION to Midwest Multicultural Association for the Geraldton Cultural Festivals in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$20,000 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan, with in-kind support of up to \$1,050 approved in Year 1 (2021-22) subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Funding is to be directed to costs associated with the delivery of the annual Harmony Day and Festival of Lights celebrations, and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.). In-kind support of up to \$1,050 is approved for the waiver of venue hire fees.
  - b. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.
  - c. Review and acceptance of the annual budget and annual acquittal for the events by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.

- d. In-kind support for Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) will not be provided, unless the applicant agrees to reduce the cash contribution by the value of the in kind provision to make the total contribution \$20,000.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

1. **NOTE** the ineligible application from HMAS Sydney Association for HMAS Sydney Memorial Weekend.
2. **APPROVE PROVISION** to Midwest Multicultural Association for the Geraldton Cultural Festivals in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$20,000 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan, with in-kind support of up to \$1,050 approved in Year 1 (2021-22) subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Funding is to be directed to costs associated with the delivery of the annual Harmony Day and Festival of Lights celebrations, and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.). In-kind support of up to \$1,050 is approved for the waiver of venue hire fees.
  - b. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.
  - c. Review and acceptance of the annual budget and annual acquittal for the events by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.
  - d. In-kind support for Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) will not be provided, unless the applicant agrees to reduce the cash contribution by the value of the in kind provision to make the total contribution \$20,000.

**MOVED:** Cr Hall

**SECONDED:** Cr Tanti

**6. 2021-22 Service Agreement Program**

Service Agreements are offered to local organisations that provide a service to the community that the City may be required to provide if they didn't.

Applications opened for the City's 2021-22 Service Agreement Program on 4 January 2021 and closed on 24 February 2021.

3 applications have been received, requesting funding of \$65,850 in 2021-22 for proposals worth \$346,631. All applicants have requested funding for a period of three (3) years, with a combined total of \$67,500 and \$70,000 requested for 2021-22 and 2022-23 respectively. Full applications have been provided to the Committee through SmartyGrants for assessment and will be attached as Confidential Attachments to the minutes. Discussion of the individual committee member assessments will form the basis of the Committee decision.

The Committee is advised that the application from the Mid West Sports Federation was submitted after the due date. The applicant made contact with the City after the closing date on 2 March 2021 requesting an allowance to submit a late application due to a staff member leaving the organisation late last year. The application was received 7 March 2021.

The following applications have been deemed **eligible** based on the criteria in the Community Funding Guideline and are to be assessed by the Community Grants Committee for recommendation to Council as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs.

Reference	Applicant	Project	Funding Amount
21/22SA-01	Mid West Academy of Sport	Athlete and Coaching High Performance Scholarship Program	2021-22 - \$25,000 2022-23 - \$25,000 2023-24 - \$25,000
21/22SA-02	Geraldton Cemetery Board	Capital and Improvement Program	2021-22 - \$30,000 2022-23 - \$30,000 2023-24 - \$30,000
21/22SA-04	Mid West Sports Federation	Greater Geraldton Sporting Achievement Grants, Mid West Sports Awards and Geraldton Cycle Plan Activation	2021-22 - \$10,850 2022-23 - \$12,500 2023-24 - \$15,000

There is one other current Service Agreement, with Community Group of Greenough, which was for 2019-20 to 2021-22 for \$12,000 per annum.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

1. APPROVE PROVISION in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$30,000 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan to the Geraldton Cemetery Board, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Provision and acceptance of the 2020-21 acquittal for the Geraldton Cemetery Board Annual Capital Program prior to a Grant Agreement being issued for the 2021-24 funding.
  - b. Funding is to be directed to the capital work program and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.).
  - c. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.
  - d. Review and acceptance of the Geraldton Cemetery Board's annual budget and annual acquittal by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.
2. APPROVE PROVISION in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$20,000 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan to the Mid West Academy of Sports, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Provision and acceptance of the 2020-21 acquittal for the Mid West Academy of Sports Scholarship Program prior to a Grant Agreement being issued for the 2021-24 funding.
  - b. Funding is to be directed to athlete and coaching programs and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.).
  - c. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.
  - d. Review and acceptance of the Mid West Academy of Sport annual budget and annual acquittal by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.
3. APPROVE PROVISION in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$10,850 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan to the Mid West Sports Foundation, subject to the following conditions:
- a. Provision and acceptance of the 2020-21 acquittal for the Mid West Sports Foundation and Awards prior to a Grant Agreement being issued for the 2021-24 funding.
  - b. Funding is to be directed to the Greater Geraldton Sporting Achievement Grants, Annual Mid West Sports Awards and Geraldton Cycle Plan Activation and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.).
  - c. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.
  - d. Review and acceptance of the Mid West Sports Federation annual budget and annual acquittal by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.
  - e. Applicant is to actively collaborate with the City in planning of sporting projects including, but not limited to, evaluation of CSRFF applications and ranking of sporting infrastructure projects.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

1. **APPROVE PROVISION in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$25,000 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan to the Geraldton Cemetery Board, subject to the following conditions:**
  - a. **Provision and acceptance of the 2020-21 acquittal for the Geraldton Cemetery Board Annual Capital Program prior to a Grant Agreement being issued for the 2021-24 funding.**
  - b. **Funding is to be directed to the capital work program and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.).**
  - c. **Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.**
  - d. **Review and acceptance of the Geraldton Cemetery Board's annual budget and annual acquittal by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.**
2. **APPROVE PROVISION in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$25,000 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan to the Mid West Academy of Sports, subject to the following conditions:**
  - a. **Provision and acceptance of the 2020-21 acquittal for the Mid West Academy of Sports Scholarship Program prior to a Grant Agreement being issued for the 2021-24 funding.**
  - b. **Funding is to be directed to athlete and coaching programs and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.).**
  - c. **Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.**
  - d. **Review and acceptance of the Mid West Academy of Sport annual budget and annual acquittal by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.**

3. **APPROVE PROVISION** in the 2021-22 to 2030-31 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$10,500 in Year 1 (2021-22), Year 2 (2022-23) and Year 3 (2023-24) of the plan to the Mid West Sports Foundation, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Provision and acceptance of the 2020-21 acquittal for the Mid West Sports Foundation and Awards prior to a Grant Agreement being issued for the 2021-24 funding.
  - b. Funding is to be directed to the Greater Geraldton Sporting Achievement Grants, Annual Mid West Sports Awards and Geraldton Cycle Plan Activation and is not be used for operational costs (i.e. wages, fuel, insurance etc.).
  - c. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year.
  - d. Review and acceptance of the Mid West Sports Federation annual budget and annual acquittal by City officers prior to the applicable years funding being issued. Information is to include evidence demonstrating increased economic impact, financial sustainability and community benefit.
  - e. Applicant is to actively collaborate with the City in planning of sporting projects including, but not limited to, evaluation of CSRFF applications and ranking of sporting infrastructure projects.

**MOVED: Cr Tanti**

**SECONDED: Cr Hall**

**7. 2021-22 Community Grants Program Budget**

The 2020-21 budget for the Community Grants Program is \$100,000.

In 2019-20 the annual budget for the Community Grants Program was \$200,000 however this was reduced to \$100,000 in 2020-21 due to the impacts of COVID-19 and limitation of available funding rounds for the financial year to just one.

Community Grants Committee to discuss and make a determination if the current budget of \$100,000 for the 2021-22 year is sufficient, or if they would like to request an increase to the budget allocation to be deliberated as part of the annual budget process.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee determine the preferred level of funding for the Community Grants Program in 2021-22.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

That the Committee request consideration of \$150,000 for the Community Grants Program in 2021-22 to allow for offering of 2 grant rounds.

**MOVED: Cr Douglas**

**SECONDED: Cr Hall**

**CARRIED 3/1**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Cr Critch</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr Douglas</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr Hall</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>Cr Tanti</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Cr Keemink</b>	<b>NOT PRESENT</b>

## 8. Mullewa Muster & Rodeo

The Mullewa Muster Committee issued an Official Statement in February 2021 regarding the postponement of the Mullewa Muster & Rodeo to 2022 as follows:

Since 2012 the Mullewa Muster & Rodeo Committee have been dedicated to presenting a world-class event each Western Australia Day long weekend. This event has grown significantly over the years and is renowned for its high standard of competition and entertainment; a testament of which is our growing number of attendees, stallholders, entertainers and competitors. The Mullewa Muster & Rodeo Committee is committed to maintaining the event to this level into the future.

In 2021 the Western Australian State Government mandatory COVID-19 Event Plan places a range of restrictions on events of our size. So unfortunately, we have made the decision to postpone our 2021 event until 2022.

The committee supports the preventative measures set by the State Government and understands the necessary steps to ensure community transmission is kept to an absolute minimum.

The committee asks for your support as this was not an easy decision to make. The current climate we live in is unpredictable and can change without warning. The committee would rather wait until we can confidently coordinate the same action packed, kick ass event for you all to enjoy.

The Mullewa Muster Committee received their 2019-20 allocation of \$30,000 in December 2019 for the 2020 event. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 event was postponed and approval was granted by City officers for the 2019-20 funding to be held until the re-scheduling of the event in 2021, as was consistent with other events impacted by COVID-19. This extended their three year funding commitment for an additional year, with funding committed for 2019-20, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The postponement of the 2021 event for an additional year is brought to the Committee for their review and decision.

There is potential for a similar scenario to occur with any of the other Festival and Events (formerly Signature Events) funding agreements and officers seek direction whether this is an Officer decision or should be brought to the Community Grants Committee for decision.

The alternative option considered was to approve the carryover of 2019-20 funding with the term of the funding agreement to remain as 2022-23, and thereby funding two events. The Mullewa Muster Committee would then be advised to submit a new application in 2022-23 for consideration of any future funding.

### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

1. APPROVE the 2019-20 funding to be held by the Mullewa Muster Committee for the 2022 Mullewa Muster & Rodeo on the condition that they provide a plan to run a modified event in 2022 based on the current COVID restrictions that can be updated as restrictions change.
2. APPROVE the extension of the current three year funding commitment for an additional year, resulting in funding committed for 2019-20, 2022-23 and 2023-24.
3. ADVISE the Mullewa Muster Committee that repayment of the 2019-20 funding will be required should the event not be delivered in 2022.
4. ADVISE officers that requests to postpone events longer than 6 months from scheduled date are to be assessed by the Committee before amending the funding agreement.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

1. **APPROVE** the 2019-20 funding to be held by the Mullewa Muster Committee for the 2022 Mullewa Muster & Rodeo on the condition that they provide a plan to run a modified event in 2022 based on the current COVID restrictions that can be updated as restrictions change.
2. **APPROVE** the extension of the current three year funding commitment for an additional year, resulting in funding committed for 2019-20, 2022-23 and 2023-24.
3. **ADVISE** the Mullewa Muster Committee that repayment of the unspent 2019-20 funding will be required should the event not be delivered in 2022. Up to a maximum of \$5,000 is approved to be spent on marketing and promotional costs to maintain momentum in advance of the 2022 event.
4. **ADVISE** officers that requests to postpone events longer than 6 months from scheduled date are to be assessed by the Committee before amending the funding agreement.

**MOVED:** Cr Douglas

**SECONDED:** Cr Tanti

### **9. Outstanding Acquittal - Geraldton Softball Association**

Geraldton Softball Association has an acquittal outstanding from 2013-14 for the 2014 June Carnival. Numerous correspondence and was sent and phone calls made to the recipient regarding the outstanding acquittal but nothing was ever actioned.

In March 2015, a final notice was issued to the applicant advising that no further funding would be awarded or released to the organisation until the funding was successfully acquitted.

The City received correspondence on 17 March 2021 regarding the outstanding acquittal and the applicant's inability to complete as attached and provided to the Committee. The applicant has requested a solution to close this outstanding acquittal, such that they can be considered for funding in the future.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE the request from Geraldton Softball Association to write off the acquittal for the 2014 June Carnival, allowing for future applications to be eligible for funding.

#### **COMMITTEE DECISION:**

- 1. REQUEST the Geraldton Softball Association to provide a Statutory Declaration with the following:**
  - a. Reason/s why the acquittal cannot be provided;**
  - b. Documentation demonstrating that they successfully conducted the 2014 June Carnival;**
  - c. Documentation demonstrating the costs of hosting the June Carnival in recent years;**
  - d. Assurance that the association has addressed the issues and will now be able to meet all requirements associated with any future funding.**
- 2. APPROVE the request from Geraldton Softball Association to write off the acquittal for the 2014 June Carnival, allowing for future applications to be eligible for funding, subject to point 1 above.**

**MOVED: Cr Douglas**

**SECONDED: Cr Tanti**

### **10. Update on Awarded Community Funding**

In order to provide an update to the Committee on projects that have previously been awarded funding through the Community Grants Program, Festival and Event Funding and Service Agreements, a Briefing Note will be prepared in April 2021. This will provide the status of all current funding including details for projects acquitted during this financial year.

A standing item will be included in future Committee Agenda's to provide updates for the prior period.

#### **COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

**Community update is needed to advise the community on what has been approved through the Community Grants Program and how ratepayer's money is being used. Discuss with the Communications Team regarding the best way to get this information out to the community, perhaps revamp the Community Grants section of the City website.**

## **11. General Business**

The next Community Grants Committee Meeting is anticipated to be held September 2021 for review of applications submitted through the 2021-22 Community Grants Program – Round 25. Preference of day (i.e. day of Agenda Forum or Council Meeting) and time to be discussed.

### **COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

**Agenda Form or Council Meeting days are the preference, with meetings to start at 1:30pm.**

The City has been advised that the organisers of Shore Leave Festival can no longer meet the requirements of the REDS funding of \$40k to deliver the Night Light Show. Discussions are still ongoing between the organisers and the City regarding this, however it is likely that the Night Light Show component and associated funding will be withdrawn from the offer of funding. Due to the City's obligations with the Mid West Development Commission for the REDS funding, the City will deliver the Night Light Show (variation is currently under negotiation).

### **COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

**The City contribute the Night Light Show as part of the free community events that Shore Leave organisers are committed to provide as part of the funding conditions.**

Discussion was held regarding the current guidelines and / or application for the Community Grants Program.

### **COMMITTEE REQUEST:**

- 1. Amendments to be made where required to highlight the following:**
  - a. Continual requests for funding of a recurring project / event will be given a low priority.**
  - b. Requests for support towards sporting events should be of a State or National level or to assist with an initial start-up event. Sporting events of this nature will be given a high priority over other sporting event requests.**
- 2. Summary spreadsheet that is distributed for the Committee Meeting is to be broken down to the following categories:**
  - a. One-off Projects**
  - b. Recurring Projects**
  - c. Sporting Events**

## **12. Close**

Meeting closed at 2:34pm.