

Report by Charlie Ayoub, Acting Manager Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the recommended recipients of funding for the 2011 Community Grants Program be approved.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend to Council the proposed recipients of the 2011 Community Grants Program

REPORT

The Strathfield Community Grants are open to community groups and not for profit organisations to apply for funding for creative and innovative projects. Funding of \$10,000 has been provided in the budget for the program.

The objective of Council's Community Grants Program is to encourage the development of services and activities which meet and enhance identified community needs and objectives of the Strathfield Municipality.

The program aims to promote the active participation of local residents, taking into account the need for equality of access to services and the need to target particular groups that are under-served. It also enables Council to assist the community to develop initiatives and services, which are consistent with Council objectives and programs but not directly operated by Council.

This year a total of 17 grant applications were received. All applications have been reviewed and it is recommended that 15 applicants receive funding. 5 grants are recommended for the full amount for the application. Partial funding has been recommended to ensure equity in the distribution of funds, as the applications were deemed to add value to the Strathfield community. The total of grants to be paid is \$9,992.90, as set out in Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

Program	Approved Budget	Expenditure to Date
Community Services	\$638,600	\$185,171

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Grants 2011 Application Summary

Report approved by:

Neale Redman
Director Corporate Services