



REPORT

FOLDER: Finance / Grant Funding / Katherine Festival Grants 2015

MEETING: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 25 AUGUST 2015

REPORT TITLE: KATHERINE FESTIVAL GRANTS – ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Purpose of Report

To accept the recommendations of the Community Grants Assessment Committee and award the Katherine Festival Grants for 2015.

Background

The Festival Grants Scheme was open from 25 February 2015 to 13 March 2015. Only two (2) applications were received during this time. Due to the small number of applications received it was determined to extend the application period to 30 March 2015 with additional promotion through Katherine Town Council's website and email networks. No further applications were received.

On review of the applications one (1) was shown to be scheduled outside of the municipality and was immediately deemed ineligible.

Due to there being only one (1) application left, (Katherine Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club) the Community Grants Assessment Committee convened via email correspondence to assess the application received.

Alderman Gazey informed the Grant Assessment Committee that he is an active member of the Katherine Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club however stated that he still believed he is able to provide an unbiased recommendation in regards to the matter.

It was noted that there is a discrepancy between the Project Income and Project Expenditure and that the grant would be used to purchase trophies for the event which contravenes the Festival Grant Guidelines.

Alderman Gazey and Alderman Clark both indicated their endorsement of this grant under the provisions that it is acquitted to reflect an equal balance in Project Income and Project Expenditure.

Both Alderman Gazey and Alderman Clark noted that trophies should have been allowable under the guidelines as part of a previous decision by a Council Committee and consequently support the amending of the guidelines for future grants to allow them to be used for the purchase of trophies.

Following the awarding of the grant the applicant will be notified of the outcome with the successful applicant provided with a funding agreement.



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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be recommended to Council:

1. That Council approve the awarding of the following grants as per the recommendations of the Festival Grants Assessment Committee Correspondence attached.

Organization	Event	Amount
Katherine Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club Katherine Inc.	Show 'n' Shine	\$500.00
TOTAL		\$500.00

2. That Council amend the guidelines for future Festival Grants to allow for the purchasing of trophies.

Robert Jennings
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Delegation:

Schedule of Attachments:

Sophie Henderson, Community Services Executive Manager
 Grants Assessment Committee Correspondence July 2015