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2015/16 Grant Recipient – Tailem Bend Netball Club for carpark maintenance.

Positive changes to grant structure

Community groups and organisations in the Coorong District Council area will have improved opportunities to thrive under new changes to council's grants policy.

Council has made changes to the framework for allocating funding out of their Community Events, Grants and Donations Policy which will see two rounds a year, with a \$15,000 total allocation per round.

Three categories of funding can be applied for – community grants, arts and culture grants and recreation and sports small grants.

"Redefining the categories allows Council to better target the allocation of funds through separate guidelines which will attract a wider section of community groups," Council's Director Community and Corporate Nat Traeger said.

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Council has introduced a Festivals and Events grant totalling \$10,000 a year to support community events and festivals, with up to \$1,000 in funding available for community events and up to \$2,000 for regional events.

‘A regional event is defined as an event attracting more than 1,000 people with the potential to attract visitors from outside the region and result in substantial and measurable outcomes.’

Mrs Traeger said annual funding requests will be accepted under the Festivals and Events grant stream.

Council has introduced an additional ‘Quick Response’ Grant of up to \$1,000, subject to the availability of funds, to support organisations that wish to commit to time sensitive projects.

“We are hoping that more community groups take advantage of these grants which will help improve and enhance the quality of life within our region,” Mrs Traeger said.

“Guidelines to underpin the introduction of the categories within the community grants, as well as the festival and events and quick response grants have been drafted.”

An announcement of the opening of the first grant round for 2017 will be made soon.

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