

4. 2009 Youth Week Grants

Recommendations for funding Youth Week Small Grants

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BACKGROUND

National Youth Week 2009 will be held between March 28 –April 5 and provides the community with activities focusing on the positive contributions that young people can and do make to our area.

For the past four years Bega Valley Shire Council has funded activities that promote a positive image of young people to the wider community via the Youth Week Small Grants Program.

Youth Week Small Grants are intended to partially fund Youth Week activities by an organisation or individual that will involve a cross section of the community.

A public notice was placed in local newspapers, radio and on the Council website advising of the Youth Week small grants program. Contact was also made with appropriate youth and indigenous organisations that may be interested in being involved with the program. A total budget for the Youth Week small grants is \$5000 available for distribution across Bega Valley Shire and applications will be considered for projects up to \$1000.

Applications were received from six organisations across the shire from Eden to Wallaga Lake, all six of these applications met the eligibility criteria and five are recommended for funding

Fling Physical Theatre – “WiKiD MoVes” Hip Hop and Break dancing Workshops and competition to be held during Youth Week (\$1000.00)

Spiral Gallery – ‘Make A Move’ - emerging artist exhibition with a youth curator overseeing the exhibition that will run for 2 weeks at spiral gallery including youth week. (\$1000.00)

Little Yuin Aboriginal Pre School – “Living Well” Indigenous Youth and Parents Sports Day at Wallaga Lake bringing together indigenous and non indigenous musicians to teach techniques to local young people and give them an opportunity to interact in a creative way. (\$750)

Auswide / Links to learning – “Youth Week Skate Comp” youth week skate comp and demo organised by Links to learning Participants. (\$1000)

Wallaga Outreach Centre – “Wallaga Music Night” Musical jam sessions and Performance during Youth Week (\$1000)

Candelo Arts Society – “Youth Stage “ made a application for their Youth Stage at the Candelo Village Festival but have received funding from various other organisations (Mumbulla and CDSE) to hold the event and not recommending support fro this project over other applications (\$1000)

The total grants money applied for is \$ 5750, the recommendation allows for allocation of \$4750.

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ISSUES

Social / Cultural

All events address issues isolated in the Social Plan

Financial

There is no financial impact on the Management Plan as the Grants are included in the Operational Plan for Council's Ageing and Disability Services.

Resources (including staff)

Community Development Staff will have minimal input in organising this event.

CONCLUSION

All applicants met criteria for funding and five of the six are recommended for funding. The sixth application has received funding from other sources for their event.

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RECOMMENDATION

That 2009 Youth Week small grants be distributed to:

- Little Yuin Aboriginal Pre School \$750
- Auswide / Links to Learning \$1000
- Fling Physical Theatre \$1000
- Spiral Gallery \$1000, and
- Wallaga Outreach Centre \$1000.