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Community Grants Program now open

The next round of Cowra Shire Council's Community Grants Program is open – February 2025. The last round of funding, in August 2024, had a total of 25 applications with 17 approved totalling \$23,111.90. This round, applicants can apply for grants falling under five categories including - building and facility development, arts and culture, small capital equipment, sport and recreation as well as new community events.

The Cowra Shire Council twice-yearly Community Grants Program provides funding to a maximum value of \$3000 per financial year to local not-for-profit and primarily volunteer-run based community groups within the Cowra Shire. Council have provided community groups with funding for 361 projects in the nine years since the programs commencement in August 2015 totalling \$430,034.74.

“Over the past nine years, Cowra Shire Council has continuously supported local reputable groups and their initiatives through its grants program. This funding has helped community organisations improve their infrastructure and buildings, as well as update their equipment and resources.” said General Manager Paul Devery.

The guidelines and criteria remain the same this round, with Council looking for community groups who are incorporated, not-for-profit, primarily volunteer-run and based within the Cowra Shire with projects that directly benefit the local community.

Application forms and program guidelines are available at Council's website: www.cowracouncil.com.au. Follow the taskbar to select Community, followed by Community Grants and Funds, finally select the Community Grants Program tile. Forms are also available at Councils' front desk at 116 Kendal St, Cowra.

For more information or any trouble downloading forms, contact Cowra Shire Council's Grants and Executive Projects Officer, Lawrance Ryan on (02) 6340 2035 or email: lryan@cowra.nsw.gov.au.

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