

AMENDED ITEM



Item No: 3.3
Title: Grant Funding Update as at 30 June 2020
Department: Innovation and Futures

24 August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting

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Report Purpose

To provide a quarterly report to Council on grant funding opportunities; and successful, unsuccessful and pending funding allocations as at 30 June 2020

Recommendation

- 1 That Council receive the Grant Funding Update as at 30 June 2020 report.**
- 2 That Council resolve, pursuant to section 11(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, that Attachment 3 to this report remain confidential in accordance with section 10A(2)(d) of the Local Government Act as it contains commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed would confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the Council and because consideration of the matter in open Council would on balance be contrary to the public interest as it would affect Councils ability to obtain value for money services for the Central Coast community.**

Report

A concise list of the major funding opportunities is provided as Attachment 1.

Reports have been prepared to identify how much Central Coast Council has applied for; all projects applied for; successful grants received and unsuccessful applications (detailing reasons why, if available) and are attached as follows:

- Applications for external funding where the outcome has been finalised – 1 April – 30 June 2020 (Attachment 2).
- Applications for external funding that are under consideration – 20 July 2020 (Confidential Attachment 3).

With the impacts of the bushfires and COVID-19 many grant programs have been postponed which has resulted in a marked reduction in the number of applications submitted. However, this has been offset by advocacy for future funding for projects which are 'shovel ready' and which may support the recovery.

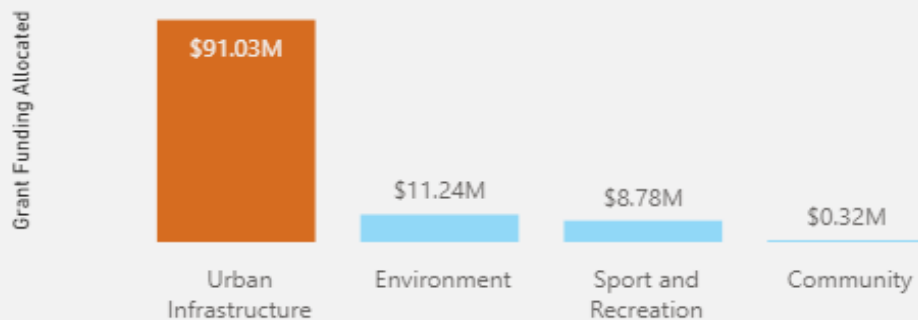
Financial Year Insights

Based on the timing of an official Letter of Offer, Central Coast Council has been allocated a total of \$111,373,070 for 103 projects during the financial year 2019/20 from both funding submissions and the delivery of election commitments. These funds help to support the delivery of Council services across numerous areas of Council.

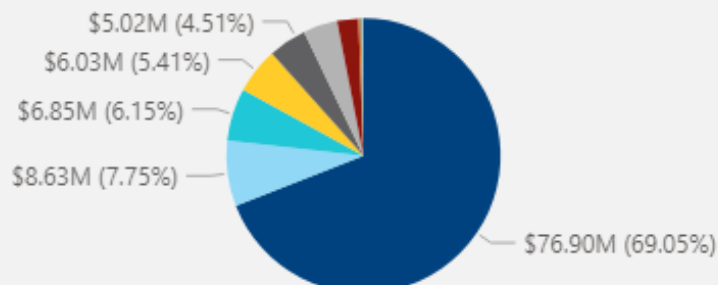
The major categories to received funding include:

- Urban Infrastructure - Roads - \$76.9m
- Sport and Recreation – Sporting Facilities - \$8.63m
-  Urban Infrastructure - Water & Sewer - \$6.85m
-  Environment – Coastal \$6.02m
-  Environment – Emergency Management - \$5.02m
-  Urban Infrastructure – Footpaths - \$ 4.50M
-  Urban Infrastructure – Other \$ 2.77M

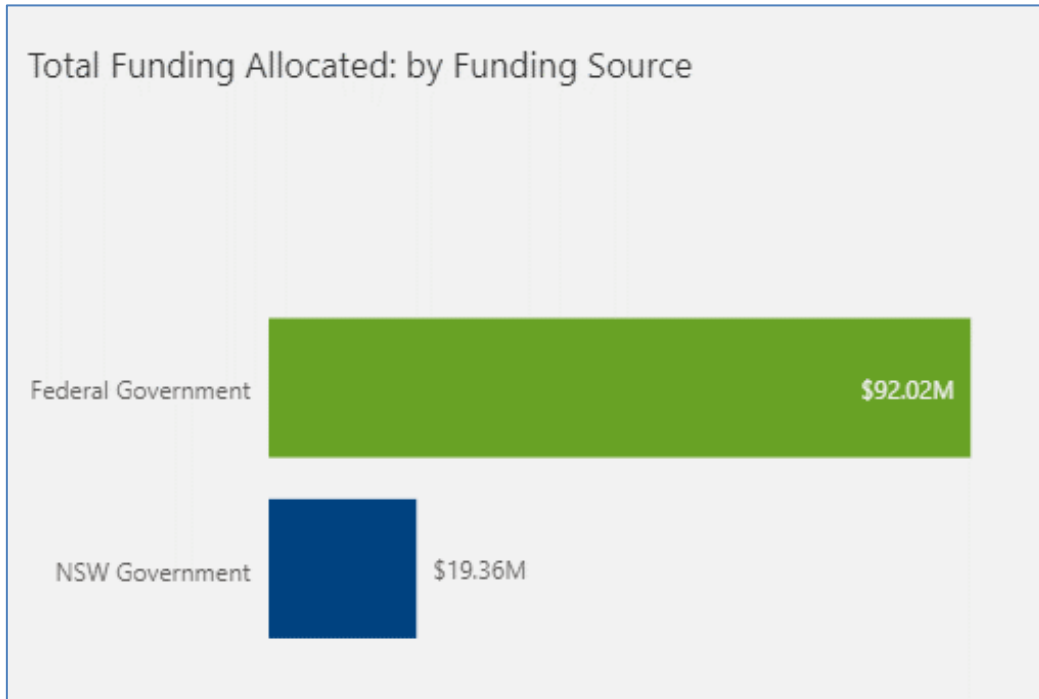
Total Funding Allocated: by Category



Total Funding Allocated: by Sub-Category

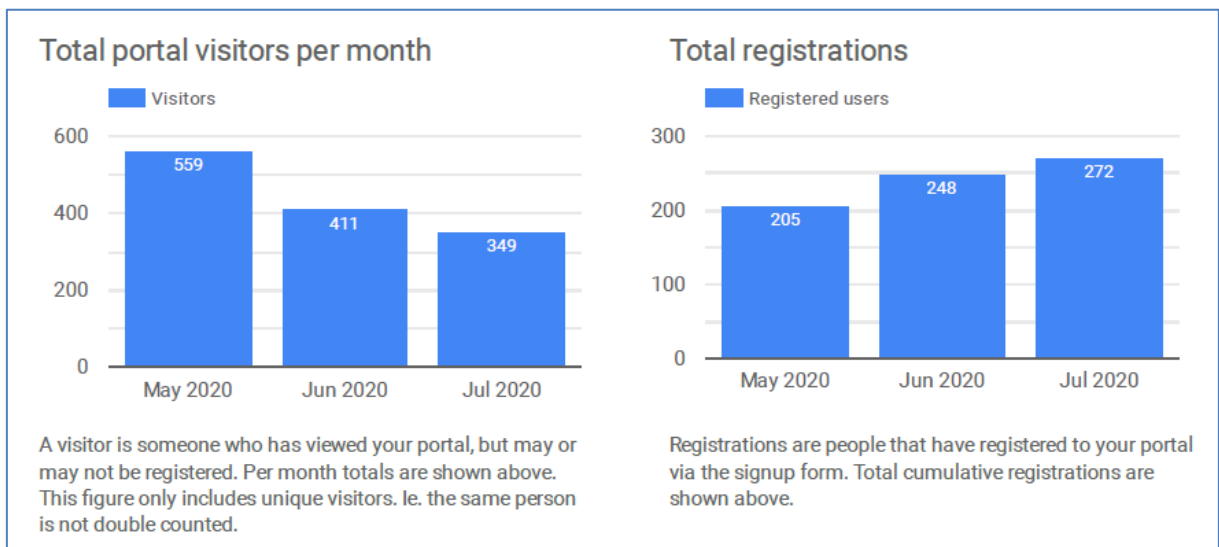


Central Coast Council has received grant funding from both the Australian and NSW Governments with \$19.36m allocated from the NSW Government and \$92.02m from the Australian Government.



Grant Finder Portal

The new Grant Finder tool has provided a valuable resource to support local businesses and community groups to readily identify and be notified of relevant grant funding opportunities with more than 1,300 unique visitors and 272 registered users to the site since the launch.



Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 2: Smart

Goal C: A growing and competitive region

S-C1: Target economic development in growth areas and major centres and provide incentives to attract businesses to the Central Coast.

Theme 4: Responsible

Goal H: Delivering essential infrastructure

R-H1: Solve road and drainage problem areas and partner with the State Government to improve road conditions across the region.

Goal H: Delivering essential infrastructure

R-H2: Improve pedestrian movement safety, speed and vehicle congestion around schools, town centres, neighbourhoods, and community facilities.

Theme 1: Belonging

Goal B: Creativity connection and local identity

B-B4: Activate spaces and places to complement activity around town centres, foreshores, lakes and green spaces for families, community and visitors.

Theme 3: Green

Goal E: Environmental resources for the future

G-E2: Improve water quality for beaches, lakes and waterways by minimising pollutants and preventing litter entering our waterways.

Attachments

1	Funding Opportunities 5 August 2020	D14110277
2	External Funding Applications where the outcome has been finalised 1 April - 30 June 2020	D14112101
3	CONFIDENTIAL - External Funding Applications under consideration - 20 July 2020 – Provided under separate cover	D14110278

Funding Opportunities 5 August 2019



The following major funding opportunities are available as at 5 August 2020

Program Name:	ARENA Advancing Renewables Program
Date Close:	This program is open on an ongoing basis until all funds are exhausted.
Program Details:	<p>This program aims to support a broad range of development, demonstration and pre-commercial deployment projects that can deliver affordable and reliable renewable energy for Australian families and businesses.</p> <p>The program's objective is to fund activities that contribute to one or more of the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction in the cost of renewable energy. - Increase in the value delivered by renewable energy. - Improvement in technology readiness and commercial readiness of renewable energy. - Reduction in or removal of barriers to renewable energy uptake. - Increased skills, capacity and knowledge relevant to renewable energy.
Funding Source:	Federal Government
Funding Available:	Grants are expected to be between \$100,000 and \$50 million, with applicants typically expected to at least match the funding being sought from ARENA.
Website:	https://arena.gov.au/funding/advancing-renewables-program/

Program Name:	Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grants
Date Close:	Stream 1 opened on 17 February 2020 and closes 18 December 2020, 5pm Stream 2 opened on 17 February 2020 and closed 8 May 2020, 5pm
Program Details:	<p>This program aims to support initiatives in fire affected areas that celebrate what's unique about that local community to give international and/or domestic visitors a reason to visit and return, bringing the economic benefits of tourism, but also providing the community with a positive focus in the wake of the fires.</p>
Funding Source:	Federal Government
Funding Available:	<p>There are two streams of funding available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stream 1 will support smaller scale events. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants may apply for more than one grant in this stream up to a total value of \$30,000. - A total funding pool of \$2 million is allocated for this stream over the life of the program. 2. Stream 2 will support larger events and/or other visitor attractions such as art installations and tourist walks.

	– A total funding pool of \$7.5 million is allocated for this stream over the life of the program.
Website:	https://www.austrade.gov.au/Australian/Tourism/Tourism-and-business/Grants/regional-tourism-bushfire-recovery-grants

Program Name:	Metropolitan Greenspace Program
Date Close:	30 September 2020
Program Details:	This program aims to assist councils in Greater Sydney and the Central Coast region to deliver projects that improve regional open space and community liveability.
Funding Source:	NSW Government
Funding Available:	There are no set minimum and maximum funding limits. Grants are offered on a dollar-for-dollar basis for capital and planning works. A total funding pool of \$3.85 million is available for 2019-20
Website:	https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/metropolitan-greenspace-program

Program Name:	NSW Small Business Month Grants Program
Date Close:	31 August 2020
Program Details:	This program aims to support NSW local councils and chambers of commerce to deliver activities during NSW Small Business Month that directly benefit and support the small business community.
Funding Source:	NSW Government
Funding Available:	Grants of up to \$2,000 are available.
Website:	https://www.businessmonth.nsw.gov.au/grants

Program Name:	Advancing Pest Animal and Weed Control Solutions
Date Close:	25 September 2020
Program Details:	This program aims to research and develop innovative control solutions to improve the way established pest animals and weeds are managed. It forms part of the broader Pest Animals and Weeds Management Pipeline Program (Pipeline Program), which aims to deliver lasting improvement to the way priority established pest animals and weeds are managed in partnership with State and Territory governments, land managers and communities.
Funding Source:	NSW Government
Funding Available:	Grants between \$300,000 and \$2 million (GST exclusive) are available. Applicants will need to seek additional support through cash and/or in-kind contributions that will add value to the delivery of a project. A total funding pool of \$13 million is available over three years commencing in 2020-21.
Website:	https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/pest-animals-and-weeds/grant-round

Program Name:	Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program – Community Commemorative Grants
Date Close:	29 October 2020
Program Details:	This program seeks to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and promote appreciation and understanding of the role that those who served have played in shaping the nation.
Funding Source:	Federal Government
Funding Available:	Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for local, community-based projects and activities. A total funding pool of \$3.5 million (GST exclusive) was made available for 2019-20 for the entire Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program grants.
Website:	https://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants/grant-and-bursary-programs/saluting-their-service-commemorative

Program Name:	Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program – Major Commemorative Grants
Date Close:	29 October 2020
Program Details:	This program is designed to preserve Australia's wartime heritage and to involve people throughout the nation in a wide range of projects and activities that highlight the service and sacrifice of Australia's servicemen and women in wars, conflicts and peace operations, and promote appreciation and understanding of the role that those who served have played in shaping the nation.
Funding Source:	Federal Government
Funding Available:	Grants between \$10,001 and \$150,000 are available for major commemorative projects and activities that are significant from a national, State, Territory and/or regional perspective. A total funding pool of \$3.5 million (GST exclusive) was made available for 2019-20 for the entire Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program grants.
Website:	https://www.dva.gov.au/consultation-and-grants/grants/grant-and-bursary-programs/saluting-their-service-commemorative

Program Name:	Recreational Fishing Trusts Grants Program
Date Close:	This program is open on an ongoing basis
Program Details:	This program aims to provide funding to improve recreational fishing.
Funding Source:	NSW Government
Funding Available:	There are no funding limits for project applications or funding caps on project items, however, projects are assessed on their value for money, that is, what is the level of benefit from the project compared to the cost of the project. Eligible applicants can apply for: - Small projects seeking less than \$10,000 of funding.

	- Large projects seeking more than \$10,000 of funding.
Website:	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/recreational/recreational-fishing-fee/licence-fees-at-work/apply-for-funds

Program Name:	Organics Infrastructure (Large and Small) Program – Overview
Date Close:	3 September 2020
Program Details:	<p>This program aims to fund infrastructure and equipment to reduce food and garden organics waste going to landfill. It forms part of the NSW Government's Waste Less, Recycle More which seeks to assist communities, business and industry across the NSW economy to reduce waste, increase recycling and meet recycling targets in the NSW Waste and Resource Recovery (WARR) Strategy 2014-21.</p> <p>The program is made up of four streams:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stream 1: Organics Processing Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports organisations processing organics generated and source separated by others. - Grants of between \$25,000 and \$1 million are available to councils, waste companies and composting companies to cover up to 50% of capital costs for new or enhanced infrastructure. - Applications must be submitted by 3pm on 3 September 2020. 2. Stream 2: Business Organics Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides funding for onsite processing or pre-processing equipment. - Grants of between \$75,000 and \$500,000 are available, covering up to 50% of the capital costs. - This stream is not available in Round 6. 3. Stream 3: Food Donation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides funding for infrastructure to facilitate the collection and redistribution of edible food waste from businesses to people in need. - Grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 are available. 4. Stream 4: Product Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides funding for equipment to improve the quality of recycled organics products to support access to new markets. - Grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 are available to councils and businesses, covering up to 50% of capital costs relating to organics processing infrastructure and equipment. 5. Stream 5: Transfer Stations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aims to improve source separated food or food and garden recovery by supporting the development of new or upgraded transfer stations in the metropolitan waste levy paying area. - Grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000 are available to cover up to 50% of a project's capital costs. - Applications must be submitted by 3pm on 3 September 2020.
Funding Source:	NSW Government
Funding Available:	A total funding pool of \$57 million is available over nine years.
Website:	https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/organics-infrastructure-fund/organic-large-small

External Funding Applications where the outcome has been finalised 1 April – 30 June 2020



The outcomes for the following projects for external funding have been finalised between 1 April – 30 June 2020.

Total funding allocated this quarter: \$2,806,892

Total Funding allocated – Year to Date: \$111,373,070 from both funding submissions and the delivery of election commitments.

Restoration and Upgrade of Wisemans Ferry Road	
Status: Unsuccessful	
Project Description: The full restoration of two travel lanes on Wisemans Ferry Road, Gunderman at both embankment failure sites is required and would include bank stabilisation, drainage improvements, pavement widening and carriage construction.	
Funding Source: NSW Government	Unit: Roads Business Development and Technical Services
Funding Program: Building Better Regions Fund - Round 4	
Type: Application	Total Project Cost: \$9,800,000
Date: 19/12/2019	Funding Sought: \$7,350,000
Additional Notes:	

Woy Woy War Memorial Restoration	
Status: Funding Allocated	
Project Description: Restoration of Woy Woy War Memorial, with attention given to Sandstone Cenotaph.	
Funding Source: NSW Government	Unit: Open Space and Recreation
Funding Program: Community War Memorials Fund	
Type: Application	Total Project Cost: \$10,000
Date: 30/03/2020	Funding Sought: \$10,000
Additional Notes:	

Terrigal Rotary Park Shade Sail Installation and Additional Softfall Upgrade	
Status: Funding Allocated	
Project Description: Upgrade road pavement, install audio centre line, install vehicle activated signs.	
Funding Source: NSW Government	Unit: Roads Business Development and Technical Services
Funding Program: Everyone Can Play NSW 2019/2020	
Type: Application	Total Project Cost: \$50,000
Date: 10/12/2019	Funding Sought: \$25,000
Additional Notes:	

Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program – Projects TBC	
Status: Funding Allocated	
Project Description: The Program is to support local councils deliver priority local road and community infrastructure which support jobs and the resilience of local economies. The eligible funding recipients for this Program have been pre-identified with the Deputy Premier allocating the grants based on a formula (utilised the R2R and the local road component of the FAG's Program.	
Funding Source: Federal Government	Unit: TBC
Funding Program: COVID Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program	
Type: Advocacy	Total Project Cost: \$2,771,892
Date: 10/12/2019	Funding Sought: \$2,771,892
Additional Notes: Projects yet to be nominated	