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#### 24) **YOUTH WEEK 2023**

**Department:** Corporate Services

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**CSP Link:** 4. Enhance facilities and networks that support Health and Wellbeing of the Community, Sport, Heritage and Cultural interests

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#### Recommendation:

That Council;

1. Receive the report on Youth Week 2023; and

2. Endorse the allocations (excluding GST) from the 2023 Youth Week Small Grants Program as follows:

Le Danse School	\$ 1,100
YMCA NSW	\$ 1,045
Blayney High School	\$ 1,590
Millthorpe Youth Group	\$ 1,590

### Reason for Report:

To inform Council on the Youth Week activities proposed for the Blayney Shire and seek approval for allocation of funding from the Youth Week Small Grants Program.

#### Report:

Youth Week 2023 is scheduled for 20 to 30 April 2023 with the theme "Connect. Participate. Celebrate." and is aimed at youth aged 12 – 25 years.

As in recent years, Council has engaged with the community to seek expressions of interest for holding events as part of the Youth Week Small Grants Program. In the past, this has been a successful means to hold a number of Youth Week events in the Shire.

The program was promoted through the local newspaper, social media and by email distribution to the schools, sporting groups, and village contacts.

The closing date for applications was 27 February 2023. At the closing date for expressions of interest 4 applications were received. Of the applicants listed 3 are registered for GST and recommended amounts outlined are therefore shown as GST exclusive. Applications and proposed allocations are detailed as follows:

Project	Applicant	Amount (GST excl.)	Event Detail
"Let's Celebrate" Dance Disco and Free Classes Week	Le Danse School	\$1,100	Older students to plan and lead classes with free class entry all week. Free Friday night Dance Disco 28 April.
Youth @ CentrePoint	YMCA*	\$1,045	2 weeks of activities including Youth Strength Workshop; Wet and Dry Inflatables and free Group Fitness classes.
Connect and Grow	Blayney High School*	\$1,590	School activities to celebrate Youth Week including plant share community program, whole of school gardening program, live music, mufti day, sausage sizzle and celebratory cake.
Let's Celebrate, Participate and Connect	Millthorpe Youth Club*	\$1,590	Activities day including a sausage sizzle / drinks, pool competition, social and competition Foosball, Mario Kart competition, Virtual Reality experience, music, and hang out.

<sup>\*</sup>Applicant registered for GST

## **Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations:**

Nil

### **Budget Implications:**

The NSW Youth Week Grants Program requires Council to match the \$2,513 funding allocated. Youth Week funding from Department of Communities and Justice also paid an additional \$800 rural / regional subsidy not required to be matched.

Council detailed and exhibited the Youth Week Grants Program in the 2022/23 Operational Plan. The total budget for the program is \$5,826. The above allocation will commit \$5,325 and residual funds not allocated will applied to costs of advertising / promotion.

## **Enclosures** (following report)

Nil

**<u>Attachments</u>** (separate document)

Nil