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Round 2 of the 2021/22 Town of Gawler Community Grants are now open.

Quotes attributable to Gawler Mayor Karen Redman:

"Each year, through its Community Grants, Council supports a wide variety of initiatives that encourage community participation and contribute to the wellbeing of our residents," Gawler Mayor Karen Redman said.

"This financial year, Council is happy to be able to provide a second round of community grants. If you have an idea for an initiative, program or activity that will benefit our community of Gawler, then I encourage you to apply."

Quotes attributable to Town of Gawler CEO Henry Inat:

"I also encourage community organisations that may have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and have additional requirements related to the re-establishment of service provision, to apply for a community grant," Town of Gawler CEO Henry Inat said.

Council's Community Grants Program supports a range of projects, events and activities occurring within the Town of Gawler. This year, eligible groups, organisations and individuals are encouraged to apply for up to \$1,000 to assist with community focused initiatives that are of direct benefit to the Gawler community.

Initiatives may include, but are not limited to, activity in the following areas:

- Community events.
- Community focused programs and activities.
- Activity that encourages artistic expression.
- Activity that promotes cultural diversity.
- Awareness raising activities.
- Crime prevention and social justice initiatives.
- Community education, training, volunteering and engagement initiatives.
- Club/group operational expenses.
- Purchase of equipment or uniforms.
- Development and/or upgrade of facilities.
- Programs or services for marginalised groups.
- Initiatives that promote positive environmental outcomes and foster environmentally sustainable practices.

In round one of the community grants, 18 different groups and clubs received funds for a range of fantastic initiatives: including things like the purchase of equipment, club room renovations, training and development, arts initiatives, community events and heritage tours. After distributing Round 1 funding to these successful applicants we were left with enough to be able to offer a second round of community grants.

The Community Grants Program is Council's commitment to supporting a range of community led initiatives, projects, events and activities that foster opportunities for community development and participation, contribute towards community connectedness and add to the vibrancy of the Town.

Applications are open now and close at 5pm on Friday 1 April 2022. Grant guidelines and the application form can be found at <u>www.gawler.sa.gov.au/communitygrants</u>

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