



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

3rd February 2009

DCCS19	COMMUNITY HALL RENEWAL FUND
FILE: 101	KEO

SUMMARY:

Reporting on the NSW Government's Community Hall Renewal Fund.

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The Office of Rural Affairs is calling for applications for the \$2.5m Community Hall Renewal Fund to assist small communities renovate, extend, or upgrade their community halls.

The Community Hall Renewal Fund is \$2.5m over five years, with grants available up to \$50,000 per community. Funding is to be matched on a 2 for 1 basis, for every \$2 dollars provided by the grant is to be matched by \$1 either in-kind or as a financial contribution. The grant will only fund the infrastructure cost of materials, equipment, building or repair costs.

Eligibility Criteria:

Applications for funding to renovate, extend or upgrade a community hall will need to:

- be a community with a population of 10,000 or less
- be an incorporated body, community based organisation sponsored by Government or Local Government
- demonstrate clear community benefit
- identified in-kind contribution to the project
- have Local Government support
- demonstrate that funds can be expended within 6 months of receipt of the grant

There is no closing date for these grants.

The following projects have been identified that may be eligible for the funding these include:

1. Disabled ramp access for the following halls
 - o Frederickton
 - o Smithtown
 - o Guide Hall
 - o Birralee
 - o Sherwood

Total estimated cost \$60,000

2. Disabled toilets for the following halls

- o Frederickton
- o Smithtown
- o Birralea
- o Crescent Head
- o Bellbrook
- o Sherwood
- o Stuarts Point
- o Willawarrin

Total estimated cost \$250,000

3. Painting – Frederickton and Smithtown

Total estimated cost \$130,000

4. Stuarts Point Hall – BBQ and covered areas

Total estimated cost \$30,000

Total projects \$470,000

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The community halls are essential infrastructure for our community's. They provide places for people to congregate, be entertained and educated. They are an important part of societal fabric.

- *Economic (Financial)*

In seeking a grant of \$50,000 Council will need to allocate \$25,000 in cash or in kind contribution.

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

- *Acting Director's Review*

With limited funds available from the NSW Government and Council budgets, it is recommended that further consultation be undertaken within the community to identify priority projects that could possibly be undertaken with the funding available.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That further consultation is undertaken with the community to identify an appropriate project.

2. That a report is provided to Council identifying the project for consideration.

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