

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE OFFICER CASC - REPORTS

7 AUGUST 2019

LATE ITEM

6.1.4 DEBATE AGENDA – PENDING COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

6.1.4.1

**SOUTHERN BAROSSA ALLIANCE INC – DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE
IN BAROSSA VALLEY**

B3342

PURPOSE

To provide further information for consideration of the Community Grant Application from Southern Barossa Alliance Inc (SBA) towards its project: "*Development of Sustainable Wildlife Rescue Service in Barossa Valley*".

RECOMMENDATION

That the Community Assistance Scheme Committee approves a Community Grant of \$..... (excl GST) to Southern Barossa Alliance Inc towards its "*Development of Sustainable Wildlife Rescue Service in Barossa Valley*", specifically for animal handling equipment, First Aid equipment, a relocatable pre-release flight cage and volunteer animal handling training, as detailed in the Attachments to this Agenda report.

REPORT

Introduction

The Community Assistance Scheme Committee (CASC), at its meeting held 1 May 2019, resolved the following:

MOVED Mayor Lange that the Community Assistance Scheme Committee (CASC) defers its decision on the Community Grant Application submitted by Southern Barossa Alliance Inc for funding towards its "*Development of Sustainable Wildlife Rescue Service in Barossa Valley*", until the next CASC meeting and pending clarification of the project in regard to management structure, succession and governance information.

Seconded Cr Wiese-Smith

CARRIED

Discussion

Officers advised SBA of CASC's decision from the last meeting and requested further information. A copy of SBA's response is provided in Attachment 1 and summarised below:

1. The proposed group that will run the operations in the future ie the structure and governance of the suggested not-for-profit charity group.

The SBA will initially develop an Auspice agreement with the "Barossa Wildlife Rescue" Volunteer Group to upgrade their safety equipment and training and to transition to become an independent non-for profit, incorporated charity group or to join an established, incorporated organisation already conducting animal rescue, rehabilitation, refuge and release operations.

2. The Project Plan

Objective: To Auspice the transition the Barossa Wildlife Rescue to a sustainable, Incorporated, non-for profit, charitable Group providing wildlife rescue service in the Barossa Valley.

Tasks:

- *Agreed SBA/Barossa Wildlife Rescue Auspice Agreement and PL Insurance - completion date 13 September 2019.*
- *Volunteer Animal Handling Training - completion date 1 October 2019*
- *Marketing Plan for Sponsorship, Donations and Fundraising Events - completion date 4 Nov 2019*
- *Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for Wildlife Rescue Operations - completion date 4 Nov 2019*
- *Stakeholder Engagement Workshop (Barossa Wildlife Rescue Volunteers, Native Animal Network SA Inc, Fauna Rescue Inc, The Barossa Council, SBA) - completion date 18 November 2019*
- *Report on options for sustainable Operations of Wildlife Rescue Service - 16 December 2019.*
- *Purchase animal handling equipment and First Aid equipment to mitigate wildlife handling risks safety - completion date 31 January 2020*
- *Build Relocatable Pre-release Flight Cage - completion date 31 March 2020*

3. How/where the service will operate in the future when Rose withdraws from the service altogether, as it is based at her private residence.

Investigation for the report on sustainable operations will include options for the establishment of rehabilitation and refuge facilities on Community Land, alternate private land or commercial sponsors land.

SBA has included estimated costs for Tasks in the Project Plan (Attachment 1). Should CASC wish to support the SBA with this project, Officers suggest that any funding be used specifically for:

- animal handling equipment and First Aid equipment to mitigate wildlife handling risks
- a relocatable pre-release flight cage
- volunteer animal handling training

Estimates for these expenses total \$1,768 (Attachment 1).

Updated/amended information in SBA's updated Application (Attachment 2) include:

- Amount of funding applied for: reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,780
- Project end date: 30 June 2020 (previously 31 December 2019)
- Additional information stating " current fundraising activity is dedicated to the \$10,600 p.a. feed bill, \$2,600 petrol bill and \$520 phone bill."

Summary and Conclusion

Officers agree that the project is a worthwhile cause but also have mixed opinions as to Council's funding priorities and core business.

It is noted that the majority of SBA funds are held in trust for member Community organisations, as is required under its Constitution.

ATTACHMENTS OR OTHER SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Attachment 1: SBA response to request for further information
Attachment 2: Updated Community Grant Application
Attachment 3: Quotes/substantiation for estimated expenses

Policy

Community Assistance Scheme Policy
Community Grant Guidelines

COMMUNITY PLAN / CORPORATE PLAN / LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Community Plan



Natural Environment and Built Heritage

1.2 Support native ecosystems through a planned management approach
(Council's role is Provider/Regulator; Advocate; Facilitator/Partner)



Community and Culture

2.4 Encourage and support volunteering in the community.
(Council's role is Provider/Regulator; Advocate)

Corporate Plan

Community and Culture

2.4 Foster volunteering opportunities that are responsive to the needs of the Community.

Legislative Requirements

Nil

FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

The adopted Budget for the Community Grants and Youth Grants for 2019/20 is \$25,500 (excl GST).

TOTAL CURRENT FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$23,925
August 2019: Requested Community Grants	3 Applications	\$ 8,397
Deferred Application from SBA		<u>\$ 2,780</u>
FUNDS REMAINING IF APPLICATIONS GRANTED		\$12,748

Noted that the following Application/Decision presented to CASC in 2018/19 has been deferred to the 2019/20 financial year:

Applicant	Grant Requested
Moculta District History Society Inc – Construction of Shelter Shed for Linke Stripper	\$ 3,000

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Community Consultation is not required under legislation or Council Policy.