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Organisations, businesses to share in \$59,000

Lower Eyre Council has awarded a total of \$59,670 across its three grant funding programs aimed to assist community groups, local halls and businesses.

Six businesses will share in a \$20,000 pool as part of the inaugural Small Business Support Grants program. This new program marks an important expansion in Council's support for the local economy, providing eligible businesses with funding to help grow, innovate and strengthen their operations.

Successful businesses were: La Playa Pilates Coffin Bay, BJB Built, The Feed Lot, Coffin Bay Holiday Rentals, Soul Health Studio and Gardner's Vineyard.

Community program recipients were:

Community Project Grants

- Marble Range Football Club - \$15,000 towards a changeroom facility upgrade to support women's football and umpiring.
- Big Swamp Community Centre - \$6,000 towards upgrading the floor, stage and skirtings.
- Port Lincoln Go Kart Club - \$10,000 towards new fencing and gates.

Community Hall Support Program

- North Shields Soldiers Memorial Hall - \$5,000 towards repairs to internal walls.
- Yeelanna Memorial Association - \$3,670 towards a public toilet upgrade.

Mayor Jo-Anne Quigley said the three grant programs reflected Council's investment in both economic development and community wellbeing.

"We were proud to introduce the Small Business Grant as a new opportunity to support the businesses that are the backbone of our district. After careful consideration Council chose to increase the original \$10,000 pool due to the number and high quality of applications," Mayor Quigley said.

"At the same time, our Community Project Grant and Community Halls Support Program continue to help local organisations improve facilities, deliver projects and strengthen the communities that make Lower Eyre such a special place to live."

The Small Business Grant has been developed to encourage investment by local businesses, helping them improve productivity, expand services, adopt new technologies or undertake projects that contribute to the district's economic growth.

The Community Project Grant provides funding for incorporated not-for-profit organisations to improve community infrastructure and assets, while the Community Halls Support Program assists local groups to maintain and upgrade community halls that continue to play an important role across the district. Previous projects have included building improvements, accessibility upgrades, equipment purchases and infrastructure enhancements.

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