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\$100,000 community grants boost

The community will soon be able to access \$100,000 a year in grants after Marion Council agreed to expand its program.

Mayor Kris Hanna said Council at its meeting on Tuesday agreed to increase its investment in community grants from \$75,000 a year to \$100,000 a year from July 1.

Council will offer two grant rounds a year worth up to \$50,000 each. Each round will for the first time have a large grant worth up to \$10,000.

Mr Hanna said community, environmental, art and sporting groups will be the big winners from the changes.

“Grants are another way Council can give money back to the community and support many worthwhile local projects,” Mr Hanna said.

“Our decision to increase funding to \$100,000 recognises the importance of this program.

“The large grant of \$10,000 will allow groups to undertake bigger projects that perhaps they would have struggled to fund in the past.”

The funding boost is the first increase to the grants program since 2006/07.

Council has also agreed to continue to make available \$2500 a year for donations and sponsorships, with a maximum amount of \$100 per individual.

Meanwhile, the 2016 community grants round have opened with up to \$75,000 available.

Grants of up to \$2000 are available as well as five grants of \$5000.

“If you’ve got a great idea that will benefit your community I encourage you to apply for a grant,” Mr Hanna said.

Applications close on Monday, March 21. More information and application details are available from marion.sa.gov.au

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