

Grant Funding Received by Council

Council relies on grant funding to undertake capital works and improvements. As already outlined in the *Fact Sheet – Demonstrated need for additional revenue*, Council does not have readily available funds to build and maintain existing infrastructure and there are additional pressures to provide new and improved infrastructure. This is due to population growth, increasing service demands and the challenges of mitigating the impacts of climate-related events.

This fact sheet outlines the grants received by Council over the most recent 5 years.

Grants Received in FY2025/26

Council had a 50% success rate from all grants applied for during 2025/26, as outlined in the table below. That is, Council applied for 30 grants and 15 were successful, noting 9 are still awaiting determination.

	Percent of total grants	Total number	Total project amount	Total grant amount	Council Contribution
All grants	100%	30	\$16,214,176	\$13,603,108	\$2,611,068
Successful grants	50%	15	\$6,676,097	\$5,433,957	\$1,242,140
Unsuccessful grants	17%	5	\$1,299,986	\$604,986	\$695,000
Grants awaiting determination (30 June 2026)	30%	9	\$6,518,093	\$6,189,165	\$328,928
Grants withdrawn*	3%	1	\$1,720,000	\$1,375,000	\$345,000

*Withdrawn due to project's success with another grant.

Successful Grants 2025/26

Based on announcement of grants.

Grant Program	Grant Description	Project Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Grant Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Council Contribution
Australian Government - Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts - Roads to Recovery Program	Roads to Recovery 2025 to 2029 (FY2026)	\$1,632,574	\$1,632,574	\$ 0

Grant Program	Grant Description	Project Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Grant Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Council Contribution
Transport for NSW Local Road Safety Program 2025-2029	Road Safety Officer and Education Program	\$159,688	\$79,844	\$ 79,844
NSW Office for Youth Holiday Break Program: Autumn/ Winter 2026	Holiday Youth Art Workshops	\$6,700	\$5,000	\$1,700
NSW Office of Responsible Gambling - Clubgrants Category 3 Fund	Byron Bay Pool Amenities & Entrance	\$700,000	\$300,000	\$400,000
Forestry Australia Growers Reserve Fund	Sub-tropical farm forestry in the Northern Rivers	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ 0
Healthy North Coast Older Adults Physical Activity Grants Northern Rivers	Mullum Moves: Over 50s Aqua Aerobics for Healthy Ageing	\$23,936	\$16,040	\$7,896
Australian Government – Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) - Strengthening Community Safety - Election Commitment	Strengthening Community Safety in Byron Bay CBD	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$ 0
NSW Crown Lands - Crown Lands Improvement Fund	Byron Bay Foreshore - Apex Park Amenities Upgrade	\$1,584,857	\$909,090	\$ 675,767
NSW Crown Lands – Crown Lands Improvement Fund	Sandhills Wetlands – Weed Management	\$40,650	\$40,650	\$ 0
Destination NSW	Easter 2026	\$95,466	\$95,466	\$ 0
NSW Department of Environment and Heritage Coastal and Estuary Grant Program 2025-26	Beach Scraping New Brighton	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Transport for NSW Vibrant Streets Package – Permit/ Plug/ Plan Program	Event Ready Streets	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$ 0
Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water – Community Energy Upgrades Fund Program	Energy Resilience and Facilities Upgrade at Cavanbah Centre and Suffolk Park Holiday Park	\$197,373	\$98,686	\$98,687
Transport for NSW - Safer Cities: Her Way 2	Improving Safety and Wayfinding in Byron Bay	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$ 0

Grants Received in FY2024/25

During the 2024/25 year, Council applied for 39 grants and 11 were successful, with 8 awaiting determination at the end of the financial year.

Successful Grants 2024/25

Based on announcement of grants.

Grant Program	Grant Description	Project Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Grant Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Council Contribution
NSW Department of Planning and Environment Flood Recovery and Resilience Grant Program	Billinudgel Rail Bridge debris options study	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW Get NSW Active 2024-25	Market Street footpath – design	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$ 0
NSW Climate and Energy Action Electric vehicle destination charging grants	Lawson Street car park EV charging station	\$14,343	\$10,757	\$3,586
NSW Climate and Energy Action Electric vehicle destination charging grants	Mullumbimby Administration car park EV charging station	\$17,263	\$12,947	\$4,316
Transport for NSW Local Government Road Safety Program	Road Safety Officer salary and education program	\$152,805	\$79,812	\$72,993
Australian Government Black Spot Program	Jonson Street pedestrian safety improvement	\$255,693	\$255,693	\$ 0
NSW Crown Lands Crown Reserves Improvement Fund	Torakina bollard and path connection	\$200,864	\$200,864	\$ 0

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Transport for NSW Get NSW Active 2024-25	Lighthouse Road footpath – construction	\$1,248,800	\$1,248,800	\$ 0
NSW Reconstruction Authority Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers Program – FY2023-24	Spontaneous Volunteering training	\$142,200	\$100,000	\$42,200
Transport for NSW Road Safety Program 2023/24-2025/26	Bangalow Road/ Byron Street raised crossing	\$43,600	\$43,600	\$ 0
NSW Office of Local Government – A Fresh Start for Local Government Apprentices, Trainees and Cadets Grant Program	2 x full-time trainees (Utilities) for 24 months	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW Road Safety Program 2023/24-2025/26	Broken Head Road & Clifford Stret Intersection signalization and pedestrian crossing phasing	\$1,799,000	\$1,799,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW Road Safety Program 2023/24-2025/26	Goonengerry Public School Road Safety Improvements	\$187,000	\$187,000	\$ 0
Heritage NSW 2025-27 Local Government Heritage Grants	Heritage Conservation Awareness and Improvement Grants within Byron Shire	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$ 0
Create NSW Special Entertainment Precinct Kickstart Program	Byron Bay Town Centre Special Entertainment Precinct	\$162,800	\$162,800	\$ 0

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NSW Premiers Department Local Small Commitments Allocation	Brunswick Heads Sports Club Playground	\$180,658	\$84,000	\$96,658
Australian Government Roads to Recovery Program Infrastructure Investment Program	Roads to Recovery 2025 to 2029 (FY2025)	\$949,094	\$949,094	\$ 0
NSW Crown Lands – Emergency Works Funding	Belongil Beach Emergency Vehicle Access	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$ 0

Grants Received in FY2023/24

During the 2023/24 year, Council applied for 41 grants and 26 were successful, with 6 awaiting determination at the end of the financial year.

In financial year 2024, Council was approved \$46.78 million for flood repairs under the NSW Natural Disaster Essential Public Asset Restoration, following the 2022 floods (AGRN1012), funded by the Australian and NSW Governments.

Successful Grants 2023/24

Based on announcement of grants.

Grant Program	Grant Description	Project Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Grant Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Council Contribution
NSW Flood Recovery and Resilience Grant Program 2022-23	Broken Head Road crossing – design	\$118,085	\$118,085	\$ 0
Arts and Cultural Assets Program	Kohinur Hall Betterment – solar & battery	\$79,573	\$79,573	\$ 0
Block Grant Assistance for Regional Roads 2023-24	Block Grant Assistance for Regional Roads 2023-24	\$895,000	\$895,000	\$ 0
Coastal and Estuary Implementation Program	Cavvanbah and Belongil Beach Due Recovery Project	\$63,120	\$31,559	\$31,561
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water	Koala Tree Field Guide – design	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ 0
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water	Koala Tree Field Guide – print	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ 0
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water	Byron Wildlife Information Portal	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ 0

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Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water	Byron Shire flying-fox camp habitat restoration	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ 0
Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Paid Practicum	Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Paid Practicum	\$11,277	\$11,277	\$ 0
Emergency Response Fund – Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23	Investigate South Golden Beach Flood Gate Upgrades	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$ 0
Emergency Response Fund – Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23	South Golden Beach Flood Pump Generator	\$171,523	\$171,523	\$ 0
Emergency Response Fund – Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23	Upgrade Coogera Circuit Detention Basin	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$ 0
Emergency Response Fund – Northern Rivers Recovery and Resilience Program 2022-23	Preferred Byron Drainage Strategy Construction	\$11,800,000	\$11,800,000	\$ 0
Innovation Grant 2022-23 Round 2	Brunswick Heads and Byron Bay after school care	\$64,330	\$64,330	\$ 0
Local Government Waste Solutions Fund Round 2	Building Byron's Reuse Economy	\$266,960	\$198,500	\$68,460

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Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program - Phase 4	Tennyson Street connection (Stage 2)	\$1,151,190	\$1,151,190	\$ 0
NSW Infrastructure Betterment Fund	Byron Bay drainage – stage 1	\$7,030,854	\$7,030,854	\$ 0
NSW Reconstruction Authority	Viability Assessment for, and preparation of the Affordable Housing Contributions Scheme No. 2	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$ 0
NSW Reconstruction Authority	The Saddle Road – Resilient Lands Strategy	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$ 0
Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund	Maintenance and partial road renewal (part two funding)	\$1,556,547	\$1,556,547	\$ 0
Regional Housing Strategic Planning Fund	Byron Town Centre Urban Design Study	\$239,239	\$239,239	\$ 0
Stream 3:Own It and Act strategic implementation	Implementation of draft Illegal Dumping Prevention Strategy 2024 to 2029	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$ 0
Strengthening Rural Communities – Small & Vital	Young and Connected Youth library program	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW	Goonengerry Public School Bus Stop - design	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$ 0

Grants Received in FY2022/23

During the financial year 2023, Council applied for 57 grants of which:

- 31 applications were awarded funding
- 7 unsuccessful
- 1 withdrawn
- 18 awaiting determination at the end of the financial year.

Successful Grants 2022/23

Based on announcement of grants.

Grant Program	Grant Description	Project Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Grant Value Amount (\$) ex GST	Council Contribution
Transport for NSW – Regional Roads Transport Recovery (Betterment)	Wilsons Creek Road	\$3,413,385	\$3,413,385	\$ 0
Transport for NSW – Regional Roads Transport Recovery (Betterment)	Mullumbimby Road	\$2,770,609	\$2,770,609	\$ 0
Local Government Recovery Grant Program	AGRN1012 – Local Government Recovery Grant Program	\$2,010,000	\$2,000,000	\$10,000
Local Government Recovery Grant Program	Companion Animals Projects	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$ 0
NSW Office of Sport – Sport Infrastructure Recovery Fund	8 Sports Infrastructure projects	\$1,877,060	\$1,618,200	\$258,860
Transport for NSW – Fixing Local Roads Round 4	Left Bank Road rehabilitation program	\$1,588,151	\$1,588,151	\$ 0
Regional NSW Stronger Country Communities Fund	Byron Community Hub	\$1,236,956	\$1,236,956	\$ 0

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Transport for NSW – Regional and Local Repair Program 2023	Shire wide pothole program	\$1,110,677	\$1,110,677	\$ 0
NSW Office of Sport – Essential Sports Priority Program	Bangalow Sports Field Lighting	\$795,350	\$795,350	\$ 0
Department of Regional NSW – Reconnecting Regional NSW	Take 6 – event funding	\$365,050	\$365,050	\$ 0
Resilience NSW – Disaster Risk Reduction Funding	Automated Flood signage	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW- Black Spot Program	AGBS Byron Mullumbimby Road P-5619	\$292,883	\$292,883	\$ 0
NSW Department of Planning & Environment 2022-23 – Floodplain Management Program	Byron Shire overland flow path study	\$249,999	\$166,666	\$83,333
Transport for NSW – Fixing Local Roads Round 5	Pothole Repair Round	\$223,554	\$223,554	\$ 0
NSW Department of Planning & Environment	Koala Vehicle Strike Hotspots	\$185,028	\$185,028	\$ 0
NSW Office of Sport – Female Friendly Sports Facilities and Lighting	Sandhills Skate Park – lighting	\$173,823	\$128,320	\$45,503
Transport for NSW – Local Government Road Safety Program	Road Safety Officer salary and education program	\$167,510	\$88,872	\$78,638

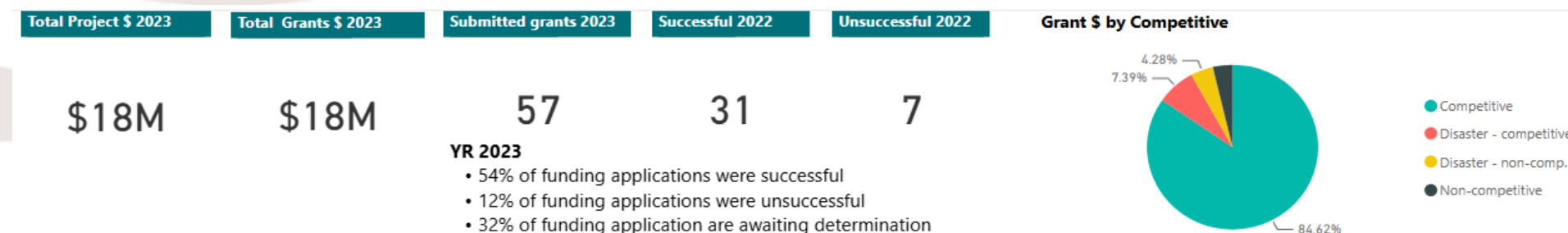
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NSW Public Works – North Coast Water and Repair & Recovery Program	River Flood Level Warning Systems – Byron Bay	\$162,000	\$162,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW	REPAIR Byron MR545	\$152,748	\$152,748	\$ 0
NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Floodplain Management Program 2022-23	Belongil and Tallow Flood Risk Management Study and Plan update	\$150,000	\$100,001	\$49,999
Transport for NSW – Walking and Cycling 2022	Lismore Road shared path – design	\$97,900	\$97,900	\$ 0
Transport for NSW – Walking and Cycling 2022	Lighthouse Road shared path – design	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$ 0
NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet – Unsung Heroes	Connecting Volunteers	\$78,177	\$78,177	\$ 0
Transport for NSW – Walking and Cycling 2022	Raftons Road – Bangalow shared path – design	\$53,800	\$53,800	\$ 0
Transport for NSW – Local Government Road Safety Program 2022-23	Road Safety Officer	\$52,722	\$24,723	\$27,999
Australian Government – Department of Industry, Science and Resources – Reducing Light Pollution in Coastal Communities	Coastal Light Management Plan	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$ 0

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Australia Day Council	Australia Day	\$43,000	\$30,000	\$13,000
NSW Department of Planning and Environment	No Bats. No Me. – Flying Fox and Koala Community Project	\$27,115	\$27,115	\$ 0
NSW Department of Planning and Environment	Local Government Heritage Grant	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$ 0
NSW Department of Planning and Environment	Pest Animal Management Plan Review	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$ 0
Transport for NSW	Pocket Road School Zone	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$ 0

Summary of Grants Received years 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.

The summaries below show the total project value of grant-funded projects, including the total grant amounts; then how many grants were submitted, how many successful and how many unsuccessful. Finally the graph displays the make up of competitive grants, compared to disaster – competitive, disaster non-competitive and non-competitive grants. (Note non-competitive grants are usually where Council is invited to apply, or an allocation has been made, for example, in disaster non-competitive).

Financial year 2022/23



Financial year 2021/22



* Note the 2022 floods occurred in February/ March 2022.

Financial Year 2020/21

Total Project \$ 2021	Total Grants \$ 2021	Submitted grants 2021	Successful 2022	Unsuccessful 2022
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\$16M

\$15M

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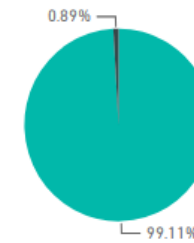
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YR 2021

- 51% of funding applications were successful
- 43% of funding applications were unsuccessful

Grant \$ Funding



● Competitive
● Non-competitive

Financial Year 2019/20

Total Project \$ 2020	Total Grants \$ 2020	Submitted grants 2020	Successful 2020	Unsuccessful 2020
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\$40M

\$38M

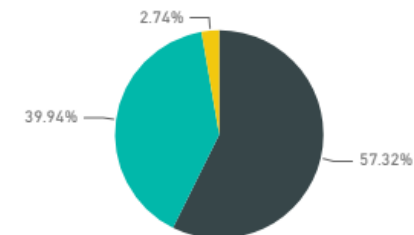
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YR 2020

- 70% of funding applications were successful
- 30% of funding applications were unsuccessful



● Competitive
● Non-competitive
● Competitive
● Disaster - non-com...