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Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program – Successful Applicants in Year One

What's new or changing

- Commencing in 2014/15, the NSW Government has committed \$900,000 over 3 years to the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program.
- Applications for year one of the program have now been assessed and 24 projects with a total project value of \$303,375 have been approved.

What this will mean for your council

- All applicants will receive correspondence from OLG in relation to their individual application.
- Successful applicants will be paid the full grant amount after returning their signed Funding Agreement to the OLG.
- All councils are encouraged to apply for funding in the second year of the program, which will open in the second quarter of 2015.

Key points

- The Grants Program seeks to provide funding to councils to target programs which will increase microchipping, lifetime registration and desexing rates and address dangerous dog issues in the community.
- The first round of applications closed on 3 October 2014 and a total of 43 applications were received.
- An Assessment Panel was established to make recommendations on funding and assess all applications in accordance with the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program Guidelines.
- It is anticipated that applications for year two of the grant funding program will be called for in the second quarter of 2015.

Where to go for further information

- A full list of successful applicants in the first year of the Responsible Pet Ownership Grants Program will be available on the Office of Local Government's website <http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au>.



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