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Knysna Municipality hands over R1 million to local organisations

The Knysna Municipality handed over cheques to the value of R1 million to 66 charities, schools, sport clubs and non-profitable organisations on Thursday, December 15.

Knysna executive mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies said that she is glad that Council increased the Grant in Aid funding. "Council took a bold decision to increase these grants-in-aid by R200 000, resulting in a whopping R1 million being awarded today. I, for one am grateful that the Council took a bold decision and made it possible for us to award these grants to you today. All this goes back to the old adage that it's really the little things that matter most."

The final list of beneficiaries was determined by a Grant-in-Aid committee comprising of the Executive Mayor (Chairperson), Cllr Davis, Cllr Waxa and Cllr Molosi)

Grants handed out to organisations ranged between R3 000 and R100 000. These funds will go towards projects such as crèches, soup kitchens, victim support programmes, care of the elderly and disabled, sports development, art, alcohol/drug abuse awareness, cancer and HIV/Aids awareness, pre-school education, sea rescue equipment and training, youth development and more.

The executive mayor and her committee will be visiting the organisations that benefited from the Grant- in-Aid programme. "During 2017 we will be visiting your organisations and reporting back to the community on your growth. We want to get a sense of the work that you do within our communities, and tell them how you are impacting on their lives. The community needs to know about the good work you all do."

Ms Bouw-Spies closed of the ceremony by thanking the charitable organisations for their selfless work. "Today I would like to thank you all for the tireless work you continually do for our communities, under difficult circumstances and with very limited funding. Keep up the good work; we need organisations such as yours to assist this municipality in achieving its vision of building a town where people and nature prosper."

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