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Funds flow to Chinchilla community groups

CS Energy and Chinchilla Shire Council today announced 12 local community groups as the recipients of funding from the second round of the Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust.

A mix of sporting, education, youth and agricultural groups will share more than \$122,000 in funding for projects in 2006, following a call for nominations in September this year.

The Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust is an initiative of CS Energy's Kogan Creek Power Project and the Chinchilla Shire Council to support charitable projects that benefit the local community.

Kogan Creek Power Project Manager John Harten said the selection panel chose a diverse mix of projects to ensure the funds benefited as many residents as possible.

"Successful projects range from upgrades to community facilities to resources for educational programs," Mr Harten said.

"There was again a strong response to the call for nominations, which shows Chinchilla residents are actively striving to improve their community.

"Many of the projects in the first round have already been completed, so second round applicants had the added motivation of seeing the tangible results of Trust funding."

Chinchilla Shire Chief Executive Officer Ed Hoffman said the Council had voted on the recipients at its meeting on 17 November and looked forward to seeing continued community benefits from the scheme.

"Many of the projects in the first round have fostered greater community spirit by providing improved facilities for locals to use," Mr Hoffman said.

A full list of the Chinchilla Community Benefits Trust recipients is on the next page.

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CHINCHILLA COMMUNITY BENEFITS TRUST

SECOND ROUND RECIPIENTS

Organisation	Project
Chinchilla Agricultural and Pastoral Association Inc	Replacement of security fencing
Chinchilla Christian School Kindergarten Committee	Sandpit, shade and equipment
Chinchilla State High School	Laptop program for students
Chinchilla Golf Club	Upgrade PA System and conduct building repairs
Chinchilla State High Instrumental Music Program	Purchase of instruments
Chinchilla Race Club	Entertainment area and pump
Chinchilla Library	Babbles to Books program
Chinchilla State School P&C Association	Resurface multi purpose courts
Illoura Village	Build 10 high care units and upgrade administration area
Chinchilla Clay Target Club	Upgrading of traps
Kragara Gymkhana Association	Storage shed
Chinchilla Youth Council	Update skate park