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The meeting of the Shire of Manjimup Council was last night the forum for an official announcement, made by Sue Daubney of Bannister Downs Dairy, of a unique and ongoing funding opportunity for groups and businesses located within the Shire of Manjimup.

Appropriately titled the 'Hand in Hand' project, the fund will provide the volunteer groups or individuals, and emerging businesses, with the capital they require to get new projects or ventures off the ground.

"The funding is only eligible to applicants from within the Shire of Manjimup, and the rationale behind that is that most grants and sponsorship opportunities are, at least, from a State Government level, with a large pool of applicants. We wanted to improve the chances of people being successful in their application for financial support" said Mrs Daubney during her address to Council.

Bannister Downs Dairy contributes to the fund on a monthly basis - the tool is in place for other businesses who may also wish to contribute to the fund, and become part of the team who assess the applications and gift the money.

"It is about giving back to the community in a structured way, and encouraging other businesses to invest in the region via this simple process," added Mrs Daubney.

Shire President Wade DeCampo, and fellow Councillors of the Shire of Manjimup are pleased with the establishment of this community development fund.

"This is a community spirited opportunity for local groups and individuals, provided by a local business, and I congratulate Bannister Downs for pursuing it. I hope to see other businesses taking part in the fund, and we're all very much looking forward to seeing the projects that come out of it," said Cr DeCampo.

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Bannister Downs Media Release

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