

COMMUNITY GRANTS GUIDELINES

The City of Geraldton-Greenough Community Grants program is available for community organisations who meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Must be a not for profit incorporated body or be supported by an incorporated body
- ✓ The applicants must also contribute cash or in kind to the project
- ✓ Must demonstrate achievable outcomes and clear benefits for the City of Geraldton-Greenough community from the investment
- ✓ The applicants must be residents of Geraldton-Greenough
- ✓ Appropriate accountability processes are in place to satisfy an audit
- ✓ Projects have not commenced

All Community Grant applications are categorised into one of the following three areas:

- Social and/or Economic Development (SED)
- Youth (Y)
- General (G)

The following criteria applies to all projects categorised as Social and/or Economic Development, Youth or General.

Applications are given a priority ranking of 1-5 by the Community Advisory Committee to assist in formulating recommendations to Council.

Recommendations are considered in relation to the availability of funds and likelihood of the project proceeding without Council assistance.

Rankings are based on the following criteria.

1. High Priority:

- Social and/or Economic Development: Broad scale projects aimed at attracting visitors to the City of Geraldton-Greenough. Projects which will result in significant social and/or economic benefits to the community.
- Youth: Activities that are ongoing and have benefits of the wider community.

2. Medium priority

- Social and/or Economic Development: Projects requiring assistance and promotion for localised event that will deliver economic benefit to the community.
- Youth: Projects that have benefits at a community level and are supported by the Youth Strategic Plan.

3. Low priority

- Social and/or economic development: One off project with limited economic benefit to the community
- Youth: Projects that are one off with limited benefit to the community.
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4. General High Priority

- Activity or project with wide scale community benefit that does not meet Social and/or Economic or Youth categories

5. General Low Priority

- Activity or project with limited community benefit that does not meet Social and/or Economic or Youth categories.

6. Not Suitable For Funding

- Projects that require extensive work to be realised.
- Projects that have been unable to be assessed due to failure to provide supporting information after a request from the Community Development Officer.
- Applications which are better suited to funding from a different source. (Discuss with the Community Development Officer)
- Applications from profit based organisations.
- Requests for assistance with recurrent management costs
- Requests for assistance for team uniforms

Funding Limits

To achieve consistency and fairness across the wide spectrum of Community Grant applications, it is recommended the following maximum amounts be allocated.

Projects with a budget over \$100,000	Up to \$15,000
Projects with a budget over \$50,000	Up to \$10,000
Projects with a budget under \$50,000	Up to \$7,500

Note:

It is recommended that you contact Yvonne Lovedee, Community Development Officer on 9921 0518 to discuss your application before lodging your submission.

Procedure :

- Submissions received by due date
- Copies provided to members of the Community Grants Advisory Committee with a summary of requests
- Community Grants Advisory Committee consist of representatives of Mid West Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Geraldton Indigenous community and the broader community
- Committee meets to discuss and make recommendations to Council approximately 4 weeks after close of grant round
- Written advice to applicants of the date and time Council will be considering recommendations.
- Council meeting to consider recommendations approximately 6 weeks after close of grant round.
- Verbal advice to applicants the day after Council meeting
- Letter to applicant advising of the outcome, when funds will be available, instructions on how to access support and an acquittal report which is due a month after the completion of the project.