

**Council Policy
CP033
Community Funding**

Officer	Manager Treasury & Finance	Owner	Director Corporate & Commercial Services
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Mayor		Chief Executive Officer	

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide clarity on the provision of funding by the City of Greater Geraldton to the community through its community funding programs.

SCOPE

The policy applies to the community of the City of Greater Geraldton.

DEFINITIONS

City means the City of Greater Geraldton.

Council means the Council of the City of Greater Geraldton.

Councillor means a person who holds the office of Councillor on the Council.

Mayor means the Mayor elected by electors of the district of the City of Greater Geraldton.

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the City.

Strategic Community Plan means the Strategic Community Plan adopted by the Council.

Association includes society, club, institution or body.

POLICY

The City is committed to providing funding to community groups through four funding programs.

1. Community Grants

- 1.1. Community Grants funding will be offered once a year in September and are for one-off events, activities or programs.
- 1.2. Applicants are able to request annual funding for a two year commitment. Any funding awarded as biennial funding would be funded via the following year's Community Grant budget.
- 1.3. The total funding allocated per annum to community grants will be \$235,000.
- 1.4. Funding for each project will be capped at \$30,000.
- 1.5. The City will fund up to 50% of the total project cost with the remaining 50% being made up of the applicant's own sources and other funding including "in kind" labor and materials.
- 1.6. The City will fund up to 75% of the project if the organisation can justify the need for additional funds.
- 1.7. Only one application will be accepted from each association on their own behalf (incorporated bodies may submit applications in role of auspice / sponsor for unincorporated groups).

- 1.8. Once an association has received funding for an event, activity and / or program, they will be ineligible to receive any further funding in future rounds for the same event for a period of two years.
- 1.9. Community grants will be split into the five categories which align the City's Strategic Community Plan and the 2029 & Beyond Community Values, Visions & Directions. These Categories are:
 - a) Cultural & Heritage;
 - b) Economic & Tourism;
 - c) Environmental;
 - d) Social; and
 - e) Governance.
- 1.10. Applications for this program will be assessed by the Community Grants Advisory Committee, which will make recommendations to the CEO.
- 1.11. The CEO has delegated authority to endorse the projects and their funding allocations as recommended by the Community Grants Advisory Committee, or to make changes, if necessary. Any changes to Committee recommendations are to be referred to Council for consideration.

2. Mayoral Discretionary Fund

- 2.1 The Mayoral Discretionary Fund will be utilised by the Mayor to satisfy one-off request for donations and contributions.
- 2.2 The total funding allocated to this fund is reviewed annually as part of the budget process.
- 2.3 Mayoral requests will be assessed by the Finance & Treasury Team and an item submitted to the Mayor for consideration and endorsement.
- 2.4 The Mayor will have discretion to allocate to a maximum amount of \$5,000 for each request. Any request which exceeds this amount and is supported by the Mayor will be referred to Council for final endorsement.
- 2.5 Any requests for funding which fall within the guidelines of other funding programs under this policy will be advised to submit an application through the next round of funding for the particular program.

3. Community Project Support

- 3.1 The Community Project Support is for sponsorship of smaller requests (including but not limited to the use of mobile stages, QEII Centre, QPT and other City owned venues).
- 3.2 Sponsorship will be capped at \$2,000 per request.
- 3.3 Sponsorship requests will be assessed by the Finance & Treasury Team and an item submitted to the Director of Community Services for consideration and endorsement.
- 3.4 Total allocation will be \$40,000 per annum.

4. Service Partnership Agreements

- 4.1 Service Partnership Agreements are to be negotiated with agencies with whom the City seeks to partner with to delivery core services to the community. These service agreements will be reviewed annually.
- 4.2 Annual budget submissions, set KPI's and formal acquittal process will be required in the establishment of each Service Partnership Agreement.

- 4.3 Initially, the following recipients will receive funding via Service Partnership Agreements:
- * Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club - \$21,000
 - * Geraldton Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Trust - \$4,000
 - * Arts & Cultural Development Council - \$40,000
 - * Mid West Sports Federation - \$7,500
 - * Mid West Academy of Sport - \$25,000
- 4.4 The total initial funding allocated per annum to Service Partnership Agreements will not exceed a value up to \$100,000.
- 4.5 New Service Partnership Agreements considered in the future will be funded from the Community Grants Program, reducing the annual budget for future years.
- 4.6 New Service Partnership Agreement requests will be assessed by the Finance & Treasury Team and an item submitted to the Executive Management Team for consideration and endorsement.

5. Signature Events

- 5.1 Events identified that have the potential to attract visitation and deliver economic outcomes.
- 5.2 Three signature events identified are:
- * Sunshine Festival
 - * GFest
 - * Mullewa Muster & Rodeo
- 5.3 The total funding allocated to Signature Events will be \$150,000 per annum.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager of Treasury & Finance is responsible for implementing this policy.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION/REFERENCES

Local Government Act 1995
Strategic Community Plan