

City of Greater Geraldton Council Policy

1.8 COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMS

STRATEGIC THEME

Connected

OBJECTIVES

- Complement and support both Council and community priorities through a range of community funding initiatives.
- Provide financial assistance to groups and organisations to deliver positive community outcomes.
- Utilise community funding as a strategic opportunity to strengthen quality of life within the City through improved community engagement, partnerships and participation.
- Ensure community funding arrangements are outcomes based and in alignment with the City's Strategic Community Plan.
- Coordinate fair and equitable application and assessment processes for the Community Funding Program.
- Ensure transparency and good governance in the distribution of funding.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City acknowledges its role as a facilitator and partner in the development and sustainability of local community-based organisations, and in supporting the aspirations and achievements of its residents. It aims to foster a sustainable, vibrant, inclusive and engaged community which enhances the quality of life and opportunities for residents and visitors. Community funding supports these aspirations through initiatives that strengthen engagement and participation, building resilience and developing community leaders.

POLICY DETAILS

Community grant programs are managed through specific guidelines that provide details on the following:

- Eligibility
- Funding criteria
- Terms of grants
- Assessment and approval process
- Roles and responsibilities

All funding programs are subject to an allocation through the City's annual budget.

Funding Programs Offered include:

1. Community Initiatives Program
2. Community Events Program
3. Sporting Facilities and Equipment Program
4. Rapid Response Program
5. Community In-Kind Assistance Program
6. Festival and Event Funding Program
7. Service Agreement Program
8. Self Supporting Loans

Additional or one-off funding programs with program-specific guidelines may be approved by Council. This enables the City to respond to unique or emerging needs.

Applications are reviewed by a panel who make recommendations to an authorised officer or Council for approval. Assessment is undertaken based on compliance with the eligibility requirements and evaluation against a scoring system aligned with the following funding criteria:

- Community Benefits
- Alignment to City Strategic Community Plan
- Capacity to Deliver
- Level of Support (other funding commitments, community support etc.)
- Funding History and Performance (where applicable)

KEY TERM DEFINITIONS

City means the City of Greater Geraldton.

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

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for implementing and reviewing this Policy.

WORKPLACE INFORMATION

Community Funding Program Guidelines

Greater Geraldton Community Grants Panel Terms of Reference

Delegation Register Section 1.1.25 Defer, Grant Discounts, Waive or Write Off Debts

City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Community Plan

City of Greater Geraldton Corporate Business Plan

City of Greater Geraldton Annual Budget

City of Greater Geraldton Events Strategy

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POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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