

Community Grants Program Policy 2018

Preamble

Bass Coast Shire Council's Community Grants Program Policy is required to provide clear guidelines for eligibility and assessment purposes for Council's Community Grants Program. The Policy ensures that the process for the distribution of funds will be undertaken in a fair and equitable way.

Bass Coast Shire Council supports its community in the development of community facilities and undertaking community based programs that are consistent with its Council Plan. An effective way of doing this is to provide community grants through a structured program. The program is an important way for Council to support volunteers in providing services and facilities for the benefit of the general community.

This Policy sets the objectives of the Community Grants Program and the framework that will allow the facilitation of the Program.

Grant program

There are three categories of grants offered under the Community Grants Program. These are:

- General Community Grants
- Minor Capital Works Grants.
- Community Events Grants

Policy objectives

The objectives of the Community Grants Program are to:

- Assist and encourage community groups in providing **services or facilities** that are of benefit to their community and the general community;
- Assist and encourage community groups in organising and conducting **community events** that are of benefit to their community, and the general community, and spread across the municipality throughout the year;
- Assist community groups to improve their **capability to fundraise** and to **improve their financial sustainability**; and
- Achieve community generated outcomes that are consistent with the Council Plan.

Policy statement

Council will support its community by the provision of community grants to develop community facilities, undertake community based programs and to conduct community events.

The allocation of grants shall be determined through an assessment process as agreed to by Council at each policy review period.

Additional documents

- Assessment Criteria and Procedures

Reference to other documents

- Council Plan and other Strategic Documents

Review process

The Policy shall be reviewed every four years,

Accountability process

Council is responsible for the implementation of the Policy

Approval

Approved by Council at its meeting held on

Date 21/03/2018

Signed by the Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield



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