

6.5 Community Assistance Grants

Responsible Directorate	Customer & Community Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Community Wellbeing
File Number	CSV 9-4-2 & CSV-9-4-3

Objective

To provide Policy direction for the Shire of East Pilbara's Community Assistance Grants and Sponsorship.

Policy

This Policy is designed to align the Shire's Community Assistance Grants' and Sponsorship resources with the "Measures of Success" outlined in the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is defined as a commercial arrangement in which a sponsor receives a contribution in money or in kind in return for the Shire receiving commercial leverage, promotion, activation or exposure to achieve defined outcomes aligned with the "Measures of Success" outlined in the Strategic Community Plan.

The Shire expects to receive an agreed reciprocal benefit beyond a modest acknowledgement. The sponsorship will provide tangible and mutual compensation for all parties in the arrangement.

As the Shire receives something of value in return for the sponsorship, the sponsorship payment is not a gift.

GRANTS

A grant is defined as a form of financial assistance that funds a community group or organisation to develop a specific project.

Grants are cash and/or in-kind contributions provided to a recipient for a specific, eligible purpose. Applicants will apply through the grant program which is aligned to the "Measures of Success" outlined in the Shire's Community Strategic Plan. Recipients of grants must demonstrate that there will be a defined outcome that directly or indirectly benefits the community.

General

Grants and Sponsorships are subject to conditions including reporting, accountability and a requirement for the funds to be expended for the direct purpose for which they were granted.

The implementation of the grant and sponsorship scheme is to be in accordance with the Community Assistance Grants and Sponsorship scheme's Guidelines.

Organisations itemised individually in the Shire's endorsed budget to receive a grant or sponsorship, do not have to go through the formal application process, but will be required to correspond with the Shire in writing to request the monies and what they will be used for. These organisations are subject to meeting all acquittal processes which are required from the formal grant and sponsorship process.

References	The Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, may amend the guidelines as required.		
Related Procedures	Community Assistance Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines		
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