

## COUNCIL POLICY NO: 016

<b>Responsible Directorate</b>	Corporate and Community Services
<b>Responsible Section</b>	Community Services
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Manager Community Services

### OBJECTIVE:

To provide a framework for the provision of community funding to local community groups, organisations and individuals for programs that encourage community development and align with the Towns Strategic Community Plan 2018 – 2028.

### SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Directorates of the Town of Cambridge.

### POLICY STATEMENT:

The Town of Cambridge aims to foster a vibrant, engaging and inclusive local community, which improves the quality of life for its residents. The community funding programs encourages this aspiration through financial support for community driven initiatives that enhance community engagement, build community resilience and wellbeing, and develop civic pride and leadership.

The following funding programs are available from the Town:-

1. Facilities Grant.
2. Community Organisations Support Grant.
3. Youth Achievement Grant.
4. Community Development Grant.

#### ***Facilities Grant***

The purpose of this funding program is to provide financial assistance to organisations to enhance the provision (or replacement) of sporting/community facilities within the Town such as new facilities, building extensions and/or renovations.

#### ***Community Organisations Support Grant***

The purpose of this funding program is to provide financial assistance for either one-off establishment grants or to assist with service provision and/or purchase of fixed or non-fixed equipment. Applicants must be local community organisations that provide support and services to residents of the Town.

#### ***Youth Achievement Grant (under 25 years)***

The purpose of this funding program is to provide financial assistance to individuals under 25 years of age in recognition of excellence in sport, leisure, cultural, humanitarian, charitable and educational pursuits. This program is designed to offer travel assistance to individuals who have been selected to represent their organization interstate or overseas. Travel within

Western Australia will be assessed individually and will only be considered where air travel is involved.

**Community Development Grant**

The purpose of this funding program is to support community events and programs that enhance social capital and encourage participation in local community life.

Three levels of funding are available:-

1. Large events or projects (attracting 500+ community members) - funding up to \$2,000.
2. Medium size events (attracting 100+ community members) - funding up to \$1,000.
3. Small community or club events (attracting up to 100 community members) - funding up to \$250.

The Community Funding Programs will be managed by Administration through each individual funding program and its relevant funding conditions, grant guidelines and selection criteria. Applications under the Community Development Grant for Large Events or Projects, will require endorsement by Council.

**Request for Financial Assistance Guarantees from Sporting and Community Organisations within the Town**

Council may consider written applications from an organisation to act as a guarantor for loans or bank overdraft. Applications should include:-

- (a) The amount of the loan/overdraft and its period;
- (b) The full financial position of the organisation, including statements of income and expenditure for the past three years (to be confirmed by independent audit, the costs of which are met by the organisation);
- (c) A Business Plan; and
- (d) A statement as to why the organisation office bearers are unable to act as guarantors in their personal capacity.

Once all the information has been received, a report will then be forwarded to Council for determination.

**DEFINITIONS:**

Definitions are taken as those detailed in the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated legislation.

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