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Community Grants & Assistance

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Local Government Regulation 2012 (section 194 & 195)

Key Supporting Council Document

Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022: 1.4 – Council seek to understand community needs, resulting in partnerships that realise long term benefits for the community in a timely manner.

Definitions

Community Organisation – is an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or an entity whose primary objective is not directed at making a profit.

Grant - is a sum of money given to organisations or individuals for a specified purpose

Donation - is a cash contribution to an organisation that may be associated with a particular event, purpose or project.

In-Kind Assistance - the provision of services, equipment, plant or facilities to assist an event or project conducted by an individual or community-based non-profit organisation.

Policy Objective

The purpose of this policy is to establish a governing framework for the consistent management of the grants, donations, scholarships, fee waivers and in-kind assistance programs provided by Lockyer Valley Regional Council to the community.

Policy Statement

In adopting the annual budget, Council may approve an allocation of funds to support a range of grants, donations, scholarships, fee waivers and in-kind assistance programs for eligible community organisations and individuals.

Each grant, donation, scholarship, fee waiver and in-kind assistance program has specific guiding documentation defining eligibility, assessment and acquittal criteria under which Council funding and assistance will be provided.

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Grants, donations, scholarships, fee waivers and in-kind assistance programs provided by Council will be promoted through a range of Council media.

Council may contribute to business or other partnerships where there is no financial gain and where projects, events or activities will contribute significantly to individual, community, cultural, social, recreational and environmental enhancement and re-vitalisation of the Lockyer Valley community.

Organisations and individuals are expected to apply responsible management of any grants, donations, scholarships, fee waivers and in-kind assistance received from Council.

Where funding or assistance is provided to an individual, the recipient should reside permanently within the boundaries of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, and will demonstrate exceptional ability and potential and be willing to contribute this skill within the Lockyer Valley community.

Council may consider applications from organisations outside the Lockyer Valley Regional Council boundary where it is considered that the project, activity or initiative will benefit the Lockyer Valley community.

Community Grants shall not be made to individuals.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The community or non-profit organisation has significant local membership
- Individuals must reside the Lockyer Valley Region or have a strong connection to the region
- The project or event will deliver tangible benefits of an economic, social or environmental nature to residents of the Lockyer Valley Region
- The project or event will be administered and conducted on a nondiscriminatory basis
- The project or service does not duplicate an existing service or facility in the Region or if so, the need for duplication is sufficiently demonstrated
- The organisation does not have sufficient funds of its own



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- The organisation has a management structure and skills appropriate to its size and functions
- The event or project is one which Council can legally support pursuant to the Local Government Act 2009 or other statute
- Consideration is given to the amount of financial assistance Council has provided to the organisation in the preceding 12 month period
- The event or project is determined to be self-funding or self-sustainable once the funds or assistance granted by Council is exhausted
- The organisation is contributing real or in-kind value to the project or event
- Evidence of self-help, proven past performance and affiliations with accredited State and Federal bodies is demonstrated;
- Funds are available within the allocations provided for in the budget for that year.

Related Documents

Community Grants & Assistance Procedure December 2017