

Policy



STATUTORY

COMMUNITY GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE

Head of Power

Local Government Regulation 2012

Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council 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

Grant	A sum of money given to an organisation or individual for a specified purpose.
Donation	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 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.

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 businesses or other partnerships where there is no financial gain to an individual or business 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 grants 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.

Council will consider providing assistance to community-based and not-for-profit organisations, teams or individuals where:

- The community or not-for-profit organisation has significant local membership
- The individual resides in the Lockyer Valley Region or has 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 non-discriminatory 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
- 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

Grants and assistance can be provided under the following categories:

Category 1 – Major Community Grants Program

Category 2 – Minor Community Grants Program

- Category 3 – Ambassador Support and School Dux Bursary
- Category 4 – Event Assistance
- Category 5 – Rate Rebates and Remissions
- Category 6 – School Chaplaincies
- Category 7 – Public Halls Assistance
- Category 8 – Anzac Day Remembrance
- Category 9 – Community Environment Grant
- Category 10 – Community Sporting Complex

Related Documents

Community Grants and Assistance Procedure