



Policy Document

Corporate Policy Number: CP003

Community Grant Policy

This Policy is mandated by the:

- Qld Local Government Act 2009
- Qld Local Government Regulation 2012
- Qld Local Government Finance Standard

Key Supporting Document/s

- WASC Community Grant Guide 2023/2024

Definitions

Application	A Community Grant form from a community organisation seeking to be considered for a grant under this policy, which will be subject to review and assessment against relevant program criteria.
Community Organisation	A not-for-profit organisation based in Woorabinda with a registered ABN
Community Benefit	Describes tangible and intangible benefits and opportunities to member of the public accessing or participating in funded project activity and can include cultural, social economic, reputational, and environmental outcomes.
Community Interest	The extent to which service to and/or the wellbeing of the community will be enhances through the funding of projects under this policy
Grant	Funding or in-kind support given to a community organisation for a specified purpose and subject to certain terms and conditions.
Ineligible applicants	The following organisations are ineligible to apply for grant funding under this policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council's controlled entity• Political advocacy groups or those who provide political donations• Government bodies (excluding primary and secondary schools)• Events, programs or activities run solely for commercial profit
Policy into Practice	Repeated operational function associated with Council's intent to meet legislative and strategic requirements.
Program	A grants funding program that is specifically included in Council's community grants policy.
Project	A service, event, activity, equipment purchase or other operational function for which a community organisation might seek assistance, pursuant to an application.
Register	A central register of all grants determined pursuant to this policy.

Policy Statement

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council has established a grants program under the Community Grants Policy in order to support community organisation to meet changing community, social, environmental and economic objectives and Councils role in supporting the community through financial and in-kind support.

This policy applies to all Council grants, and Councillor discretionary funds provided for projects.

Policy Objective

Council will conduct its grants programs under this policy in accordance with the legislative and regulatory regime applicable at the time and ensure that funding decisions are made in accordance with the Local Government Principles. In accordance with Section 194 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council cannot give a grant to a community organisation in a way that is inconsistent with the provisions and practice of this policy. The aim of the community grants program is to:

- Make a positive contribution towards enhancing the wellbeing of Woorabinda residents and build social connections, support opportunities to get active and providing beneficial places and spaces for our community.
- Respond to community issues and trends and to provide opportunities for social inclusion and community engagement.
- Ensure transparent, fair and effective processes for decision making with its community grants programs.
- Create and maintain community confidence in the effective and efficient management of Council resources provided to grant recipients.
- Administer its grants programs in a manner which aligns to Councils Corporate Plan and key strategies.

Policy Application

This policy is made in compliance with Qld Local Government Regulation 2012, section 202(1).

The Community Grant Information Guide provides details to eligibility and grant release amounts.

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Policy Framework sets out the interrelationships of adopted governance and operational actions to comply with Legislative requirements at a Local, State, Commonwealth level. It includes rules, guidelines, practice, procedures and administrative actions.

Related Practice Documents

Community Events Grants – Attachment A
Arts Grants & Opportunities – Attachment B
Discretionary Grants – Attachment C
Sport & Recreation Grants – Attachment D