



GOVERNANCE POLICY

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Flinders Ranges Council (Council) is committed to creating an engaging community which enjoys a sustainable, contemporary lifestyle and flourishing economy with an unspoilt natural environment.
- 1.2. Grants, sponsorships and donations are established from funds which may be set aside in the Budget each financial year. The grant eligibility criteria is available in The Flinders Ranges Council Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines.
- 1.3. The Community Grants Program provides funding to eligible groups, organisations and individuals who present applications that demonstrate consistency with the Council's Strategic Management Plans.
- 1.4. Not all categories of grants will necessarily be available each year and eligibility may change each year.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. **Grants Program** – the provision of a one-off financial or non-financial allocation made to encourage the development of services, programs, facilities which meet demonstrated community needs and/or personal achievements and which otherwise could not be developed or recognised.
- 2.2. **Event Program** – the provision of financial assistance to community organisations and groups that run community events.
- 2.3. **Council** – The Flinders Ranges Council.
- 2.4. **Sponsorship Program** – provides financial support to community organisations and groups for staging events and activities for the benefit of the local community.
- 2.5. **In-Kind Support Program** – provides non-financial resources, support and labour to community organisations and groups for the staging events or pursuit of strategic objectives, and activities for the benefit of the local community.

3. SCOPE

- 3.1. The Council Community Grants Programs are available to individuals, organisations or groups who provide services, programs, facilities and equipment for the benefit of the local community.
- 3.2. This Policy applies to all Grants, Sponsorships, Donations and In-Kind Support offered by the Council for which an application is required.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

- 4.1. The Grants Program will be subject to annual Budget approval and approved on a discretionary basis.
- 4.2. Grants will be administered in a transparent and equitable manner and they will be promoted across the Council in a way that will allow maximum opportunities for organisations to apply. This is not limited to Council Facebook and Community Newsletters and notice boards and township newspapers.
- 4.3. It is the intention of Council that funds will be distributed equitably amongst eligible applicants so that no one deserving applicant is disadvantaged through the lack of available funds.



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5. CATEGORIES OF GRANTS

The Community Grants, Sponsorships and Donations Programs are administered through the following categories:

5.1. Community Grants

Council provides through its Community Grants Program, the opportunity for community groups and organisations and individuals to contribute to improving the well-being of the citizens of Council area.

5.2. Environment Grants

Environment Grants support initiatives that address conservation, biodiversity, recycling and waste reduction and pollution reduction.

5.3. Junior Individual Development Grants

Through its Junior Individual Development Grants Program, the Council aims to encourage and support young people aged 18 years and under in their personal development and growth. Funds are available to assist local young people who have been chosen to represent their institution, club or organisation in a variety of areas including sport and recreation, science and technology and the arts.

5.4. International Representation Grants

Through its Junior International Development Grants Program, the Council aims to assist adults who represent their institution, club or organisation in a variety of areas including sport and recreation, science and technology and the arts at an elite level internationally.

5.5. Event Grants

Assistance may be available for events run by community organisations or businesses, generally of an in-kind nature, and subject to an acceptable Event Management Plan being submitted with the application. There will limited cash grants available for this category.

5.6. Sponsorships

Financial assistance may be available for community organisations and groups in order to pursue strategic objectives and undertake activities for the benefit of the local community. School Awards are included in this category. The Council expects defined and measurable outcomes to be obtained in exchange for any sponsorship. Note – Sponsorship requests which are below \$200 may be awarded at the discretion of the CEO without application.

5.7. In-Kind Support

Non-Financial assistance may be available for community organisations, groups and individuals and businesses in order to stage events, grants, services and activities which benefit the local community. The Council expects defined and measurable outcomes to be obtained in exchange for any support.

6. MEDIA AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

6.1. It will be a requirement of any grant that Council be acknowledged in any media regarding the event or outcome.

6.2. It will be a requirement for local community events that receive funding that a Council representative be invited to any opening ceremony and be provided an opportunity to speak.

7. APPLICATION OF POLICY



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- 7.1.** Applications should be completed and submitted in accordance with the prescribed grants guidelines, including using the application form, and should meet the eligibility criteria and timelines as determined by the Council.
- 7.2.** All applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria as outlined in the appropriate guidelines.
- 7.3.** Requests for community group sponsorship which are below \$200 may be awarded at the discretion of the CEO without application.
- 7.4.** Applications that meet the criteria and are under \$1,000 may be awarded at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.
- 7.5.** Applications above \$1,000 will be assessed by the Council on recommendation by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 7.6.** Successful applications may be subject to conditions, including but not limited to:
- Acquittal and evidence of criteria being met.
 - Acknowledgement of Council's contribution.
 - Project completion dates.
- 7.7.** Any unspent part of the grant must be returned to the Council.
- 7.8.** The maximum grant amount for any application or organisation for a financial year will be capped at \$5,000.
- 7.9.** All grants must be acquitted within one year of being granted, and no further grants will be given to an organisation that has an outstanding acquittal.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Supervisor – Administration and Tourism will be responsible for this policy.

9. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY

- 9.1.** This Policy will be available for inspection at the Council Offices during ordinary business hours at no charge and a copy may be purchased for a fee as set annually by the Council.
- 9.2.** Copies of this policy will also be available from the Council's website www.frc.sa.gov.au

10. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1999

11. REVIEW

To be reviewed within 12 months after a General Election, in line with legislation and any legislative changes or by resolution of Council.

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14 August 2018	Draft 1	Released for Public Consultation	186/2018
9 October 2018	v1	Adopted by Council	230/2018
21 March 2023	v2	Review of definitions, application criteria and minor grammar and formatting	46/2023