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SDev CP044 – COMMUNITY & EVENT GRANTS POLICY

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1. RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE

Sustainable Development

2. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

To provide financial support to not-for-profit community groups and organisations for projects and events that benefit the Shire of Dardanup community.

3. POLICY

The policy sets out the criteria for each category of financial support available. There are three (3) categories:

- Community Grants
- Community Event Grants
- Regional Event Grants

3.1 Community Grants

The Shire of Dardanup will make an annual allocation of funds in its budget to provide financial assistance to not-for-profit community groups and organisations that can demonstrate an association with the Shire.

Community grants are available for projects and activities within the Shire of Dardanup that;

- Foster the distinctiveness of places through the personalisation of community areas;
- Activate public places;
- Build the skills and capacity of the community;
- Leave a lasting positive impact on the community;
- Promote accessibility and inclusivity for all members of the community;
- Empower groups to be proactive in the community.

Funding falls into three levels: -

Level 1: Quick Response Community Grants (\$0 - \$500)

Funding of up to \$500 and a maximum 100% of the total project cost is available to incorporated not-for-profit community groups and organisations.

Level 1 grants will be open for application on an ongoing basis until the allocated funding has been exhausted.

Level 2: Community Grants (\$0 - \$1000)

Funding of up to \$1,000 and a maximum 100% of the total project cost will be available to not-for-profit incorporated community groups and organisations.

Level 2 grants will be open for application twice per year.

Level 3: Community Grants (\$1001 - \$5000)

Funding between \$1,001 to \$5,000 and a maximum 50% of the total project cost will be available to not-for-profit incorporated community groups and organisations. The applicant must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost from either the applicant's organisation or confirmed funding or donations from other sources.

Level 3 grants will be open for application twice per year.

3.2 Community Event Grants

The Shire of Dardanup will make an allocation of funds in its budget to provide financial assistance to community groups and organisations who can demonstrate the capacity to run quality, well-organised events within the Shire of Dardanup.

Community event grants are available for free-to-attend events held within the Shire of Dardanup that benefit the community and activate places.

Funding falls into three levels: -

Level 1: Quick Response Minor Community Events (\$0 - \$500)

Funding of up to \$500 and a maximum 100% of the total event cost is available to incorporated not-for-profit community groups and organisations.

Level 1 grants will be open for application on an ongoing basis until the allocated funding has been exhausted.

Level 2: Community Event Grants (\$0 - \$1000)

Funding of up to \$1,000 and a maximum 100% of the total event cost will be available to not-for-profit incorporated community groups and organisations.

Level 2 grants will be open for application twice per year.

Level 3: Community Event Grants (\$1001 - \$5000)

Funding between \$1,001 to \$5,000 and a maximum 50% of the total event cost will be available to not-for-profit incorporated community groups and organisations. The applicant must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost from either the applicant's organisation or confirmed funding or in-kind support from other sources.

Level 3 grants will be open for application twice per year.

3.3 Regional Event Grants

The Shire of Dardanup will make an allocation of funds in its budget to provide financial assistance to community groups, organisations and businesses who can demonstrate the capacity to run quality, well-organised events with a regional attraction. Events should be held within the Shire of Dardanup and/or raise the profile of the Shire of Dardanup.

Regional Event Grants are available for events that;

- Results in an economic impact to the Shire by way of increasing visitor numbers and expenditure;
- Attracts media coverage that raises the profile of the region as a tourist destination;
- Involves and inspires the local community;
- Improves the vibrancy and vitality of the Shire of Dardanup;
- Supports job creation; and
- Highlights and profiles the unique features of the place and/or Shire.

Funding will be available of up to \$10,000 per application and a maximum 50% of the total event cost. The applicant must contribute at least 50% of the total project cost from either the applicant's organisation or confirmed funding or in-kind support from other sources.

Regional Events Grants will be open for application on an ongoing basis until the allocated funding has been exhausted.

4. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive a grant from the Shire of Dardanup, the applicant must:

- Meet the criteria as detailed in items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 of this policy.
- Be based within the Shire of Dardanup, or the majority of members of the application organisation are residents of the Shire of Dardanup, or the application organisation provides a benefit to residents and/or business owners within the Shire of Dardanup.

- Submit an application through the prescribed forms and within the timelines specified. No late applications will be accepted.
- Submit documented estimates of expenditure as part of the application
- Have all appropriate insurances.
- Carry out the activity within 12 months of approval of funding; or for Regional Event Grants within 18 months from approval of funding.
- Receive prior approval for any substantial changes to an application.

The following are eligible for funding:

- Promotion and advertising;
- Event or conference sponsorship, and award ceremonies;
- Traffic management;
- Waste management;
- Security;
- Entertainment, artist and/or talent fees;
- Facilitator fees;
- Professional fees for services required for one-off events and activities, such as consultant fees;
- Venue hire;
- Catering;
- First aid;
- Portable toilets, public use only;
- Equipment hire;
- The purchase of capital equipment and minor assets;
- Materials and resources;
- Repairs and maintenance to facilities and assets;
- Insurances, licenses and permits required for one-off events and activities (excluding liquor licensing);
- Shire of Dardanup in-kind services on application. Any in-kind funding requested must be discussed with a council officer and is subject to availability and approval by the Chief Executive Officer.

Funding will not be available for the following:

- Ongoing operational costs including salaries and wages;
- Ongoing operational expenses;
- Retrospective funding or items already ordered;
- Deficit funding – for organisations that are experiencing a shortfall in cash or revenue or anticipated revenue;
- State or Commonwealth Government Departments or Agencies, or profit-based business enterprises;
- Events that are not open for attendance by the general public;
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- Team uniforms;
- Personal travel;
- Activities that exclude or offend minority groups within the Shire of Dardanup;
- Activities that already receive Shire of Dardanup funding the same financial year;
- Applications that conflict with the Shire of Dardanup Strategic Community Plan.

If a satisfactory acquittal has not been submitted for previously funded applicants no further grants will be made available to the applicant.

5. PROCEDURE/ASSESSMENT

5.1 Application Assessment Procedure

Applications will be assessed based on their merits however priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received funding.

Applications are required to demonstrate the benefits to the Shire of Dardanup community. Preference will be given to projects with demonstrated community support.

It is anticipated that funding will not be provided every year for the same event or project as organisers should aim to become financially self-sufficient in the medium to long term.

The application and assessment procedure is as follows:

- Applications must be made on the prescribed forms and within the timeframe specified.

- Applications for Community Grants (Level 1) and Community Events (Level 1) will be assessed by the Manager Place & Community Engagement and Director Sustainable Development and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for determination under the delegation of Council. Decision on applications will be made within 6 weeks of receiving application.
- Applications for Community Grants (Levels 2 & 3) and Community Events (Levels 2 & 3) will be assessed by the Manager Place & Community Engagement and referred to the Grants, Awards & Scholarships Committee for determination. All applications will be presented to Council for final approval. Approval process takes a minimum of six weeks.
- Applications for Regional Event Grants will be assessed by the Manager Place & Community Engagement and referred to Council for determination. Approval process takes a minimum of six weeks.
- All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application for Shire of Dardanup assistance.
- Decisions regarding funding applications are final and will not be reconsidered in that funding round.
- A Grant Acquittal (Form 116) and supporting documentation of the total expenditure must be submitted to the Shire of Dardanup, within three (3) months of the completion of the project.

5.2 Events Not Requiring Application

The following events will be funded annually through the Regional Event Grants category and will not be considered as part of the competitive funds:

- Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival
- Eaton Foreshore Festival
- Dardanup Art Spectacular