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1. Purpose

To provide Council with direction in the administration of Council's grants programs.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all grants programs administered by Gympie Regional Council.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with supporting guidelines for specific grants programs.

3. Related Legislation

Local Government Regulation 2012 (sections 194 and 195)

4. Related Documents

Community Development Grants Guidelines

COVID-19 Community Grants Guidelines

E-Commerce Grant Guidelines

Regional Arts Development Fund Grant Guidelines

Environmental Levy for Community Group Grants (PDPOL011)

5. Policy Statement

Council grants provide financial assistance to eligible community organisations, businesses and individuals to deliver projects which respond to community need, align with relevant Council strategies and plans and enhance the social, environmental, economic and cultural wellbeing of the Gympie region.

6. Council Grant Programs

Community Development Grants provide financial assistance to eligible community organisations to deliver projects which respond to community need, support council's strategic objectives and enhance the social and community development of the region.

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grants are provided to community organisations, individuals and businesses to support local arts and culture in the region, with funding provided through a partnership between Gympie Regional Council and the Queensland Government.

Economic Development Grants provide financial assistance to local businesses and organisations to support economic growth, job creation and job sustainability in the region.

Environment Grants provide financial assistance to Natural Resource Management community organisations and Wildlife Carer Groups to protect and enhance the region's natural assets through the Environment Levy.

Council may establish other grant programs or grant categories for specified grant rounds to respond to emerging community needs or issues.

7. Eligibility Criteria

Grant applications must meet the specified eligibility criteria outlined in Council's endorsed grant guidelines. Eligibility relates to applicant type (e.g. individuals, community organisations, businesses), project type, funding amount and project delivery timeframes. For community organisations to be eligible under the relevant guidelines, they must:

- be an incorporated not-for-profit community organisation, or have an auspice arrangement with an incorporated not-for-profit organisation (including not-for-profit co-operatives and companies limited by guarantee)
- hold \$20M public liability insurance
- have no outstanding debt with Council
- be based in, or provide direct benefits to, the Gympie region

8. Assessment Criteria and Process

Applications are assessed against the eligibility and assessment criteria detailed in each respective grant program guideline. The grant approval process is also outlined in each respective grant program guideline.

9. Types of Assistance

Grant assistance will take the form of a financial payment only.

10. Review Trigger

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related legislation/documents are amended or replaced.
2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by a resolution of Council.
3. As initiated by the CEO or Executive Team.
4. Periodic Review – 12 months from previous Council endorsement.