



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

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1. Purpose

A policy to outline the assessment and approval tools used to assess applications for the City of Playford Community Development grants program.

2. Scope

Applicants can apply for funding from one of the following categories using the relevant application form:

- Community Development and Event Grant (minimum \$500; maximum \$5,000)
- Equipment Grant (maximum \$1,000)
- Grassroots Community Project Grant (maximum \$2,500)
- Outstanding Achievement Grant (maximum \$400)
- Club Participation Sponsorship Grant (maximum \$200)

All amounts are exclusive of GST.

3. Legislation and References

There is no legislative requirement for Council to have a policy relating to this area.

The following legislation applies to this Policy:

- Local Government Act 1999 – Section 137 states that subject to this or another Act, a Council may expend its funds as the Council thinks fit in the exercise, performance or discharge of its powers, functions or duties under this or other Acts.
- Local Government Act 1999 – Section 7 subsections c and h state that the functions of a council include:
 - To provide for the welfare, wellbeing and interests of individuals and groups within its community
 - To establish or support organisations or programs that benefit people in its area or local government generally

Other References:

- Council's Strategic Plan

4. Definitions

Councillor is a person appointed or elected by the electors of a particular ward, as a representative of the ward in the City of Playford.

Employee is a person employed by the Organisation on an ongoing or fixed term full time, part time and/or long-term casual basis

Mayor is the person elected as the Principal Member of the Council to represent the local government area as a whole.

Organisation is the local government entity known as City of Playford.

5. Policy

City of Playford Community Development Grants Program offers financial support to non-profit community organisations, groups and associations for projects, events, exhibitions and/or performances which contribute to the City as a vibrant and simulating place for people to live, work or visit. Grants are also offered to individuals who are residents of the City of Playford who have made an outstanding achievement in their chosen field of endeavour and young people who find cost a barrier to participating in club or organised sport to encourage sport and social recreation.

Within the Community Development Grants program, *Community Development and Event* grants offer financial support to non-profit community organisations, local groups and associations for proposals which:

- Activate community spaces
- Deliver innovative, creative or new opportunities for the Playford community to become involved in their local community
- Encourage and support Arts, Cultural Development, physical activity, health and wellbeing
- Demonstrate collaboration between organisations and the local community and maximise community benefit
- Develop and initiate locally based events, exhibitions and/or performances open to the whole community, which make a positive contribution to community and cultural life in the City of Playford

Grassroots Community Project grants are available to community or grassroot organisations, residents or neighbourhood groups and associations to undertake innovative placemaking or, community development or wellbeing and connectedness activities that meet strong community need.

Equipment Funding grants are available to community organisations, groups and associations to build upon and support current projects, programs and activities.

Outstanding Achievement grants offers financial support to assist residents to achieve their goals in national or international academic, sporting and cultural competitions and national and international leadership and personal development opportunities.

Club Participation Sponsorship grants are available to assist young people up to the age of 17 years to receive a one-off discount on the direct costs associated with joining a City of Playford club (eg membership fees, registration fees, uniforms and/or equipment etc). The purpose of this program is to reduce the cost of initial joining fees of clubs to young people who find cost a barrier to participation.

Community Development and Event, Grassroots Community Project and *Equipment* grants must be a not for profit community group or organisation and legally constituted or can demonstrate that they are auspiced by an legally constituted organisation such as an incorporated organisation who will agree to take legal and financial responsibility for any Grant monies received from the City of Playford. City of Playford may at its discretion provide direct support to suppliers or equivalent for grassroots community projects in order to assist in the facilitation of local projects.

Community Development and Event grants, *Grassroots Community Project* and *Equipment* grants offer financial support to non-profit community organisations, local groups and incorporated associations. Groups can consist of as little as 2 people to larger, non-profit organisations and must involve the local community, including residents, shops, businesses etc.

All applications will be assessed against the eligibility criteria detailed in the guidelines for each grant category as published on the City of Playford website.

Applications will be viewed as incomplete and will be ineligible for funding if applicants fail to submit all relevant information as detailed in the guidelines.

The provision of Community Development Grant funding remains at the absolute discretion of the City of Playford.

Community Development and Event grant applications will be assessed by a Grant Panel of staff and approved via a Council report.

Grassroots Community Project grant applications will be assessed and approved by the City of Playford's General Manager City Services. The application shall detail how the proposed project or proposal meets strong community need.

Equipment grant applications, *Outstanding Achievement* grant applications and *Club Participation Sponsorship* grant applications will be assessed and approved by the City of Playford's Grants Officer and Manager Community Development.

City of Playford is to be formally acknowledged as a sponsor on all publicity and promotional material. Successfully funded organisations will be provided with a copy of the logo and a style guide to ensure appropriate application.

Grant Categories

Community Development and Event Grant (Minimum \$500; Maximum \$5,000)

- Applications up to the value of \$5,000 can be submitted; however City of Playford will endeavour to support as many proposals as possible. Applications must be for a minimum of \$500. Funding provided to applicants for one-off community events will be calculated on predicted attendance numbers as follows:
 - 0 – 200: \$500 (maximum)
 - 201 – 1,000: \$1,000 (maximum)
 - Over 1,001: \$2,000 (maximum)
- Groups can consist of as little as two people to larger, non-profit organisations and must involve the local community (eg residents, community groups and organisations, shops, businesses etc)
- Applications can be submitted throughout the year but will be assessed twice a year during the assessment round process;
 - Round 1 will formally open in July and is assessed by Council at the October Services and Council meetings or a meeting prior to caretaker period (in Council election years)
 - Round 2 will formally open in January for 6 weeks and is assessed by Council at the April Services and Council meetings
- Applications must be submitted using the application form published by the City of Playford on its website or by such other means as detailed in the guidelines published on the website

- Funding is available every second year in any category i.e. if an organisation received funding in Round 1 of 2016 they will be eligible for funding in Round 1 of 2018. Council may decide in exceptional circumstances to fund the same project, activity or event over 2 consecutive years if after the first year an acquittal has been returned and that the original application was for a new, pilot program, activity or event and requires additional funding to make it sustainable into the future. Applicants must contact Council before submitting an application in the subsequent year
- Projects or initiatives provided funding under the *Community Development and Event* grants must be completed and funding acquitted within 12 months. Any funding that has not been acquitted within the allocated timeframe will make that group or organisation ineligible for any future funding in any grant category

Grassroots Community Project Grant (maximum \$2,500)

- This grant category is open all year and is assessed by General Manager City Services within 6 weeks of the application form being received by the City of Playford
- Applications up to the value of \$2,500 can be submitted; however City of Playford will endeavour to support as many proposals as possible
- Groups can consist of as little as two people to larger, non-profit organisations and must involve the local community (eg residents, community groups and organisations, shops, businesses etc)
- Funding is available every second year in any category i.e. if an organisation received funding in Round 1 of 2016 they will be eligible for funding in Round 1 of 2018
- Projects or initiatives provided funding under the *Grassroots Community Project* grants must be completed and funding acquitted within 12 months. Any funding that has not been acquitted within the allocated timeframe will make that group or organisation ineligible for any future funding in any grant category
- City of Playford may at its discretion provide direct support to suppliers or equivalent for grassroots community projects in order to assist in the facilitation of local projects

Equipment Grant (maximum \$1,000)

- Applications up to the value of \$1,000 can be submitted; however City of Playford will endeavour to support as many proposals as possible
- The aim of these grant is to provide support for the purchase of equipment and to build and support current projects, programs and activities
- Funding is available every second year in any category i.e. if an organisation received funding in Round 1 of 2016 they will be eligible for funding in Round 1 of 2018
- This grant category is open all year and is assessed by the Grants Officer and Manager Community Development within 4 weeks of the application form being received by the City of Playford
- Projects or initiatives provided funding under the *Equipment* grants must be completed and funding acquitted within 6 months. Any funding that has not been acquitted within the allocated timeframe will make that group or organisation ineligible for any future funding in any grant category

Outstanding Achievement Grant (maximum \$400)

- There are 2 streams of grants available to individuals who are residents of the City of Playford within the Outstanding Achievement category:
 - Competition grants are provided to individual applicants representing the State or Country in academic, sporting and artistic or cultural competitions such as spelling, English, writing, mathematics, science singing, art and sports including football, netball, baseball, hockey, bowling, dancing, , gymnastics etc There is no age limit.
 - Leadership and personal development grants are provided to individual applicants who have been selected to develop their leadership/personal development skills

such as youth parliament, debating teams, club leadership, scout leadership etc.
There is no age limit.

- Grant category is open all year and assessed by the Grants Officer and Manager Community Development within 4 weeks of the application form being received by the City of Playford

Club Participation Sponsorship Grant (maximum \$200)

- One-off payment of up to \$200 per individual for initial costs of joining a City of Playford club. These costs may include membership fees, registration fees, uniforms and/or mandatory equipment
- Clubs include but are not limited to sporting clubs, cheerleading and dance clubs, scouts etc
- Grant category is open all year and assessed by the Grants Officer and Manager Community Development within 4 weeks of the application form being received by the City of Playford

Caretaker Period

Council will not approve any Community Development grants requiring Council assessment during this period.

6. Responsibilities

Community Development team will be responsible for implementing the policy.

7. Relevance to Strategic Plan

1: Smart Service Delivery Program

Outcome 1.1 High quality services and amenities

Outcome 1.2 Improved service delivery

Outcome 1.3 Working smarter with our community

Outcome 1.4 Enhanced City presentation, community pride and reputation

8. Accessibility

This policy and supporting documentation can be found on ECM and the City of Playford website.

9. Feedback

We invite your feedback on this policy which can be directed to Manager Community Development at playford@playford.sa.gov.au

10. Approval and Change History

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1	17 April 2018	Ordinary Council	New Policy

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