

Community Grants Policy

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Related Documents	Community Investment Program Guidelines Western Downs Regional Council Employee Code of Conduct Conflicts of Interest for Employees Policy Fraud and Corruption Control Policy Fraud and Corruption Control Plan Chief Executive Officer to Staff & Contractors Delegations Register

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1. PURPOSE

Investing in communities through grant programmes allows organisations to be empowered, create partnerships, activate their communities and build capacity. This policy outlines Council's approach to providing grants to organisations and individuals within the Western Downs region.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all funding and support programmes administered by Council to organisations and individuals. The current grant programmes are listed on Council's website <https://www.wdrc.qld.gov.au/living-here/grants-funding/>

3. POLICY

Western Downs Regional Council is committed to supporting organisations and individuals to make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region's communities through the provision of a Community Investment Program and other partnering arrangements. Council acknowledges the valuable contribution of organisations to deliver community, cultural, economic, sporting, and recreation outcomes in line with the strategic direction of Council's *Corporate Plan 2021-2026*.

The provision of grants to organisations and individuals will:

- (1) achieve the strategic priorities of Council's *Corporate Plan 2021-2026*;
- (2) be transparent, equitable, inclusive, in the public interest, compliant with relevant legislation, and consistent with the principles that underpin the *Local Government Act 2009*;
- (3) achieve value for money for Council and the community;
- (4) support active, vibrant, and empowered communities; and
- (5) be undertaken in accordance with a framework which will guide the provision of consistent grant governance across Council.

Each of the funding programmes has specific outcomes, priorities, and guidelines which are defined in the *Community Investment Program Guidelines* document or set out in individual partnering arrangements. These specific terms and conditions will be reviewed annually.

Organisations and individuals eligible to apply for a Community Grant must satisfy the specific eligibility criteria of the particular grant they are applying for, as set out in the grant's guidelines.

Review

The Community Investment Program will be reviewed annually to ensure that it is achieving efficient and effective outcomes in line with annual performance measures.

