



**Southern Grampians**  
SHIRE COUNCIL

## GREATER GRANTS POLICY

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## **1. AIM**

This policy is to outline the process by which all Greater Grants submissions will be considered by Council.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

The Greater Grants program is intended to facilitate and support development of community groups within the Southern Grampians Shire by providing a funding source for initiatives, events and projects.

## **3. APPLICATION**

The conditions of the Greater Grants are as follows:

- 3.1 Assistance shall be considered to not for profit organisations, groups, and committees. Applications from individuals are eligible only for the Arts and Culture category. All applications must demonstrate that there is direct benefit to the Southern Grampians Shire. Political Parties or associated lobby groups are not eligible to receive funding under the Greater Grants Program.
- 3.2 All applications will be assessed in accordance with the Greater Grants Program Guidelines and take into consideration key strategic objectives within the Council Plan, Strategies or Community Plans.
- 3.3 The applications will be evaluated at bi-annual meetings of the Greater Grants Assessment panel.
- 3.4 In any financial year applicants can make one or more submissions for different projects. The maximum amount that could be allocated per applicant per financial year is \$15,000.
- 3.5 The amount allocated to the grant categories will be determined annually as part of Council's budget process.
- 3.6 Grant applications for amounts greater than \$2,500 will be taken to Council for a resolution through two rounds annually. Grant applications for less than or equal to \$2,500 will be approved under delegation by the Director Community and Corporate Services. Applicants approved under delegation will be notified of the results of their request following a Council briefing.
- 3.7 Applications for more than \$2,500 must demonstrate cash or in-kind contributions and must provide evidence of cash held, or must be able to demonstrate their financial capacity. Any applicable Annual Operational Subsidies provided by Council are not to be used as the applicant's cash contribution toward the project.
- 3.8 No funds will be allocated for works, projects or events that have already been undertaken.
- 3.9 The grant amount approved cannot be increased post-funding approval. In the case of a funding shortfall, funding will not be made available by way of a Council loan.
- 3.10 Grant recipients will be required to publically acknowledge Council's contribution as detailed in the funding agreement.
- 3.11 Successful applications for events need to demonstrate working towards financial sustainability to be considered for future funding. Applicants in all categories should be aware that previously funded

applications may be ineligible to apply in future funding rounds, as priority will be given to applications that have not received previous funding.

- 3.12 Where this policy conflicts with any other policies which relate to the Greater Grants program, this policy supersedes.

#### **4. CATEGORIES**

The funding total will be determined as part of the annual budgeting process across the seven (7) grant categories. The Greater Grants Program Categories are as follows:

- 4.1 *Community Infrastructure Grants* which assist groups to enhance, improve, or renew physical assets.
- 4.2 *Arts and Culture Development Grants* which assist groups or individuals realise creative projects.
- 4.3 *Community Strengthening Grants* which assist groups to enhance, improve or renew social assets.
- 4.4 *Tourism & Events Grants* which assist groups to develop, enhance, or promote a new or growing tourism product or event.
- 4.5 *Environmental Sustainability Grants* which assist groups to protect or improve the natural environment.
- 4.6 *Heritage Grants* which assist to maintain, document or restore items of historical significance with preference given to those in the public realm.
- 4.7 *General Allocation Grants* can be allocated to any of the above categories provided the application meets the respective grant criteria.

#### **5. REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed every three years or as required by the Director Community and Corporate Services.

#### **6. COMMENCEMENT**

This policy came into operation on July 2018.