COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

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Last Reviewed: 17 September 2025	**Review: Note:** This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur: 1. The related information is amended or replaced. 2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer. Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than two years.
Legislation: *Local Government Regulation 2012*	

OBJECTIVE

This policy provides a framework for allocating grants to community organisations that is transparent and compliant with sections 194 and 195 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and furthers the Vision and Mission of Council's Corporate Plan.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council may allocate grants to community organisations which meet the eligibility criteria of this Policy and where it can be shown that there is/will be a benefit to the community. The recipient organisation must provide a satisfactory acquittal of the funds allocated, within 30 days of completion of the project if the funding is in cash, unless pre-qualified as listed in Appendix 1.

This policy does not apply to:

- Rates and charges concessions made to community organisations by Council in accordance with sections 119 – 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.
- Awarding of grants under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) or any other state, federal or private sector grant program.

Excluding the activities listed in Appendix 1, Community Grants with an in-kind value of $1000 or less can be approved by the Chief Executive Officer without Council Resolution. All cash grants (unless listed in Appendix 1), must be approved by Council Resolution.

DEFINITIONS

A **Grant** is a non-repayable monetary or in-kind contribution made to eligible organisations for a specific purpose.

A **Grantee** is an organisation to which a grant is made.

ORGANISATION ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Council will only provide grants to the following grantees:

- A not-for-profit incorporated organisation based in the Barcoo Shire
- A not-for-profit incorporated organisation based outside the Barcoo Shire which can demonstrate direct benefit to the residents of the Barcoo Shire
- Organisations that can demonstrate commitment and ability to manage the project including meaningful planning and reporting

An unincorporated organisation, community group or club is ineligible for a Council grant but may be sponsored by a not-for-profit incorporated organisation located in the Barcoo Shire area.

State and Federal Government departments or agencies are ineligible to receive a community grant. School P&C Associations, although not incorporated, are eligible to receive a community grant.

EVENT/ACTIVITY/PROJECT ELIGIBILTY CRITERIA

Council will only provide grants to eligible organisations:

- Where there is a demonstrated direct benefit to residents of the Barcoo Shire, or
- If the activity is a response to an identified need in the Barcoo Shire.

PROCEDURE

Community grants can include:

- Cash grants and donations
- Assets gifted to eligible organisations
- Sponsorship of an event or part of an event in the Barcoo Shire or benefitting Barcoo Shire residents
- Waiver of fees and charges for a service or product, other than rates and utility charges
- Other miscellaneous in-kind support

Council has identified numerous eligible organisations, events, activities and projects that have been historically supported through the provision of grants that recur annually, or at other intervals, that have been prequalified to obtain grants under this policy. These eligible prequalified organisations, events, activities and projects are identified in Appendix 1 of this policy.

This policy and Appendix 1 of this policy must be reviewed and amended (if necessary) every two years by resolution of Council. This policy and Appendix 1 of this policy may also be amended by resolution of Council at any time.

All other community grant applications, not identified in Appendix 1, (with the exception of those that are in-kind and $1000 or less with CEO approval), must be considered and resolved by Council. Such grant applications must be received in writing at least 2 months prior to the planned event, activity or project and must include the following at a minimum:

1. A copy of the organisation's current certificate of incorporation (unless a pre-qualified organisation)
2. Specific details on the planned event/activity/project or need for the grant
3. The organisation's contribution (cash or in-kind)
4. Specific details on how the grant will be used
5. How the grant will benefit residents of the Barcoo Shire
6. Demonstrated ability of the organisation to manage the project including meaningful planning

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome and any conditions of the grant. Council is under no obligation to fund 100% of the requested submission. If, as is sometimes the case, only a percentage of the funding requested is awarded, Council will consult the organisation to determine if partial funding will allow the event, activity or project to proceed before conveying the grant.

Unsuccessful applicants may seek feedback from Council.

For cash grants (excluding pre-qualified grants), all funds must be spent within 6 months of receiving

the grant and a brief report and financial acquittal must be provided to Council within 30 days of the end of the project. Failure to do so may result in future applications being rejected.

or prequalified organisations, events, activities and projects being removed from Appendix 1 of this policy.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

BSC-007 COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY Appendix 1 – Pre-qualified organisations and activities

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COMMUNITY GROUP	EVENT	FINANCIAL	Estimated IN-KIND	FREQUENCY	IN-KIND DETAILS- PRE-APPROVED ACTIVITIES
Jundah Race Club	Jundah Spring Fling	$0	$8,000	Per Annum	Garbage removal, water truck, grader, tower lights, preparation of grounds and entry road.
Jundah Community Bronco Branding & Team Penning Associ	Jundah Rodeo & Team Penning	$0	$6,500	Per Annum	Garbage removal, water truck, grader, tower lights, preparation of grounds and entry road.
Jundah Social Sports Club Association	Australia Day	$1,000		Per Annum	
Jundah Rural Fire Brigade	ANZAC Day	$1,000*		Per Annum	
Jundah State School P & C	Barcoo Shire Sports Day	$500	$2,000	2027	Prepare and mark sports ground (school oval or town oval) for Barcoo Shire Sports event. $500 cash to support the BBQ lunch and purchase of trophy's, ribbons etc.
Stonehenge Bushmans Challenge Association	Stonehenge Bushmans Challenge		$11,550	Per Annum	Garbage removal, water truck, grader, tower lights, preparation of grounds and entry road.
Stonehenge Action Group	Australia Day	$1,000		Per Annum	
	ANZAC Day	$1,000*		Per Annum	
Stonehenge State School P & C	Barcoo Shire Sports Day	$500	$2,000	2026	Prepare and mark sports grounds for Barcoo Shire Sports event. $500 cash to support the BBQ lunch and purchase of trophy's, ribbons etc.
Windorah Development Board	Australia Day	$1,000		Per Annum	
	ANZAC Day	$1,000*		Per Annum	
	Yabby Races		$2,000	Per Annum	Portaloos and road closure.
Windorah Rodeo Club	Windorah Gymkhana & Rodeo Windorah Campdraft		$15,000	Per Annum	Garbage removal, water truck, grader, tower lights, preparation of grounds and entry road.
Windorah State School P & C	Barcoo Shire Sports Day	$500	$2,000	2028	Prepare and mark sports grounds for Barcoo Shire Sports event. $500 cash to support the BBQ lunch and purchase of trophy's, ribbons etc.
	Yellowbelly Hunt	$1,500	$2,000	Per Annum	$1,500 Sponsorship, community bus, catering van, garbage removal, tower lights, use of Windorah tables/chairs.
	Windorah Sports Camp	$1,000		Per Annum	Sponsorship of Windorah Sports Camp.
Channel Country Ladies Day	Channel Country Ladies Day	$1,000	$6000	See details	Cash to support event when held in other Channel Country Shires in 2026 & 2030, in-kind support of up to $6,000 for event to be held in Barcoo Shire in 2028.
Jundah Camel Races and Recreation Club	Jundah Camel races		$7000		Garbage removal, water truck, grader, tower lights, preparation of grounds and entry road.

*ANZAC Day grants based on $17.50/adult and $12.50/child in attendance to a maximum of $1,000