Community grants information sheet

Summary

Council values and recognises the role of community groups and organisations within the Council area. Community grants are available to provide support to a range of projects and activities that enhance the quality of life of residents, improve the delivery of services or improve community facilities.

Council will seek community grant applications at the beginning of each financial year after the annual budget, including community grants budget allocation, has been adopted.

Policy

The Community Grants Policy (May 2019) provides detail on the types of applications that can be made, projects that will not be considered for funding, principles of community grant allocation and conditions of application and offer.

How much can we apply for?

The minimum community grant application amount is $750 and the maximum grant amount is $20,000.

Who is eligible to apply?

Community grants are available for local not-for-profit community, sporting, recreational, social and arts groups.

Assessment criteria:

All allocations will be assessed on the following characteristics:

- The degree to which the proposal aligns with one or more of the Southern Mallee District Council Strategic Management Plan objectives;
- Extent to which the project meets a demonstrated need;
- Demonstrated community support for the project;
- Demonstrated level of community and visitor benefit and interest;
- Anticipated level of community participation;
- Potential to further develop a sense of community;
- Innovative nature of the project;
- Lack of alternative funding sources;
- Opportunity to value add to community facilities or outcomes;
- Frequency of prior application approved under the Community Grants Program;
- The amount of co-contribution of the group.
Conditions of application

- Projects or activities must be based within the Southern Mallee District Council Area
- Only one application/project per organisation per financial year will be considered
- Applications must be made using the appropriate Community Grants Application Form
- Applicants must address all criteria and answer all questions on the application form;
- Applications determined as ineligible in accordance with the criteria will not advance to the assessment stage;
- Incomplete applications or those received after the closing date will not be considered;
- Grant recipients who have previously not complied with all reporting and acquittal arrangements will not be considered;
- If successful, applicants must comply with all reporting and acquittal requirements.
- Funds must be used expressly for the project or activity applied for;
- Applicants must undertake and demonstrate transparent procurement practices wherever applicable.
- Applicants must acknowledge Council’s financial contribution in any publicity about their successfully funded project or activity.
- Groups occupying a Council owned building or Council owned land should demonstrate they have a current lease/licence with Council or have taken steps to negotiate a new lease/licence with Council.

Application Process

Applications must be received on the approved Council application form by 30 October 2020.

Council will determine the successful applications at its November 2020 Council meeting.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application shortly after the Council meeting and if successful Council will make payment of the approved grant amount to the nominated bank account.

At the completion of the project, and prior to 30 June 2021, the Community Grants Acquittal Form must be provided to Council.

Completed Applications

Completed applications can be submitted by email council@southernmallee.sa.gov.au, or by post to Southern Mallee District Council, PO Box 49, Pinnaroo SA 5304 or in person at Council’s Pinnaroo or Lameroo offices.

Application close date

30 October 2020.