

Grant and Sponsorship Policy – Feedback Received

Public Comment	Officer Response
It would be great with the updated policy that there be improvements around the different programs/ projects that are funded. At the moment, it is quite disheartening when a community aligned project that will directly benefit the people living in the City of Karratha is overlooked in favour of groups purchasing gazebos, new aircons and other similar projects. In addition, it would be helpful if there was a bit more range to be able to cover some of the costs to facilitate or organise different programs/ projects, as these community grants should be opportunities to introduce or expand projects and sometimes operational costs are needed to achieve positive outcomes.	The matters raised relate to the operational design and administration of the Community Grants Program rather than the content of the proposed Policy itself. As such, the feedback does not warrant a change to the Policy. The comments will be considered during the development of future grant streams, grant guidelines and assessment criteria.
Why do we hand out free money in so many ways. We all work our assess off to be taxed at high percentages. Scrap grants and let them work for what they want. Reduce our Rates and other Tax we pay.	As the submission does not identify any issues with the content or operation of the proposed Policy, no changes are recommended.
I was unaware of the grants program as we has only just established our office this. I would appreciate being notified of any opportunities. We apply for grants for our communities we represent, and this could also include attending local events to support and give back to the local community	The feedback relates to awareness of and access to the Community Grants Program rather than the content of the proposed Policy. As such, the comment does not impact the Policy and no changes are recommended. Communication about future funding opportunities and grant availability will be considered as part of the ongoing administration of the Community Grants Program.
Very limited detail here. Interested to know if the grant dollar amounts are changing - increasing - decreasing or staying the same. What is available to who for what. The structure and system in place	The proposed Community Grants Policy is intended to provide the overarching principles, objectives and framework for the administration of community grants. Detailed information regarding individual grant streams, funding amounts, eligibility criteria, assessment processes and available funding opportunities is addressed through the supporting grant guidelines and program documentation rather than within the Policy itself. No changes are recommended.

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There is no appeals process, yet there is a section that all grants will be fair, transparent etc. There is no mention of any feedback been given to organisations regarding the outcomes in a certain timeframe; keeping the CofK accountable - which means an organisation has no recourse if they are not successful? “Applicants will be notified of outcomes and may receive feedback to support continuous improvement in future applications”. - there needs to be a timeframe to allow organisations the opportunity to speak at council meeting and “appeal” the city officers recommendations. Currently, the city do not contact the unsuccessful applicants as they are not a “priority” which means there is no opportunity of appealing to councillors. Organisations are told to apply in the next round. More needs to be addressed regarding the transparency and fairness, as organisations are being assessed on criteria that isn’t in the “criteria” and the rational decision is outside of the criteria. There is no mention of contact with organisations to understand how a non successful grant would affect their every day operations or project. In the current policy, assumptions are made by officers that know nothing of a not for profit or what they actually contribute to the city. This policy has not enough accountability to the CofK officers, in order for the process to be “transparent, accountable, inclusive, and effective” This policy falls short of helping community organisations. As it stands, the same organisations get approved “safety” items (how solar panels are safety requirement in a brand new sporting facility is extremely unclear), yet other organisations can’t get basic health and safety high risk mitigated in aging city assets. There is no transparency or fairness and this policy will not change this fact.	The proposed Community Grants Policy is intended to provide the overarching principles and governance framework for the Community Grants Program. Operational matters such as application assessment procedures, notification processes, timeframes, feedback mechanisms, and the detailed administration of individual grant rounds are addressed through grant guidelines, assessment processes and associated program documentation rather than within the Policy itself. The comments regarding transparency, accountability, consistency of assessment, communication with applicants, and opportunities for applicants to receive feedback on funding decisions will be considered during the development of future grant guidelines and administrative procedures. This includes consideration of how outcomes are communicated to applicants and how the grant assessment process can best support the principles of fairness, transparency and continuous improvement. No changes are recommended.
More murals by local artists	The proposed Community Grants Policy does not prescribe specific project types or funding priorities. As such, the comment does not impact the Policy and no changes are recommended.