

## **16.1 ANNUAL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME (NON-STATUTORY DONATIONS)**

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<b>Applicant/Proponent:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Attachment(s)</b>	<b>Confidential summary of Annual Community Grant Scheme 2014/15 applications</b>

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### **PURPOSE**

For Council to consider financial support for the Annual Community Grant Scheme (Non-Statutory Donations) in the 2014/15 draft budget.

### **BACKGROUND**

In recognition of the important role that community and sporting groups / organisations play in developing vibrant communities, Council continues to show its commitment through the provision of support and assistance via various Community Grant Schemes, in particular the Annual Community Grant Scheme.

To be eligible to apply for the Annual Community Grant Scheme:

1. Applicant/s must reside or operate within the Shire of Roebourne. Applications that are not connected or concerned with the Shire of Roebourne Community will not be considered.
2. Organisations shall include, but are not limited to, sporting clubs religious groups, schools (parent and citizens associations), and community groups or individuals that have a focus on community needs with a social benefit.
3. Corporate organisations are ineligible to apply through this grant, however may be eligible through the Sponsorship Scheme.
4. Organisation that are applying for equipment must be incorporated and provide evidence of current incorporation status and a copy of their constitutions wind up clause.

Applications for the 2014/15 Annual Community Grant Scheme have been advertised since February 2014 in the local newspapers, on the Shire of Roebourne's website and sent via email to the Community Development Office contact database. The advertised closing date for applications was Friday 2 May 2014.

This year a total of thirty four (34) applications were received with the requests amounting to \$985,630 Officers have based recommendations on an indicative budget allocation of \$250,000 in the 2014/15 financial year.

Of the thirty four (34) applications, two (2) were ineligible and two (2) applications were removed from this funding process and addressed through the Quarterly Grant Scheme. Officers are recommending one (1) of the applications be addressed through the Sponsorship Scheme rather than being funded through the Annual Community Grant Scheme

Officers have interrogated the 34 applications and recommended financial support for 14 organisations based on community survey results, organisational historical performance, program alignment with Council strategic plan and overall benefit to the community. All applications have been examined and prioritised based on the above components and scaled from 1 – 3. Projects that are rated a high priority are given a 1, medium are 2 and low a 3.

The 2014/15 financial recommendations suggested through the consultation process amounts to \$250,000 and supports thirteen (14) of the thirty four (34) applications received.

The table below summarises the Officer’s recommendations for funding allocation. Further detailed information, including reason’s for the officer’s recommendations are included in the confidential attachment.

<b>Recommended Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
The Salvation Army	Red Shield Appeal and waste disposal fees	\$13,500	\$10,000
The Scouts Association of Australia – WA	Certificate III, IV, Diploma of Management and Water Safety Training for Scout Leaders	\$16,670	\$16,000
Ngarluma and Yindijbarndi Foundation Ltd (NYFL)	Digital language resource for Ngarluma language	\$50,000	\$24,000
Ngarliyyarndu Bindirri Aboriginal Corporation (NBAC)	Road Safety Mural at Roebourne Basketball Courts	\$18,165	\$15,000
Karratha Amateur Swimming Club	Host regional championships, competitions and professional development	\$20,280	\$20,000
Community and Youth Training Services Inc	Bus service for Certificate II students in ‘General Education for Adults’	\$50,000	\$15,000
Empowering People in Communities Inc (EPIC)	Employment costs for Inclusion Coordinator	\$50,000	\$45,000
Karratha Family Centre	Strategic Planning and operational costs	\$35,509	\$12,000
St John’s Ambulance – Roebourne	Fuel for 2 x Ambulances	\$15,000	\$15,000
Karratha Emergency Relief Organisation	Food Vouchers	\$10,000	\$10,000
Local Information Network Karratha (LINK)	Parenting workshops	\$27,081	\$16,000
Karratha Community House	Employment costs for program delivery	\$45,000	\$32,000
Pilbara Multicultural Association (PMA)	Strategic planning	\$10,000	\$10,000
Juluwarlu Aboriginal Corporation	Roebourne “Mothering” 26 minute documentary film	\$50,000	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$411,205</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

## **LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE**

In accordance with Council Policy *CE-8 Significant Decision Making Policy*, this matter is considered to be of moderate significance in terms of social issues / cultural & wellbeing issues.

## **COUNCILLOR/OFFICER CONSULTATION**

Two different consultation meetings to assess the applications took place, with Community Development Officers and Leisure Services Officers, and subsequently with the Director Community Services, Chief Executive Officer and Shire President.

## **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The Community Development Officers have liaised with the majority of the community / sporting organisations to offer support and assistance in completing the applications. Previous Annual Community Grant Scheme applicants had been sent a letter inviting groups to apply for the 2014/15 financial year. In March the Community Development Office held three grant writing workshops, in Karratha (morning and evening) and in Wickham (morning) to assist community organisations preparing applications.

## **STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no statutory implications.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Policy CS6 – Community Grants, Contributions and Sponsorships is relevant to this matter. This scheme makes provision to offer not for profit community, sporting, cultural, service groups, associations and individuals based within the Shire of Roebourne, financial assistance to foster high quality programs, community events, facilities and services that provide a return benefit to the Shire of Roebourne community.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A draft budget allocation of \$250,000 has been allocated to 2014/15 for this program. The 2014/15 financial recommendations suggested through the consultation process amounts to \$250,000.

## **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

This item is relevant to the Council's approved Strategic Community Plan 2012-2022 and Corporate Business Plan 2012-2016. In particular the Operational Plan 2013-2014 provided for this activity:

Our Program:	1.f.1.5	Identify potential sponsorship and grant funding opportunities
Our Services:	1.f.1.5.1	Provide responsive and effective Community Grant and Sponsorship Opportunities to assist with community Engagement projects, strategies, initiatives, events and activities.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no risk management considerations applicable.

## **IMPACT ON CAPACITY**

There is no impact on capacity or resourcing to carry out the Officer's recommendation as this has been factored into the Officer's action plan through the Corporate Business Plan.

## RELEVANT PRECEDENTS

The 2013/14 total amount approved for the Annual Community Grant Scheme was \$337,975 as per resolution 152517. Last financial year the Karratha Community Association allocated their \$100,000 via ACADS funding to the annual community grants scheme, hence a larger allocation last financial year.

## VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

## OPTIONS:

### Option 1

As per Officer's recommendation.

### Option 2

That Council by SIMPLE Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to MODIFY the amount and/or submissions received as per Council's determination:

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### Option 3

That Council by SIMPLE Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to DEFER the matter pending further information from Officer's on specific projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Council's continued commitment in recognising the importance of our community / sporting groups and organisations is valued by the community. The financial provisions made for various Community Grant Schemes enables Council to offer support to implement and develop new and existing projects and services to our community. Officers have recommended financial support for 14 organisations based on historical performance, program alignment with Council strategic plan and overall benefit to the community.

Officers have a notional draft budget for 2014/15 of \$250,000 for the Annual Community Grant Scheme to be included in Councils 2014/15 draft budget for consideration.

## OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council by SIMPLE Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to CONSIDER financial support for organisations detailed below as part of the Annual Community Grant Scheme program in the 2014/15 draft budget:

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