

<b>Policy number</b>	Policy 114
<b>Policy title</b>	Community Grants
<b>Strategic outcomes supported</b>	S3 – An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging S4 – A place where all people have an awareness and appreciation of arts, culture, education and heritage

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### POLICY OBJECTIVE:

~~To increase the~~ The community grants program will increase the -capacity of community groups, businesses, clubs and organisations within the Town of Victoria Park, to implement projects, activities and programs that enhance and promote community wellbeing, aligned to the Town's Strategic Community Plan.

### POLICY SCOPE:

~~This policy applies to the Town's community grants scheme.~~

1. The Town will administer funding programs to support the resilience of the community and eligible parties.
2. Funding programs are subject to annual budget approval process. The Town reserves the right to withhold the administration or availability of any of the following funding programs based upon the long term and annual financial position of the Town.
3. Any party wishing to apply for funding must have Public Liability Insurance of \$10million (with the exception of rebates)
4. The Town reserves the right to deny funding to any party should the proposed program or initiative or party conflict with the Town's Vision, Mission or Values, or bring the Town's brand or reputation into disrepute, or at its discretion.

### DEFINITIONS:

~~Nil. Definitions included in new policy~~

### POLICY STATEMENT:

1. The Community Grants program is comprised of a range of individual grant initiatives ranging from, but not limited to;
  - a. Creative arts;
  - b. Community safety;
  - c. Healthy communities;
  - d. Community grants; and
  - e. Town team grants.
  - e-f. Urban forest strategy grants

Aims:

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2. The aims of the Town's Community Grants Program are to:

- a. complement and achieve the Town of Victoria Park's strategic objectives;
- b. provide financial assistance to local not-for-profit community groups, clubs businesses and organisations to develop and implement projects, activities and programs that enhance the wellbeing of the community;
- c. strengthen local community capacity and cohesion through capitalising on the strengths and abilities of the community to effectively identify its own needs and to plan, develop and implement innovative solutions;
- d. facilitate fair, transparent and equitable distribution of community resources and programs through the Town; and
- e. increase participation and accessibility to a range of quality and innovative programs and activities for the residents of the Town.

Eligibility:

3. Applicants will be eligible for a grant where the party is;

- a. ~~a legally constituted entity such as, an incorporated association or an incorporated~~ not-for-profit organisations;
- b. community groups and clubs;
- ~~b.c.~~ artist
- d. ~~service groups and~~ residents associations;
- ~~e.e.~~ town team/ place-based group
- ~~d.f.~~ parents and citizen (P&C) and parents and Friends (P&F) associations;
- ~~e.g.~~ schools (only for projects falling outside the Department of Education responsibilities);
- f. ~~business groups;~~
- h. local residents applying for Safer Neighbourhood grants;
- ~~g.i.~~ an individual wishing to seek a grant through an auspice organisation; and
- ~~h.~~ the applicant has current Public Liability Insurance at the time of the project. This is a blanket statement in new policy

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Ineligibility:

4. Applicants will be ineligible for a grant where the;

- a. applicant has an outstanding debt to the Town
- b. applicant has failed to submit a satisfactory Town acquittal for a previous Town funding program grant
- c. application is submitted retrospectively i.e. after a project, activity and/or program has already taken place
- d. applicant is a Town employee or an Elected Member and their immediate family members. Added to blanket statement in new policy

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Approval process:

The Town will publically advertise annual funding of the Community Grants programs and will be responsible for the operational management of the funding program.

~~5. Council will provide annual Community Grants Programs each financial year; Removed as blanket statement add in Community Funding policy which applies to all funding programs.~~

~~6. A Funding rounds will be tailored to the specific community grants program, and detailed in Practice 114.1 Community grants which is to be made publically available, opened once per year, with the possibility of a second funding round dependent upon remaining funds in that financial year;~~

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~~7. Administration will be responsible for operationalising and administering the Community Grants Programs; Captured above and will be detailed in Practice 114.1~~

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~~8. The selection criteria for individual grant initiatives will be made publically available on the Town's website; captured above as the selection criteria will be in Practice 114.1~~

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~~9.5. The Town may choose to receive public recognition from by the grant recipient, through means as deemed appropriate by the Town; and~~

~~10.6. Applications which exceed the capped value of grants programs individual grant initiatives will be referred to Council for determination where deemed appropriate by Administration, and dependent upon available funding as endorsed in the annual budget.~~

~~11. The Town reserves the right to deny any grant application which conflicts with the Town's Vision, Mission or Values, or which would bring the Town's brand or reputation into disrepute, or at its discretion; Removed and added as a blanket statement in the Community Funding Policy.~~

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## RELATED DOCUMENTS:

Nil.

<b>Policy manager</b>	Manager – Community
<b>Responsible officers</b>	Community Development Coordinator
<b>Approval authority</b>	Council
<b>Next Evaluation Date</b>	

## REVISION HISTORY

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