

Community Grants Policy

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Responsible Department	Community Connections
Related Policies	Community Plan
Related Procedures	Concessional Use of Council Facilities
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1. Purpose

The purpose of the Community Grants is to support individuals through recognising individual achievements and supporting groups and organisations to provide activities, services and events to make Campbelltown an even greater place to live.

2. Power to Make the Policy

This Policy is made as provided for by Section 6(b) and (c) and Section 7 (b) (c) and (h) of the Local Government Act 1999.

3. Strategic Plan Link

This Policy has the following link to Council's Strategic Plan 2024:

- Enhancing our Assets (Goal 3)

4. Principles

Community grants are based on the principles of:

- **Social inclusion:** where everyone in the Community can participate, connect and contribute regardless of age, culture or ability.
- **Access and Equity:** where eligible individuals, community groups and organisations have equal opportunity to access, apply and be considered for the Community Grants Program.
- **Openness and Transparency:** where all eligible applications will be fairly assessed by an independent panel and communicated to the Community.

5. Definitions

The Community Grants Program incorporates:

Minor Community Grants up to \$700 including:

- **FINANCIAL:** Monetary assistance

- **IN-KIND:** Total cost of hiring a Council Bus (subject to volunteer driver availability)
- **IN-KIND:** Total cost of hiring Halls, Meeting Rooms, Oval, Park or Reserve use for one-off or time-limited projects

Major Community Grants up to \$2000 including:

- **FINANCIAL:** Monetary Assistance (up to \$2,000)
 - Community development projects
 - Equipment

Major Event Grants up to \$5000 including:

- **FINANCIAL:** Monetary Assistance (up to 50% of the total cost of the event)
- **IN-KIND:** Total cost of hiring a Council Bus (subject to volunteer driver availability)
- **IN-KIND:** Total cost of hiring Halls, Meeting Rooms, Oval, Park or Reserve use for one-off or time-limited projects

Community Arts Grants up to \$3,000 including:

- Local arts projects with Community involvement up to \$3,000
- Local artist Adelaide Fringe Festival or SALA registration fees up to \$200
- Council Venue hire subsidy for Fringe or SALA events

Personal Achievement in Sport and Recreation Grants up to \$300

Personal Achievement Grants up to \$300, including:

- Arts and cultural development
- Academic achievement

6. Policy

- 6.1** Council will allocate an annual contribution towards the Community Grants Program with approximately 50% of the Major Event Grant budget being allocated in each round.
- 6.2** Community grants will be made available for financial and in-kind support.
- 6.3** The Community Grants will be consistent with Council's Strategic Plan.
- 6.4** The Community Grants Program Guidelines booklet is the primary document in guiding individuals, groups and organisations in applying for grants.

- 6.5** Council will have eligibility criteria to support individuals, community groups and organisations to be able to access the grants in line with the community grant principles and objectives.
- 6.6** Council will consider applications under the Major Grant Category for significant anniversaries such as 50 year celebrations for sporting clubs, service clubs, churches, schools, local groups and organisations, where there is benefit to the broader Community.
- 6.7** Council will have an assessment panel to assess all Major, Minor, Event and Arts Project grant applications.

7. Delegations

The Chief Executive Officer (or nominee) has the Council's authority to approve minor grants and major grants without referral to the Council, where appropriate and within delegated financial limits, as well as a variation to the purpose of a grant that has previously been given to an organisation by the Council for a specific value and purpose.

8. Review & Evaluation

Within twelve months of each new Council term, Council will review this policy. Following this initial review, this policy will be reviewed at least biennially by Staff with minor administrative adjustments being approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

9. Availability of the Policy

Copies of this Policy will be available at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and at Council's website www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au.