

1.15 Community Funding Policy

Policy Owner	Executive Director Community Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Community Relations
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Objective

To provide an equitable, transparent framework for the allocation and distribution of Community Grants.

Scope

This Policy defines the rules in regard to the use of Community Funding budget allocation.

Policy Statements

The City of Albany (the City) aims to foster sustainable, vibrant, engaging and inclusive local communities that improve the quality of life and opportunities for all residents and visitors.

Community Funding supports this aspiration by stimulating community-driven initiatives and activities that enhance community engagement and participation, build community resilience and well-being, and develop civic pride and leadership.

The budget allocated for Community Funding will be consistent with the adopted Corporate Business Plan.

Budget allocation for Community Funding is not to be used for:

- Other City financial assistance programs such as rate rebates, peppercorn rent, subsidised rental in-kind support, or in-kind support or funding provided by City Business Units.
- City of Albany Regional Event Sponsorship or Community Leadership Grants.
- Events supported by the City that have been allocated a budget line item.

Community Funding Guidelines outlining the process and requirements for application and acquittal will be reviewed annually.

Legislative and Strategic Context

Community Funding directly relates to the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2032 themes of:

- **Pillar: People** – a welcoming, healthy, and inclusive community, with pride in our rich history and heritage.
- **Pillar: Place** – a responsibly planned city that is attractive, vibrant, and well-connected.
- **Pillar: Prosperity** – a thriving city with an abundance of opportunities.

Review Position and Date

This policy and procedure is to be reviewed by the Policy Owner every two years.

Associated Documents

Documents that have a bearing on this policy and that may be useful reference material for users of this policy, follow:

- Annual Budget
- Delegations & Authorisations Register
- Community Funding Guidelines and Application Forms
- Community Funding Acquittal Form