

## 5. Community

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## 5.1 C-5CG01 – Community Grants

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### **PART A - Policy**

#### **Objective**

To establish an equitable and transparent process for the determination of the provision of funds to community based organisations and individuals, to support the promotion and development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural benefits for the residents of the Shire of Dandaragan (Shire).

#### **Policy Statement**

The Council and Shire acknowledges the valuable and positive contribution made by community organisations and individuals in the provision of services and facilities to enhance the quality of life within the district for the benefit of the residents and visitors to the Shire.

To support these organisations and individuals, the Council will allocate 0.5% of the gross yield of budgeted rates income, to fund recurring and annual community grants in order to assist with;

- programs, activities and initiatives delivered by community groups;
- support community development initiatives;
- increase the range of events, activities and services in the Shire;
- encourage the development of excellence and leadership in recreational, sporting, economic, tourism and cultural pursuits; and
- encourage the promotion of the Shire's positive attributes.

A mix of recurring and annual grants will be provided, with recurring grants provided for the following purposes:-

- Local Community Newspaper publications;
- Schools - Student awards;
- Australia Day;
- Arts and Culture;
- Mid-West Group of Affiliated Agricultural Societies Inc; and
- Jurien Beach Mission and Cervantes Family Festival

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### **PART B – Management Procedures**

#### **Definitions**

Nil.

#### **Detail**

##### **1. Recurring Grants**

###### 1.1 Local Community Newspaper publications

Each year the Shire will incorporate within the budget a grant to be provided in September of each year to the community newspapers. The grant of \$250 each is to cover the cost of community service announcements by the Shire in the various local publications.

Advertising by the Shire is to be invoiced separately.

###### 1.2 Schools - Student awards

Each year the Shire will contribute:

- \$100 to the Jurien Bay District High School;
- \$100 to the Central Midlands Senior High School; and
- \$50 each to the Dandaragan Primary School, Badgingarra Primary School, Jurien Bay Primary School and Cervantes Primary School, award nights.

###### 1.3 Australia Day

Each year the Shire will grant:

- \$1,000 to the Jurien Bay Progress and Tourism Association;
- \$1,000 to the Cervantes Ratepayers & Progress Association;
- \$750 to the Badgingarra Community Association; and
- \$750 to Advance Dandaragan for Australia Day festivities.

These grants are to assist organisations with conducting an Australia Day event and are not intended to meet the total cost of the event

###### 1.4 Arts and Culture

Each Cervantes Art Festival, the Shire of Dandaragan will contribute \$1,500 to the Cervantes Cultural Committee to purchase art, as the Shire of Dandaragan Art Prize.

The chosen piece will be determined by the Shire President or delegate, who will seek guidance from the judges. The artwork will be acquired by the Shire as part of its art collection.

In addition to the Art Prize, the Shire will donate \$2,000 towards the cost of delivering the Art Show. These funds will be spent at the discretion of the Cervantes Cultural Committee.

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### 1.5 Mid West Group of Affiliated Agricultural Societies Inc

Each year the Shire will contribute to the Mid-West Group of Affiliated Agricultural Societies Inc \$200, to showcase the Shire's products and attractions.

### 1.6 Jurien Beach Mission and Cervantes Family Festival

Each year the Shire of Dandaragan will contribute \$1,500 to each of the Jurien Bay Beach Mission and the Cervantes Family Festival to continue their summer holiday program.

## 2. Annual Grants

Annual grants will be determined in accordance with the following process:

- 2.1 In April of each year, advertisements will be placed in each of the four local community newspapers inviting written applications for grants.
- 2.2 Applications will be assessed against the following criteria with recommendations to Council no later than June of each year:

Extent to which project / activity benefits Shire community	50%
Level of volunteer participation and wider community participation	15%
Extent to which applicant is funding the project / activity	15%
Extent to which project / activity involves other community organisations	20%

- 2.3 Funding will be deemed ineligible for the following
  - (a) applications that are eligible for the Shire of Dandaragan / Tronox Management Fund or CSRFF;
  - (b) political organisations or events;
  - (c) commercial enterprises;
  - (d) any activity or project already underway or completed;
  - (e) events or activities that are the responsibility of another level of government;
  - (f) for the openings or celebration of new community groups or premises;
  - (g) for applicants seeking to host an event for the specific purpose of raising funds for re-distribution to other non-profit community groups/clubs or charitable causes;
- 2.4 Requests for grants outside this policy are to be declined.
- 2.5 An applicant will not be excluded from applying for future grant rounds if a project remains incomplete at 30 June providing they can provide substantive evidence the funded project is substantially complete or will be completed shortly after the financial year end.
- 2.6 The maximum annual grant payable under this policy will be \$2,000.
- 2.7 Writing, assistance with writing, or preparation of, planning or strategic documents is eligible for funding under this Policy.