

Community Investment Policy

Summary of Proposed Changes

Consolidation of the policy and corporate standard into a single document (policy).

Removal of content more suitable for inclusion in the Community Investment Program Funding Guideline. The existing funding guidelines have been combined into a single document.

Removal of content procedural in nature. A new Community Investment Program Business Manual is currently being drafted.

Introduction of Expression of Interest for Impact, Destination, and Signature Events under the Community Celebration Fund.

Change of name for the Waste Fund (previously Charity Waste Fund) and the introduction of an additional category for the collection of non-commercial litter clean up. The criteria for the Charity Waste Waiver also now includes a requirement for an exemption code from the Department of Environmental Science.

Amendments to funding application limits:

- Community Donations – increase in funding amount from \$500 to \$1500;
- Elevator Fund – maximum of \$30,000.

Inclusion of funding application limits where not currently provided. Funding limits that apply to each round will also be published on Council's website annually.

Inclusion that where the value of applications exceeds the budget allocation for a category, funding will be provided based on the assessment score (highest to lowest).

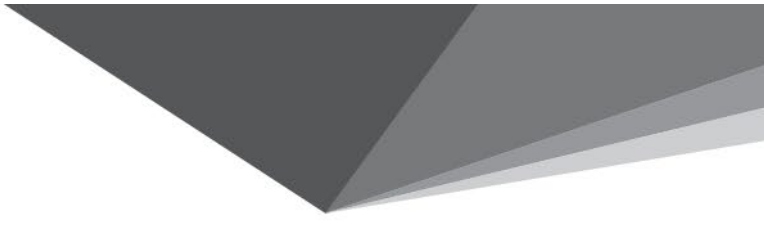
Greater clarity provided around the assessment of applications including:

- all panels must be comprised of at least one (1) Manager or Specialist position;
- the panel will assess all applications received for a funding category for a round;
- the panel will individually review and assess each application independent of the other applications;
- all panel members must to have a conflict of interest for any application/s received in a funding category for a round.

Greater clarity has also been provided for the moderation of panel assessments.

Reduction from four (4) weeks to two (2) weeks for the publishing of the opening and closing dates (where applicable) for a round prior to the opening date. The proposed change will allow the business to remain agile whilst also providing the community with advanced notice of the opening of rounds.

Partial Funding (section 6.11.1) ratings updated for correctness. 0% funding provided for ratings 54% or below (current documents reflect 55%). Applications rated 55-64% receive up to 75% funding (no change).



Amendment to the Educational Institution definition to provide greater clarity and alignment with the excluded organisations outlined in Attachment 1. The definition now includes:

- childcare centre, early learning centre, kindergarten;
- any group or association created for the purpose of achieving the educational institution's objectives (i.e. Parents and Citizens/Friends Association).

Review Scheduled amended to be annually to align with the annual budget adoption.

Further general wording amendments and the reordering of sections to improve readability and clarity of intent.