

Council Policy – Authority to Apply for Grants

Responsible Directorate	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Business Unit/s	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Affected Business Unit/s	All

Objective

To provide guidelines for the application and acceptance of grants and subsidies.

Scope

Applies to all instances where the Shire of Ashburton is offered or is seeking grants or subsidies.

Policy Statement

Council encourages the application for funds that will have benefit to the community.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has authority to make submissions for grants/subsidies subject to their purpose falling within the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

The CEO can accept grants/subsidies, except in the following cases, which require specific Council authorisation:

- Grants/subsidies that require an unbudgeted co-payment of funds resulting in additional net expenditure not authorised as part of the Annual Budget process.
- Grants/subsidies where the amount varies significantly from that which has been identified and authorised as part of the Annual Budget process.

Definitions

Varies significantly means where the variation is more than 10% of the budgeted amount.

Relevant policies/documents

Nil

Relevant legislation/local laws

Local Government Act 1995

Section 6.8 Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget

Section 6.15(1)(b)(ii) Local government's ability to receive revenue and income

Office use only

Relevant delegations	Nil			
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