

This Policy replaces all previous policies related to this topic.

1. Objectives

Encourage independence and self reliance within the community.

2. Principle

Council recognises the value of charitable organisations within our community to assist in the development of appropriate services suited to the community's needs. Council is committed to a positive approach as a corporate citizen and will provide aid to those organisations as is possible within budgetary constraints.

3. Issues

A range of organisations and individuals seek financial assistance from Council annually. Council is not in a position to provide substantial assistance to all requests. Requests are received from organisations which may not be registered charities and from organisations about whom little is known. Requests are received from organisations which may provide limited assistance or be of little relevance to the Cottesloe community.

4. Policy

- a. All applications to be in the form as set out in the attached Schedule.
- b. All applications will be assessed by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the criteria set out below.
- c. The Chief Executive Officer may refer applications that meet the criteria set out below to Council.
- d. Donations will be made by Council at its absolute discretion and Council may be guided by the following criteria.

5. Assessment Criteria

Donation requests will not be considered where:

- a. The applicant is a private and for profit organisation or association.
- b. The applicant is an individual person.
- c. The application is in relation to general fundraising.
- d. The application is for funding for conferences and conventions.

Priority will be given where:

- a. The applicant is a registered not for profit organisation and has a base or visible presence in Cottesloe or with in the Western Suburbs;
- b. The applicant is a community group based in Cottesloe or has a visible presence within Cottesloe or has significant impact on residents of Cottesloe.
- c. The applicant can demonstrate that the funds will provide some benefit to Cottesloe residents.
- d. The funds are required for a new initiative or significant once off project.
- e. The applicant has not received a donation from Council within the previous two years.
- f. If the donation is for an event entry to the event is free of charge to Cottesloe residents to attend and participate.
- g. The application is made in the financial year prior to the funds being required in time for inclusion in the coming year's budget deliberations.

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