

Community Benefit Fund Policy

Policy Details

Directorate:	Community and Lifestyle
Branch:	Office of the Director
Responsible Manager:	Office of the Director
Date adopted:	19/02/2020 (minute number 9/2020) Amended 27/7/2022 (minute number 69/2022)
Date for review:	2 years from the date of adoption or date of last review
Legislative basis:	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i> <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>
Related Documents - forms and procedures	Community Benefit Fund Policy Procedure (DM: 13150359) Grants to Community Organisations Policy (DM: 13376739) Funding Request Form (DM: 12989277)

1. Policy Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the allocation of the Community Benefit Fund in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

The Community Benefit Fund (CBF) is a fund established to allow Council to meet requests for financial assistance from eligible community organisations for community purposes. Councillors are able to allocate the funds at their discretion to eligible applicants.

This policy is part of Council's Community Benefit Fund framework and should be read in conjunction with the Community Benefit Fund Procedure.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all councillors, employees and contractors working for Council regardless of whether they are permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual. For the purposes of this policy, the term contractor includes on-hired temporary labour services (agency staff) and sub-contractors.

3. Policy Statement

Logan City Council aims to support the role of community organisations and recognises the significant role they play in developing and delivering initiatives that encourage participation in community life, foster social cohesion, celebrate diversity and contribute to a vibrant, healthy and engaged local community. The Community Benefit Fund supports community organisations to deliver initiatives that address local community needs.

Council is committed to an equitable, open and transparent process for community organisations to request assistance. The Community Benefit Fund framework acts as a tool to ensure decision making is equitable, open and transparent and in the best interests of the Logan community.

Funds allocated under this policy must meet:

- the eligibility criteria set out in the Grants to Community Organisations Policy (DM: 13376739) and
- the eligibility criteria and acquittal requirements set out in the Community Benefit Fund Policy Procedure (DM: 13150359).

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this Policy and to the Community Benefit Fund Procedure:

TERM	DEFINITION
Community organisation	As defined in Schedule 8 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> , community organisation means: (a) an entity that carries on activities for a public purpose; or (b) another entity whose primary object is not directed at making a profit.
Community purpose	For the purpose of CBF, 'community purpose' is defined as activities that: (a) encourage a vibrant, engaged and resilient community (b) build on the strengths in the local community (c) value local collaboration and partnerships (d) encourage participation in community life and foster social cohesion (e) promote and encourage environmental protection and sustainability (f) support our city vision of 'City of Logan, a green city full of pride, opportunity and culture' (g) support Council's Corporate Plan priorities.

Councillor	All elected representatives including the Mayor
Discretionary funds	As defined in section 109 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> : Discretionary funds are funds in the local government's operating fund that are: (a) budgeted for community purposes; and (b) allocated by a councillor at the councillor's discretion.
Employee	Any person employed directly by Logan City Council regardless of their employment status, and contractors undertaking duties on behalf of Council.

Document Control

File:	128723-2	Document Id:	13145389
--------------	----------	---------------------	----------

Amendment History

Version Number	Description of Change	Author / Branch	Date
1.0	Original version	Corporate Governance	19 February 2020
2.0	Review 2022	Corporate Governance	27 July 2022