Policy C7 – Community Sponsorship Fund

1. Policy Intent

To provide a clear, consistent framework for financial assistance to eligible Shire of Murray (Shire) residents selected to participate in sporting, recreational or academic events or competitions at state, national or international level.

2. Policy Statement

The Shire recognises and supports residents selected to participate in sporting, recreational or academic events or competitions at a state, national or international level.

Through the Community Sponsorship Fund, the Shire may provide a financial contribution to eligible residents, subject to the availability of funding and the requirements of this Policy.

2.1 Eligibility

To be eligible for funding under the Community Sponsorship Fund, applicants must:

- be a current resident of the Shire of Murray;
- have been selected to participate in a state, national or international sporting, recreational or academic event or competition;
- provide written confirmation of their selection from a governing body, educational institution or other authorised organisation associated with the event or competition;
- be participating in an event or competition held beyond a 200-kilometre radius from the Shire Administration Office;
- submit a complete application at least 14 days before the event and within an advertised funding round;
- not have received funding through the Community Sponsorship Fund during the same financial year; and
- if under 18 years of age, have their application submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

Retrospective, late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

2.2 Funding Amount and Payment

Each approved eligible application will receive $200, subject to the availability of funding.

Applications will be invited twice per year, with the total funding pool determined in the annual Shire budget.

Eligible applications will be considered in the order they are received until the funding available for the round has been expended.

Funding will be paid after the event has taken place and the recipient has completed the required acquittal.

If the acquittal is not submitted within 60 days of the event, the funding approval will lapse unless otherwise approved by the Shire.

Where payment after the event would create a financial barrier to participation, funding may be

released before the event date where the applicant or parent/guardian holds a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

2.3 Acknowledgement and Acquittal

Recipients must complete a simple acquittal within 60 days after the event using the form provided by the Shire.

The acquittal must include a short outcome statement. Recipients may also provide:

- a photograph, where appropriate; and
- an Image Release Agreement.

Providing a photograph or Image Release Agreement is optional.

Recipients are encouraged to acknowledge Shire's support in media releases, social media posts and promotional material, where appropriate.

Legislation

Nil

Related Documents

- Community Sponsorship Fund Application Form
- Community Sponsorship Fund Acquittal Form
- Image Release Agreement

Policy Detail		
Responsible Directorate	Community and Economic Development	
Responsible Department	Community and Library Services	
Responsible Officer	Manager Community and Library Services	
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