Policy C14 – Community Association Funding Allocation (CAFA)

1. Policy Intention

To financially support Associations to allow them to access funding to deliver events, projects, programs or activities within their locality that will result in vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities.

2. Policy

As part of the budget process, the Shire of Murray (Shire) will support Community Associations through the allocation of annual funding for the purposes of projects and regular events based on the priorities of the community.

One funding allocation per locality per financial year may be approved.

In the event there is no Community Association or Residents and Ratepayers Association in a locality, another relevant not for profit group acting int the interests of the whole community may be allocated funding at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

The key objective of the funding is to:

"Deliver events, projects, programs or activities that benefit the Murray Community and address a well evidenced need, effectively contributing to building vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities".

2.1 Process

(a) Each Association or Group is required to inform the Shire of the projects that it proposes to support or deliver and identify the associated community benefits, prior to receiving the funds and undertaking the activity, program or event.

(b) Each Association or Group is required to provide a minimum of 25% toward the total project or event cost overall (this can be via securing other grants or its own contribution).

(c) Acquittal documentation is required following each event, including evidence of acknowledgement, community benefit and financial statement for the project.

2.2 Access to Grant Funds

The Associations or Groups remain eligible to apply for new initiatives through the Community Assistance Partnership Fund.

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