Policy C8 – Alcoa Community Partnership Grants

1. Policy Intention

To financially support community organisations in building engaged, vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities in partnership with Alcoa Australia.

2. Policy

To support community groups to:

- Build and strengthen their organisational capacity and sustainability; or
- Deliver events, projects, programs or facilities that benefit the Murray Community or address a well evidenced need, and effectively contribute to building engaged, vibrant, inclusive and healthy communities.

2.1 Applications

Applications will be invited twice per year, with the total funding pool determined in the annual Shire budget. Applicants are eligibleto apply for a maximum grant allocation of $3,000 in any given financial year. Grant applications are subject to a competitive process and the availability of budget allocations.

Funding for any grant application (entirely or in part) is not assured or guaranteed prior to a formal notification of outcome being provided to the applicant by the Shire.

2.2 Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- submit an application on the official application form, by the closing date;
- be an incorporated not-for-profit organisation relevant to the Shire of Murray;
- hold current public liability insurance;
- not have outstanding acquittals with the Shire or Alcoa Australia; and
- agree to comply with Local, State and Commonwealth laws applicable to the approved project or event.

Funding shall not be considered:

- where the requested amount is over $3,000;
- where applications are received after the closing date or are incomplete;
- for projects that have already commenced;
- where projects are considered to be a private, commercial or individual responsibility;
- for recurrent maintenance, operating costs or bonds; or
- for events or activities held outside the Shire of Murray or do not directly benefit the Murray community.

Corporate and commercial entities, political parties or groups, State and Federal Government organisations and schools are ineligible to apply.

School P&C's are eligible to apply where the project has a clear, demonstrated broad community benefit.

Religious groups / organisations may be funded for community based activities / programs only. Funding towards religious specific activities will not be considered.

2.3 Focus Areas

Applications should meet at least one of the following priority focus areas:

- building the capacity and sustainability of community organisations;
- encouraging community engagement and participation in community life or activation of places and facilities;
- encouraging social inclusion;
- protection of our environment;
- supporting the development of and participation in arts and culture;
- supporting a safe and healthy community;
- promoting increased physical activity;
- increasing support or services to priority target groups including families, children, youth, seniors, indigenous, culturally diverse backgrounds, people with disability and people of low socio economic background; and/or
- supporting or promoting youth leadership including the enhancement of the wellbeing of young people.

2.4 Priorities

For applications that meet the focus areas and have strong community benefit, priority will be given to:

- Events, projects and initiatives that are new and address a well evidenced need or gap within the Shire, which may include, but not be limited to the promotion or celebration of multiculturalism, the arts, health & wellbeing and/or the environment.
- Events, projects and initiatives that demonstrate sustainability in the future.

2.5 Approval Process

Grants will be assessed against the focus and priority areas as identified within this policy by appropriate representatives from Shire of Murray and Alcoa to form recommendations. Recommendations will be determined by Councillors appointed to the Community Assistance Partnership Fund panel.

Sundry Donations

Requests for funding of $100 and under may be authorised by the Chief Executive Officer and will be presented to Council for information with the next round of funding applications. These requests will be required to meet the same requirements under this Policy.

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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