**Application of Grant Funding**

**Status** Council

**Responsible Division** Office of the Chief Executive Officer

**Objective** To establish guidelines for Council to agree to projects or programs in advance which are subject to planned annual funding rounds, and to allow the Chief Executive Officer to apply for and accept unplanned grant funding amounts up to $200,000.

**Context**

There are occasions when grant opportunities arise which are beneficial to the City, that don’t fit within City budget development and approval cycles. This policy sets the parameters for application and acceptance of these grants.

**Statement**

1. General

The Chief Executive Officer may apply for and approve the acceptance of all grants that fit with the strategic priorities, in the following circumstances.

a. Where the amount of any one grant does not exceed $100,000 provided it complies with 1b, 1c or 3a of this policy.

b. If an opportunity exists to enhance a project that has been funded in an adopted budget.

c. If a project to be funded has been identified in the Strategic Community

Plan or Corporate Business Plan.

If a grant application is successful and there is no existing budget for either the income or proposed expenditure Council will need to approve the budget amendment which it may do so after considering a report on the proposal either separately or if appropriate as part of a general budget review.

2. Road Infrastructure Grants

Each year, as part of the annual review of the forward works program, Council will be advised of the next relevant financial year’s projects which may qualify for external grant funding under the next relevant Black Spot Projects, Metropolitan Regional Road Group, Roads to Recovery Department of Transport Western Australia Bicycle Network Grants and Grants Commission” grant programs.

Unless there are any amendments made to these projects as part of the adopted budget, these will be the projects that Council seeks grant funding for.

3. Service Agreement Grants

(This excludes Commonwealth Home Support Programme funding arrangements).

a. The City may enter into specific service agreements with other Government Agencies for both re-current and non -recurrent funding.

b. In circumstances where the grant exceeds $100,000 Council is required to formally resolve to enter into such agreements before funding is accepted.

4. Approval of Grant Applications Authorised by Council

Where grants have been approved by Council in accordance with items 2 or 3 the CEO is authorised to approve the submissions and if successful approve the acceptance of the grants.

**Related documentation**

Nil.

**Related local law and legislation**

Local Government Act 1995, section 6.8. Expenditure from municipal fund not included in annual budget.

**Related delegation**

Nil.

**Review History**

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