

# COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM POLICY

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<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Manager Community Wellbeing
<b>Statutory Reference:</b>	Nil

## OVERVIEW

To establish policy for the management of the Community Assistance Grants Scheme inclusive of the Quick Response Grant Scheme.

## THE POLICY

The aim of Council's Assistance Grants Scheme and Quick Response Grant Scheme is to encourage the development of community initiatives in line with our Community Vision, Wellington 2030 and the Council Plan. It aims to build on community capacity, encourage participation in cultural development and support community initiatives that promote partnerships and working together to maintain our community assets.

Key concepts within the Wellington 2030 Vision that underpin the Community Assistance Grants Scheme are available in the Council Plan 2017-2021 under theme 1, Communities

The following strategic objectives and related strategies are noted in theme 1:

### Strategic Objective 1.1

Maintain friendly, safe communities providing opportunities for residents to lead healthy and active lifestyles.

#### Strategy 1.1.1

Continue to deliver services and programs that encourage and foster community wellness and the prevention of disease.

#### Strategy 1.2.1

Ensure that Council services, facilities and events promote inclusivity, social connectedness and accessibility.

### Strategic Objective 1.2

Celebrate, recognise and acknowledge our diverse community and improve social connections among youth, aboriginal and aged communities.

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Ensure that Council services, facilities and events promote inclusivity, social connectedness and accessibility.

### Strategic Objective 1.4

Enhance resilience in our towns and our communities.

### Strategy 1.4.3

Encourage local volunteering, and empower local community plans and events.

## HUMAN RIGHTS

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding the Human Rights principles as outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)* and referred to in Council's Human Rights Policy. The Human Rights Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold human rights principles.

Any program guidelines and assessment criteria developed for the purpose of implementing this policy shall incorporate reference to and consideration of Council's Human Rights Policy and Human Rights Charter Checklist.

### Related Documents

Type:	Details:
Procedure	Community Assistance Grants Scheme Funding Guidelines and Assessment Criteria Quick Response Grants Scheme Funding Guidelines and Assessment Criteria
Strategy	Nil