



MAPOON ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL Community Grants Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 116/2020 VERSION V4

This is an official copy of the **Community Grants Policy** of **Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council**, made in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations, Public Records Act, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council's Local Laws, Subordinate Local Laws and current Council Policies.

The Community Grants Policy is a Statutory Policy.

Statutory policies are prepared in response to legislative requirements and mandate employee behaviour. This Policy is approved by the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council for the guidance of Council and Council staff.

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1. Introduction/Policy Statement:

The Community Grants Policy provides a fair, equitable and transparent framework to enable Council to support individuals and not-for-profit organisations operating in the Mapoon community. The grants are to support and encourage the development of a more creative, innovative and self-reliant Mapoon community.

2. Policy scope:

All grants made by the Council must comply with the requirements of this policy. The process for evaluating grant applications is contained in the Community Grants Procedure document. Grants are to be approved by the Council at an ordinary or special meeting. Grant applications may be made at any time to the Council for consideration. The Council may also choose to call for applications to be determined and allocated through a competitive process.

3. Definitions:

Grant

Contribution of cash to an individual or organisation that meets the criteria stated in this policy.

Community Organisation

An entity that carries on activities for a public benefit and purpose, and whose primary objective is not directed at making a profit.

Cultural Activity

Includes all forms of artistic expression including dance, painting, sculpture, music and story-telling, both oral and written.

Science and Technology Activity

Short courses, summer schools or the like for students in the fields of science and technology.

4. Policy statement:

Grants, either in-kind or in cash may be made to individuals, teams or groups which fit the criteria contained within the following categories:



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Young People in Sport, Culture, Science and Technology Grants

The Young People in Sport, Culture, Science and Technology Grants aims to assist young athletes artists, and young people studying science and technology living in, or having strong links to the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council area by providing financial assistance towards the cost of state or national level Cultural and Science and Technology Activities or to attend state, national or international Sporting Competitions. Grants are based on the location of the competition and are allocated as follows:

- Attending within Queensland - \$300 per individual, or a maximum of \$3,000 for multiple individuals attending a single event.
- Attending Interstate or internationally - \$500 grant per individual or a maximum of \$5,000 for multiple individuals attending a single event.

A maximum of \$500 per individual per financial year is available. This funding is NOT available for athletes competing at school-based sporting events or competitions.

Eligible Applicants must:

- Be strongly connected to the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire; and
- Be 18 years of age or under at the time of the activity or event; and
- Be invited to attend a state, national or international sporting competition, cultural activity or science and technology activity.

Eligible Applicants must not have outstanding Council grants that have not been acquitted satisfactorily at the time of application. Assistance will be of a purely financial nature and be provided as a cash contribution. The minimum amount per application is \$100 the maximum amount per application is \$500.

Team Sports & Recreation Grants

The Team Sports and Recreation stream aims to provide financial assistance to sport and active recreation organisations to pursue opportunities to increase participation and to provide opportunities to increase a club's capacity to provide facilities to members and therefore increase its viability.

Eligible Applicants must:

- Be based within the boundaries of Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council; and
- Be a not-for-profit organisation; and
- Be an active sport and/or recreation club, organisation or association.

Eligible Applicants must not:

- Have outstanding Council grants that have not been acquitted satisfactorily;
- Have overdue outstanding payments to Council for rents, fees, etc;
- Be a commercial organisation; or



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- Be a political group or organisation.

Grant assistance will be of a purely financial nature and be provided as a cash contribution. The minimum amount per application is \$500 and the maximum amount per application is \$6,000. A maximum amount of \$6,000 may be provided within a term of Council.

Major Events Grants

Major Events Grants are provided to individuals and not-for-profit organisations to assist in running sports carnivals and arts and cultural events within the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council area. Eligible Applicants must:

- Conduct the event within the boundaries of Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council; and
- Be a not-for-profit organisation; or
- Be an Individual; or
- Be a Charitable Organisation registered or sanctioned under the Collections Act 1986.

Eligible Applicants must not:

- Be a political group or organisation;
- Be a commercial organisation;
- Be a School, University or TAFE college;
- Have outstanding Council grants that have not been acquitted satisfactorily.; or
- Have overdue outstanding payments to Council for rents, fees, etc.

Assistance will be of a purely financial nature and be provided as a cash contribution. The minimum amount per application is \$500 the maximum amount per application is \$6,000. Grants of this type will be awarded no more frequently than once per year to an individual or organisation.

5. Inclusions and exclusions

For the purposes of this policy, the following inclusions and exclusions apply:

- The policy applies to all grants to community organisations and individuals within the Mapoon community.
- The policy should be read in conjunction with the Community Grants Procedure which provides the mechanism for evaluating grant applications.
- Grant applications will need to meet the minimum requirements for consideration and Council may choose not to award a grant based on the results of the evaluation or because of funding not being available.



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6. Relevant Legislation

- Local Government Regulation 2012

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A local government must prepare and adopt a policy about local government grants to community organisations (a *community grants policy*), which includes the criteria for a community organisation to be eligible for a grant from the local government.

7. Variations

MASC reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this policy from time to time.

8. Related Policies and Procedures

- Community Grants Procedure.

9. Policy Version and Revision Information

Policy authorised and adopted by:

Naseem Begam Chetty: Chief Executive Officer and The Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council.

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Policy Maintained by: Executive manager Finance

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10. Workplace Participant Acknowledgement

I acknowledge:

- (a) Receiving this MASC Policy;
- (b) That I should comply with this policy; and
- (c) That there may be disciplinary consequences if I fail to comply, including termination of employment.

Your name:

Signed:

Date:
