

Programme Funding Area 1.3 Community Wellbeing - Special Grants

Purpose

This policy provides a framework for assessing special applications against the Community Wellbeing Funding area. It provides a priority list for funding to be communicated to the sectors and then to assess applications against.

Policy Statement

The TSB Community Trust's Strategic Plan was adopted in April 2009. Below are the excerpts from the Strategic Plan that relate to this policy.

Strategic Goal One

Funding:

To help make our communities better places to live, the Trust will seek to balance support between social, economic, recreational, cultural and environmental requirements.

Strategic Overview:

The Trust will collaborate and be innovative in supporting community initiatives.

Strategic Objectives:

1. PROGRAMME FUNDING AREAS

1.3 COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Strategic Statement:

To support projects and organisations that actively reduce the negative impact of social problems on our communities

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy the above terms are defined as follows:

“Actively reduce the negative impact” – effectively working towards improving community wellbeing

“Social problems” includes regional community identified social issues and challenges; e.g. poor housing, crime, violence, poverty, unemployment etc

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Policy Guidelines

In all cases:

- The application must meet the TSB Community Trust's 'General Grant Criteria'
- The level of funding listed below is a maximum amount
- Grant amounts will be based on assessment factors including but not limited to; population, access to other funding, ability to fundraise, community access, community contribution, and socio-economic factors
- Projects must have targeted outcomes that can be measured and monitored to determine success, including engagement with the community
- The Trust in its absolute discretion may accord funds outside these Criteria
- To be considered all applications must be accompanied by all relevant information requested in the application form 'Checklist of Required Documentation'
- Building projects must comply with relevant government legislation, district and regional plans and have any required consents– all applications will need to provide evidence of this
- Projects which involve positive collaboration via shared learning and resources are welcomed
- ALL APPLICATIONS MUST DEMONSTRATE HOW THE ACTIVITY BEING APPLIED FOR WILL; *SUPPORT PROJECTS AND ORGANISATIONS THAT ACTIVELY REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS ON OUR COMMUNITIES*"

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Who Can Apply?

The following organisations/ individuals which meet the Trust's General Grant Criteria and which have community wellbeing as their main aim:

- **Regional Organisations** – structured, established non-profit organisations focused on enhancing regional community wellbeing in our region
- **Community Organisations** –structured, established community non-profit groups focused on enhancing local community wellbeing in our region

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

What types of projects and programmes are eligible?

Please note: Levels of funding for all eligible applications will be decided by the Trust dependant on evidence of community need and impact, population, socio-economic factors and other assessment considerations as per the General Grant Criteria.

*Figures below are intended as guidelines for **maximum amounts only***

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Funding will generally only be granted to organisations towards the provision of activities and programmes – not for on-granting directly to individuals

Funding level decisions are at the full discretion of the TSB Community Trust.

Applications will be considered for funding towards:

FACILITIES

Support towards the purchase and construction of new community wellbeing focused facilities/ buildings and upgrades to existing buildings/ amenities (not funded by other sources).

Up to \$50,000 per community organisation

Up to \$150,000 per community organisation for regional organisations for regional facilities

EQUIPMENT AND RESOURCES

Support towards the purchase and replacement of equipment– e.g. youth centre equipment

Up to \$50,000 per community organisation

Over \$50,000 per regional organisation

ORGANISATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Support towards strengthening infrastructure of community wellbeing organisations– e.g. information and communication technology projects, administration systems

Up to \$50,000 per community organisation

Over \$50,000 per regional organisation for regional projects

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Support for training and skills development programmes and projects to increase organisational capability

Up to \$10,000 per community organisation

Up to \$30,000 per regional organisation

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PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Support towards community programmes and activities– e.g. youth recreational programmes

Up to \$20,000 per community organisation

Up to \$50,000 per regional organisation

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Support towards research and / or evaluation projects focusing on community wellbeing issues not fully funded by other sources

Includes regional and community focused projects where there is strong indication of a research need and significant potential benefit for our regional population.

Up to \$30,000 per regional or community organisation

COMBINED PROJECTS

Organisations may apply for combined projects within one application as follows:

Up to \$50,000 per community organisation for local community projects

Up to \$150,000 per regional organisation for regional projects