

 <p>Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire</p>	<p>PC102 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY</p> <p>Relevant Council Delegation: Nil</p>
<p>Key Sustainability Result Area: People and Community</p>	<p>Responsibility: Strategic Community Planning</p>

Rationale

1. This policy provides a framework for the Council to equitably distribute funding to community organisations and individuals to encourage community and personal development, and foster community services and projects. It establishes priorities for allocating available funds and guidelines for considering applications.

Policy

1. Council supports community development through this policy by providing one funding program:
2. **Community Funding**
 - 2.1 The Shire and the Byford & Districts Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank have formed a Community Funding Partnership Agreement.
 - 2.2 The nominal provision for this program is \$20,000 per annum to be maintained and matched by the Bank with \$20,000. However Council will determine the actual budget provision in the annual budget process.
 - 2.3 The Shire maintains funds for distribution to community groups and individuals through the Community Funding Program. Groups and individuals requesting funding must apply to the Shire in accordance with its Community Funding Program guidelines.
 - 2.4 All applications are to be assessed by both the Byford & Districts Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank Board and the Community Funding Program Working Group which is to make recommendations to Council as to how the total Community Funding Program budget allocation be divided between the selected groups. The Byford & Districts Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank Board will peruse the applicants after recommendations are made to the Working Group
 - 2.5 Four Council representatives being one from each ward will be nominated each year to sit on the Community Funding Program Working Group.

Other Relevant Policies and Documents

Nil

Work Procedures

Policy Adoption and Amendment History

Reviewed/Modified	Minutes Reference	Date	Meeting Type
Adopted	A106	23.11.98	
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Reviewed			