

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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Policy Statement

The Town of Mosman Park recognises the valuable contribution that individuals and not-for-profit organisations play in maintaining an active, vibrant and diverse community.

Partnership funding is made available to improve the capacity and long term viability of those groups and to facilitate the development of new initiatives that will provide long term benefit to the Mosman Park Community.

Objective

To engender a co-ordinated and consistent approach to the assessment of requests for financial support received from applicants to ensure that support is allocated in a way that is equitable, accountable and provides long term community benefit.

Policy Details

This policy sets out the eligibility and assessment criteria under which individuals and not-for-profit organisations may apply for funding and provides clear guidelines for the equitable assessment of those requests through the Community Partnership Program.

Policy Guidance

Scope

This policy applies to applications for financial support which meet the following criteria –

- A completed Community Partnership Program Application Form is submitted prior to the closing date.
- The Applicant is an individual or not-for-profit organisation that is based in Mosman Park and/or provides a direct service to residents of the Town of Mosman Park.

Funding will not be made available to:

- Fundraising activities;
- Retrospective projects;
- Applications from individuals for sums greater than \$500; or
- Individuals or groups that have an overdue acquittal from previous funding rounds.

Assessment Criteria

Applications through the Community Partnership Program will be assessed with priority given to applications which –

Assessment Criteria	Weighting
Improve the capacity and long term viability of the applicant to operate more efficiently and effectively, or attract new members.	20%

Enable the applicant to deliver new and/or improved services, programs, events or other activities to the Mosman Park Community.	20%
Have potential for long term benefit to the Mosman Park Community.	40%
Request 50% or less of the total project cost	20%

Assessment of Requests

Partnership applications will be assessed upon receipt of a written application form and attached supporting documents. The applicant may be contacted to provide additional information where details are lacking or unclear.

Community Partnership Program Assessment Panel shall meet each year to assess nominations and make recommendation to Council on allocation of grant funding as per the Community Partnership Program Assessment Panel Terms of Reference.

The Community Partnership Program Assessment Panel may recommend full or partial funding of the amount requested. The total sum recommended should not exceed council's budget for the financial year.

The Council at its discretion has the right to accept or reject any recommendation of the Community Partnership Program Assessment Panel.

Definitions

Nil.

Governance References

Statutory Compliance	Local Government Act 1995, Section 2.7
Organisational Compliance	Community Partnership Application Form

Policy Administration

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