



Legislation / local law requirements	Section 135 of the Health Act 1911 Schedule 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995. Nil
Relevant delegations	Delegation 2.2.19 - Defer payment, grant discounts, waive fees or write off debts
Related policies, procedures and supporting documentation	<u>Council Policy No. 3.8.3 – Concerts and Events</u> <u>Council Policy No. 7.6.9 – Heritage Assistance Fund</u> <u>Sustainable Environment Strategy</u> <u>Community Funding Application and Assessment Overview</u> <u>Collaborative Grants Application Form</u> <u>Community Innovation Application Form</u> <u>Community Support Grants Application Form</u> <u>Cultural Kickstart Application Form</u> <u>Donations Application Form</u> <u>Female Sports Participation Grants Form</u> <u>Transport Assistance Application Form</u> <u>Youth Development Grants Application Form</u> <u>Reduction or Waiving of Fees Application Form</u> <u>Council Policy 7.6.4 – Heritage Management – Interpretative Signage</u> <u>Council Policy 7.6.3 – Trees of Significance</u> <u>Execution of Documents Policy</u> <u>Fraud and Corruption Prevention</u>

PRELIMINARY

INTRODUCTION

The City of Vincent offers a range of grants that are aimed at helping local people to take an active role in shaping our community. Community funding provides an opportunity to contribute towards the City's vibrancy and diversity by working collaboratively with a range of community groups, organisations, businesses and individuals to deliver initiatives that increase social participation, strengthen connections, build capacity and deliver economic and environmental benefits.

PURPOSE

The City of Vincent regularly receives requests from a range of community groups, organisations and individuals for the provision of financial support towards projects, programs and other initiatives. The total sum of these requests exceeds the level of financial support availability, and as such, it is not possible to provide support in every instance.

This Policy outlines the various Community Funding opportunities available from the City of Vincent, with the specific funding category purpose and eligibility criteria for each funding category then guiding the level of financial support that may or may not be provided.

The Community Funding opportunities outlined in this policy are solely for the purpose of delivering positive outcomes in the City of Vincent for the local community.

~~Applicants are not guaranteed funding, and no applicant can be guaranteed full funding. Any initiatives previously supported through Community Funding cannot be guaranteed funding in future years and this should be closely considered when developing an application.~~

~~This Policy is supported by specific funding category guidelines, criteria and application forms that Administration may update from time to time to ensure Community Funding reflects Council and community priorities.~~

~~Applications for funding will not necessarily be approved and any initiatives that have previously been supported through Community Funding cannot be guaranteed in future years.~~ The availability of funding ~~financial support~~ remains subject to Community Funding allocations within Council's Annual Budget that may vary from year-to-year ~~based upon Council and community priorities.~~

~~Council's Advisory Groups may be consulted in the assessment of Community Funding applications based upon their Terms of Reference and specific expertise.~~

OBJECTIVE

- To provide financial assistance through grants, sponsorship, donations, waivers and in-kind support ~~which to~~ assist groups, organisations and individuals to deliver positive community outcomes.
- To ~~utilise~~ community funding as a strategic opportunity to strengthen quality of life within Vincent through improved community engagement, partnerships and participation.
- To complement and support both Council and community priorities through a range of community funding initiatives.

POLICY SCOPE

~~The City of Vincent recognises that community funding provides a significant opportunity to work collaboratively with the local groups, organisations and individuals to deliver activities which increase social participation, promote social inclusion and strengthen connections within our community. A variety of funding initiatives are offered each year to meet the diverse range of interests, demands and priorities throughout the Vincent community.~~

~~This Policy applies to all requests from community groups, organisations, businesses, schools and individuals for the provision of financial support towards projects, programs, events and other initiatives that service the Vincent community.~~

Conflict of Interest

~~Officers assessing grants have a responsibility to declare any conflict of interest with an applicant or project.~~

Financial Considerations

~~The total funding pool of the Community Grants Program will be listed in the City's Corporate Business plan and included in the Annual Budget and approved by Council each year. Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria.~~

POLICY PROVISIONS

DEFINITIONS

Applicant means a group, organisation or individual applying for grant funding.

“Donation” is a cash contribution to an organisation or group for the purpose of assisting an activity, event or program with a charitable, welfare or community service orientated purpose.

“Emergency Relief Donation” is a charitable contribution of essential goods and/or services made to eligible residents during a declared state of emergency.

“Fees and Charges” are stipulated monetary amounts established through Council’s Annual Fees and Charges Schedule and levied where an organisation, group or individual seeks the use of a City of Vincent managed facility or reserve.

“Grant” is a cash contribution made to an organisation or group for the sole purpose of delivering a specific project with mutually agreed outcomes and performance measures. Grants must be fully acquitted at the conclusion of the project.

“In-kind donation” is a contribution to an organisation or group through the provision of City of Vincent services, resources and facilities although no monies are physically exchanged.

“Sponsorship” is a cash and/or in-kind contribution to an organisation or group for a specific purpose or event where the City of Vincent receives public recognition for its contribution in a manner negotiated by both parties. Sponsorship must be fully acquitted at the conclusion of the project or event.

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Funding Category	Eligibility	Overview
<u>Seeding Grants</u>	<u>Not for profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities</u>	<p><u>Seeding Grants aim to support City of Vincent based groups, organisations and individuals seeking to implement a new, innovative project that will benefit the local community. ‘Cultural Kickstart’ grants are available for new projects related to cultural development, artistic development, community art projects or events. ‘Community Innovation’ grants are available for new projects related to community development, education or recreation.</u></p> <p><u>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. A one-off amount up to \$5,000 may be available for each individual project through this funding category.</u></p>
Community Support Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	<p><u>Community Support Grants aim to support City of Vincent based groups, organisations and individuals to deliver programs and services that address key social issues impacting the local community. Funding Grants are available for programs, projects and services that demonstrate outcomes that will build a strong and resilient community as well as initiatives that ensure the ongoing sustainability of community organisations.</u></p> <p><u>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount</u></p>

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		up to \$10,000 may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.
Youth Development Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, registered charities and individuals <u>Young people</u>	Youth Development Grants Funding aim to support young people within the City of Vincent who are dedicated to addressing key social, economic and environmental issues within the local Vincent community. Focus areas include community and social entrepreneurship, environment and sustainability, arts and creative expression, and leadership and personal development. Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$1,000 may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.
Collaborative Grants	Service delivery agencies, not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises and registered charities	Collaborative Grants aim to establish Partnerships between the City of Vincent and with service delivery agencies that reside and/or operate within our local community in order to effectively respond to a recognised community focus area as determined endorsed by Council. The is focus area will be reviewed on an annual basis every three years to ensure alignment with Council priorities and community demands. Funding applications are considered and approved by an Assessment Panel comprising Council representatives. An amount up to \$85,000 may be available for each individual project, program or service through this funding category.
Female Sports Participation Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, State sporting associations and sport and recreation clubs.	Female Sports Participation Grants aim To support City of Vincent based sport and recreation clubs and State Sporting Associations to establish activities, programs or projects that promote and encourage equal participation of women and girls in sport, participation and opportunity with a participant focus on females, juniors, diversity and inclusion in sport. Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$2,000 may be available for each individual activity, program or project through this funding category.
Festival and Event Sponsorship	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	Festival and Event Sponsorship aims to support City of Vincent based groups and organisations to Funding for the delivery of festivals, events and other similar activities which contribute to community vibrancy. Sponsorship will be provided through direct funding and/or in-kind services with the level of support determined by the value to the Vincent community in terms of economic, cultural and social outcomes. Through a formal Sponsorship Agreement applicants are required to acknowledge support from the City of Vincent. Sponsorship applications are assessed annually by Administration based upon sponsorship criteria with recommendations to Council for formal consideration. There is no maximum amount of funding for each festival or event through this funding category with amounts awarded based on alignment with the Guidelines and Criteria as well as Council priorities.

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Town Team Grants	<u>Beaufort Street Network, Leederville Connect, Mount Hawthorn Hub, North Perth Local, Northbridge Common and The Pickle District Town Teams</u>	<p>Town Team Grants aim to support the six recognised Town Teams within the City of Vincent (Beaufort Street Network, Leederville Connect, Mount Hawthorn Hub, North Perth Local, Northbridge Common and The Pickle District) Funding to deliver initiatives that improve the performance of town centres and districts, events and/or assistance with their ongoing governance and sustainability.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines, Town Centre Place Plans and Town Team Action Plans. An equal amount of funding will be made available to each Town Team annually, subject to Community Funding allocations within the City's Annual Budget.</p> <p>An amount up to \$10,000 may be available for each individual Town Team through this funding category. The City encourages Town Teams to apply for Community Funding however, the Town Teams Grant must be fully exhaust prior to applying for any other funding category, with the exception of Festival and Events Sponsorship.</p>
Environmental Grants	Schools, not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	<p>Environmental Grants are designed to assist and encourage schools, community groups and organisations to Funding for the implementation of local projects or initiatives that align with the objectives of the City of Vincent Sustainable Environment Strategy.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$2,000 may be available for each individual project, program or service through this funding category.</p>
Heritage Assistance Fund	Property owners with a place on the City of Vincent <u>Municipal Local Heritage Inventory</u> List and/or State Register of Heritage Places or within a heritage area	<p>The Heritage Assistance Funding towards provides financial assistance to persons who wish to undertake approved heritage conservation projects on places listed on the City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory. Funding towards heritage conservation projects on to places of heritage significance listed on the City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory.</p> <p>Applicants should also refer to <u>Council Policy No. 7.6.9—Heritage Assistance Fund</u>, the applicable Policy or Guidelines as amended.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$5,000 may be available as a matched grant of 50% for each individual project through this funding category.</p>
Heritage Plaques Program	Property owners and not-for-profit organisations	<p>The Heritage Plaques Program provides financial assistance to persons who wish to Funding towards the installation of a plaque or alternative form of interpretation to recognise and celebrate places of heritage interest in the City of Vincent that are either in situ or have been demolished. Applicants should also refer to</p>

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		<p>Council Policy 7.6.4 the applicable Policy or Guidelines as amended. Heritage Management – Interpretive Signage.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$1,000 may be available as a matched grant of 50% for each individual project through this funding category.</p>
Active Transport Schools Grants	Schools	<p>Active Transport Schools Grants provide Ffinancial assistance for schools located within the City of Vincent towards active transport events, bike education and as an additional source of funding for schools participating in the Department of Transport's Your Move Connecting Schools program. The grants <u>should aim to</u> encourage, support and celebrate children, parents and staff in the City to choose active transport options to get to and from school.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$1,000 may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.</p>
Active Transport Community Initiatives Grants	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities	<p>Active Transport Community Initiatives Grants Pprovide financial assistance to eligible community groups and not-for-profit organisations to help fund community programs that promote or assist the community to engage in active transport. The grant can be applied to the presentation of a one off event or the development of a program which encourages, supports or celebrates initiatives that promote Vincent residents choosing active transport options.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$2,500 may be available for each individual program or service through this funding category.</p>
Transport Assistance	Residents with demonstrated difficulty accessing transport to attend medical appointments	<p>Transport Assistance is provided to for eligible residents who have difficulty accessing transport to and from medical appointments. <u>Such Assistance is provided through direct referral to community based organisations that provide transport services or through prepaid taxi vouchers.</u></p> <p>Requests for assistance are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$100 may be available to individuals and \$150 may be available to each couple annually, in the form of prepaid taxi vouchers, through this funding category.</p>
Special Assistance Welfare Property Assistance Fund	Residents requiring property repairs to prevent serving of a notice under Section 135 of the <i>Health Act 1911</i> or Schedule 3.1 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>	<p>Special Assistance Welfare is provided by the City of Vincent to <u>with</u> <u>undertaking</u> repairs on a property and/or remove items to prevent the serving of a notice under Section 135 of the Health Act 1911 "Unfit for Human Habitation" or Schedule 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995. Such support is provided where an individual requires financial assistance to improve the condition of their premises with any funds paid directly to service providers/businesses engaged to undertake the works. No funds are paid to the individual(s) inhabiting the property.</p>

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		Determinations regarding the provision of Special Welfare Assistance and the amounts required are made by Administration on a case-by-case basis.
Donations	Not-for-profit organisations, <u>clubs, associations, social enterprises</u> , registered charities <u>and individuals</u>	<p>General donations Funding support towards not-for-profit organisations and charities located in or servicing the local community will be considered where such assistance supports the delivery of projects, programs or services. The applicant must identify the specific community need or benefit based upon local research or consultation.</p> <p>Donation requests are assessed and approved by Administration. An amount up to \$500 may be available.</p>
Waiving of Fees	Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, registered charities and individuals	<p>The waiving or reduction of fees for community groups, organisations and individuals will be considered where such assistance supports the delivery of projects, programs, services or fundraising initiatives.</p> <p>The applicant must identify the specific community benefits associated with their activity and demonstrate their limited financial capacity to pay relevant fees <u>and are assessed against a criteria matrix.</u></p> <p>This may include (but is not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hire of community facilities and town halls (bonds excluded); • Banner pole hire; • Road closures/obstructions and special event parking; • The hire of parks, reserves and playing fields; • Street entertainment and busking permits; • Stall Holder / Trader Permits (except food related stalls); and • Beatty Park Leisure Centre and facility usage fees. <p>Waiver requests are assessed and approved by Administration <u>and are based on the outcome of the criteria matrix. An amount up to \$2,000 may be available with any requests above this amount requiring decision making by Council.</u> Applicants may be eligible for a reduction or waiver of fees up to \$2,000 each financial year. <u>Requests for a reduction or waiver over \$2,000 will require Council approval in accordance with the Delegation of Authority.</u></p>
Emergency Relief Donations	Residents	<p>Emergency Relief <u>provided to Donations may be available to</u> residents who are considered vulnerable due to experiencing hardship or being at risk of hardship during a declared State of Emergency. The donation shall be in the form of the purchase of essential goods and/or services for the affected resident. No cash donations are permitted under this funding stream.</p> <p>Administration will determine the level of need on a case-by-case basis and following investigation of whether appropriate assistance is available through other existing emergency relief programs or services.</p> <p><u>A total amount of up to \$500 over a six month period may be available for each individual through this funding category.</u></p>

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<u>Student Citizenship Awards</u>	<u>Local City of Vincent School</u>	<p>Student Citizenship Awards support annual school awards and acknowledge the contributions made by our youth to the City of Vincent. Student Citizenship Awards will be presented annually to up to three (3) students (where there are three classes) in the final years of Primary School, Junior High School (Year 10) and Senior High School (Year 12) attending schools located in the City of Vincent.</p> <p>A total of up to \$550.00 is provided to each school participating in the Awards, with \$250 being allocated to the school and up to \$100 worth of gifts being provided to each student in the form of a book voucher and framed certificate.</p>
Trees of Significance Assistance Fund	Property owners with a place of trees listed on the City of Vincent Trees of Significance Inventory	<p>Financial assistance for Owners of with-trees listed on the Trees of Significance Inventory who may be eligible for financial assistance for work associated with the listed tree through the City's Trees of Significance Incentive Fund. Applicants should also refer to Council Policy 7.6.3 Local Planning Policy: Trees of Significance as amended.</p> <p>Owners of with trees listed on the Trees of Significance Inventory may be eligible for financial assistance for work associated with the listed tree through the City's Trees of Significance Incentive Fund. Applicants should also refer to the applicable Policy or Guidelines as amended. Council Policy 7.6.3 Trees of Significance.</p> <p>Grant applications are assessed and approved by Administration based upon funding category guidelines and criteria. An amount up to \$2,000 in any 5 year period may be available as a matched grant of 50% for each individual through this funding category.</p>
Business Enhancement Grants	<u>Businesses and commercial property owners</u>	Financial assistance to businesses and commercial property to make small-scale improvements that enhance the street appeal, presentation and functionality of the City's neighbourhoods and town centres.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Responsible Officer

~~Manager Marketing and Partnerships~~ **Executive Manager Communications and Engagement**

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Attachment 1: Community Funding Application and Assessment Overview

<u>Funding Category</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Maximum Amount</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Assessment & Approval Process</u>
<u>Seeding Grants</u>	<u>Not for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and ———registered charities</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Community Support Grants</u>	<u>Not for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and ———registered charities</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Youth Development Grants</u>	<u>Not for-profit organisations, —clubs, associations, social enterprises, registered —charities and individuals</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>

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<u>Female Sports Participation Grants</u>	<u>Not-for-profit organisations, State sporting associations and sport and recreation clubs.</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year.</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Festival and Event Sponsorship</u>	<u>Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Annually in March</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, and prepare a report for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council</u>
<u>Town Team Grants</u>	<u>Beaufort Street Network, Leederville Connect, Mount Hawthorn Hub, North Perth Local, Northbridge Common and The Pickle District</u>	<u>Subject to Annual Budget</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until specific Town Team funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on Town Centre Place Plans, Town Team Action Plans, and category guidelines and criteria</u>
<u>Environmental Grants</u>	<u>Schools, not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>Annually in March</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>

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<u>Heritage Assistance Fund</u>	<u>Property owners with a place on the City of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory and/or State Register of Heritage Places or within a heritage area</u>	<u>Up to 50% of the total cost of works up to \$5,000 maximum</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted or as specific needs are identified by Policy and Place</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Heritage Plaques Program</u>	<u>Property owners and not-for-profit organisations</u>	<u>50% contribution up to \$1,000 maximum</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Active Transport Schools Grants</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Active Transport Community Initiatives Grants</u>	<u>Not-for-profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, and registered charities</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>

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<u>Transport Assistance</u>	<u>Residents with demonstrated difficulty accessing transport to attend medical appointments</u>	<u>\$100 for individuals or \$150 for couples</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, and the availability of alternative Home and Community Care (HaCC) services</u>
<u>Special Assistance Welfare</u>	<u>Residents requiring property repairs to prevent serving of a notice under Section 135 of the Health Act 1911 or Schedule 3.1 of the Local Government Act 1995</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Administration will assess situations where such assistance is required on a case by case basis</u>
<u>Donations</u>	<u>Non-profit organisations and registered charities</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>
<u>Waiving of Fees</u>	<u>Not for profit organisations, clubs, associations, social enterprises, registered charities and individuals</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>

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<u>Emergency Relief Donations</u>	<u>Residents</u>	<u>\$500</u>	<u>Applications are accepted during a declared emergency or disaster</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, and the availability of alternative emergency relief services</u>
<u>School Citizenship Awards</u>	<u>Local City of Vincent School</u>	<u>Up to \$550</u>	<u>Applications are accepted annually and are distributed at graduation ceremonies</u>	<u>Administration will assess applicants provided by school Principals and teaching staff based on:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Qualities of citizenship, such as enthusiasm, interest, fairness and participation in school and community affairs;</u> <u>Personal qualities;</u> <u>Personal development, academic achievement; and</u> <u>A good knowledge of Government, Local Government and City of Vincent.</u>
<u>Trees of Significance Assistance Fund</u>	<u>Property owners with a place on the City of Vincent Trees of Significance Inventory.</u>	<u>50% contribution up to a maximum of \$2,000</u>	<u>Applications accepted throughout the year until funds are exhausted or as specific needs are identified by Policy and Place</u>	<u>Administration will assess applications based on category guidelines and criteria, including alignment with Council's strategic priorities</u>