

CSD-01

Outback Grants Program

(Subject to provisions of the OCA's Community Funding Policy)

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REVISION RECORD

Date	Version	Revision description
20 February 2014	1.1	Amended to reflect OCA decision to increase sports grant
14 July 2011	1	Adopted. (Applications for Subsidy Assistance Policy and Sports and Recreation Participation Policy superseded).
May 2011	Draft	Consultation period of 6 weeks.
3 August	1	OCA adopted existing OCADT policies, noting a review of all policies is required.

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1. ADOPTION

This policy was adopted by the Outback Communities Authority (“the OCA”) on 14 July 2011.

2. TITLE

Outback Grants Program.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

The OCA will support outback communities by making grant opportunities available for Incorporated bodies within the OCA’s area of responsibility and is consistent with the OCA’s Strategic Management Plan 2011-2015.

4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to confirm the grant opportunities that are available through the OCA in a financial year.

5. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Incorporated bodies that operate within the OCA’s jurisdiction.

6. POLICY DETAILS

The OCA provides two categories of grants:

- Community Grants
- Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Grants.

6.1 Community Grants

Community Grants are available to Incorporated bodies that operate within the OCA’s area that aim to improve the well-being, quality of life and participation of outback residents in developing and strengthening communities across the outback of South Australia.

There are two categories of grants available within Community Grants:

- Projects
- Sport and Recreation.

6.1.1 Project Grants

Project grants are one-off funding for specific purposes that do not require recurrent funding. Funding is available for events and sponsorship, community based initiatives including youth and aged activities.

There are two calls per financial year available for Project Grants; February and August.

Project Grants provides funding to a limit of \$10,000 with most grants allocated in small project amounts of less than \$5,000.

A compulsory acquittal process is required once the project has been finalised. Failure to adequately acquit the project may result in future applications being ineligible.

Guideline information and application forms for Project Grant applications are available from the OCA's office or can be downloaded from the website. Applications are also available on-line and can be submitted electronically.

6.1.2 Sport and Recreation Grants

The Sports Activity Small Grants program provides financial assistance of up to \$500 to Incorporated, active recreation and sport organisations for projects and initiatives that encourage sporting activities in the area covered by the OCA.

There are two calls per financial year for Sport and Recreational Grants; February and August. The grant must be acquitted in the financial year that it is approved.

Guideline information and application forms for Sport and Recreational Grants are available from the OCA's office or can be downloaded from the website. Applications are also available on-line and can be submitted electronically.

6.2 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Grants

Community Affairs and Resourcing Management (CARM) Grants are a direct result of a CARM Agreement between a community based Association responsible for the management of a specific service on an ongoing basis.

A CARM Agreement is a commitment from the community organisation concerned and the OCA clearly indicating co-contribution for the provision of municipal services for a specified community and is for the term of one year.

A CARM Agreement and subsequent CARM Grant is related to a community's yearly budget and incorporates expected expenditure. Monies are reimbursed to the identified community organisation upon provision of documentation confirming actual expenditure incurred by that community organisation. The community organisation is encouraged to seek reimbursement as expenditure occurs, rather than delay the reimbursement process. A CARM reimbursement form (Form No. 2) is available from the OCA's website or from the OCA's office upon request.

For more information regarding CARM Agreements please read the Community Affairs and Resourcing Management Agreement policy (currently under review).

7. AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY

Members of the public may inspect a copy of the policy, without charge, at the offices of the OCA during office hours, and may obtain a copy for a fee fixed by the OCA. The policy is also available from the OCA's website: www.oca.sa.gov.au.

8. REVIEW OF THE POLICY

This policy and all OCA policies will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The next scheduled review is due to occur in June 2012.

9. OCA CONTACT PERSON

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