Community Funding Information Brochure

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) is dedicated to improving the lives of those people who live, work and play in outback South Australia. In doing its work the OCA will make funds available to community organisations to assist in the day to day running of their community.

The OCA has a responsibility to manage and promote improvements in public services and facilities for outback communities. The OCA recognises the value of community organisations in the outback and has set in place a way to provide financial support in a sustainable way. This will ensure the future wellbeing and development of outback SA.

To maximise benefits to communities the OCA encourages community organisations to consider a co-funding model where community members can contribute to the cost of running the community.

Those organisations that manage municipal services are encouraged to transfer management of those services to the OCA to relieve volunteers of the burden of long term services/asset management, and associated risks.

The OCA will consider providing funding:

- To assist with the cost of municipal services for outback communities.
- To assist with community development projects like community hall upgrades and event sponsorship.

When allocating funds the OCA will:

- Give priority to those communities that are prepared to contribute toward the cost of municipal services or projects.
- Give priority to projects that create a strong sense of community.

The OCA will not fund:

- Individuals.
- Commercial activities (community run not for profit venture excepted).
- A community organisation that cannot demonstrate that it genuinely represents its community.

The OCA is committed to working toward the implementation of a levy payable by all outback landholders (an Asset Sustainability Levy). This will ensure funding is available for the ongoing management and development of outback services and infrastructure that supports all people in the outback.

It is acknowledged that significant community engagement will be needed before an Asset Sustainability Levy is introduced.

For a copy of the Community Funding Policy contact the OCA office at Port Augusta on 8648 5970 or visit our website: www.oca.sa.gov.au

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Community Funding Policy In Plain English