

# **Thames Community Board Grants Fund**

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**TO** Thames Community Board  
**FROM** Brian Robson - Thames Community Manager  
**DATE** 2 August 2018  
**SUBJECT** **Thames Community Board Grants Fund**

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## **1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is for the Thames Community Board to approve the criteria and recommendations by staff in relation to the management of Community Board grants from 2018 onwards.

## **2 Background**

Thames Community Board considers and approves grants to support social and economic development in and around the Thames Ward. The Thames Community Board currently has three annual grant pools which total \$90,000; \$15,000 for events funding, \$25,000 for community grants and \$50,000 economic development funding. \$30,000 of Economic Development funding has been pre-allocated to The Treasury in 2018/19.

The current grants criteria, while separate by activity, are closely aligned in that the recipients must be recognised community organisations and that their proposed projects and events must benefit the wider community.

## **3 Discussion**

In its July 2018 workshop, Thames Community Board reviewed the current grants process and criteria with a view to providing a simpler system for applicants and a more robust process around reporting and accountability. Thames Community Board recommended that applications be received without requiring the applicant to identify which funding stream they were applying for. Thames Community Board requested that staff categorise applications if they had common elements.

Thames Community Board indicated a preference for applications that intended to use the grant funds as seed-money to secure co-contributions from other sources. Preference would also be given to applications that align with the Thames Visitor Promotion and Optimisation Plan's aims and objectives.

The Guidelines for Applicants document (**Attachment A**) includes the key criteria of the three existing annual grant funds and combines them into one document.

#### **4 Suggested Resolution(s)**

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Thames Community Grant Fund' report, dated 2 August 2018.
2. Endorses the combination of the Economic Development, Events and Community Grants into a single grants pool.

#### **References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments**

**Attachment A** *Guidelines for Applicants - Thames Community Board Grants Criteria 2018*

Thames Community Board Grant Criteria - Final Draft