

Community Assistance Scheme

FAQ

Why introduce the Scheme?

The purpose of the Community Assistance Scheme (CAS) is to provide a transparent funding application process that allows the Shire of Mingenew to provide financial assistance to not for profit community based organisations, event organisers and individuals to support the promotion and development of social, economic, recreational, art and cultural projects that make a positive contribution to the quality of life within the Shire of Mingenew.

The Shire receives a large number of requests throughout the year for financial assistance a grant application process ensures:

- Transparency and accountability to the Mingenew Community;
- Fairness and equity to all applicants;
- Eligibility criteria is applied to each type of Financial Assistance;
- Clarity around the amount of Financial Assistance available;
- Guidelines are in place to assist applicants in completion and lodgment of forms;
- Applications are assessed by the CAS Panel.

How will it work?

The grant application package can be requested via the following methods

- Download online <u>www.mingenew.wa.gov.au/resouces</u>
- Email cdo@mingenew.wa.gov.au and request a copy
- Visit the Shire Administration Office and collect from front counter

What is the closing date?

All applications must be received by close of business Monday 14 September 2020. This can be done via email, post or hand delivered to the office.

Please address to the

Community Development Officer

Shire of Mingenew

Email: cdo@mingenew.wa.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 120 Mingenew WA 6522

What if our club/group is not incorporated?

If your club/group is not incorporated there are two avenues your club/group can take:

- Head to https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/books/inc-guide-incorporated-associations-western-australia/steps-becoming-incorporated-association and follow the steps to become incorporated. Or contact the Midwest office on 9920 9800;
- Request auspicing from a local organisation such as the Mingenew CRC. An auspicing
 organisation is a not for profit organisation that applies for a grant on your behalf. If the grant
 application is successful, the auspicing organisation will be responsible for complying with the
 grant conditions, for keeping financial records and for providing a financial acquittal of the
 grant. The auspicing organisation's legally authorised officer must sign the declaration for this
 application.

Can I request assistance to write the grant?

The Community Services Coordinator is able to assist with identifying information required however can not write the application.

The Shire of Mingenew will be engaging a grant writing facilitator to provide a free workshop for the Mingenew Community. Date to be advised.

For all further enquiries please contact the Community Services Coordinator, Margaret

Rowe cdo@mingenew.wa.gov.au or 0436 689 258.