

## COR 012 : RESERVE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HALLS

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### Objective:

1. To provide consistency in financial assistance, and equity in terms and conditions between the various community halls & centres for replacement, or major extensions and upgrades.
2. To accumulate funds that will be used for structural components in the replacement, extension or upgrading of the community halls & centres in the Shire, by allowing sufficient funds from the Building Maintenance Reserve each year to ensure that the Shire has adequate funds available to meet funding requests.

### Policy:

#### Fund Management

The Council will ensure funds are available within the Building Maintenance Reserve.

The transfer is calculated on the average of the yearly depreciation of the five (5) standard community halls, and multiplied by the total number of halls/centres (7).

Under Fair Value Accounting and Asset Management there is a requirement for the Shire to carry out a re-valuation every three (3) years. This valuation will include these halls/centres and the funding transfer will be adjusted accordingly. Subsequent transfers between revaluations will be increased by the yearly CPI to allow for inflation in construction costs.

To access funding, the various management committees are required to apply for funding in a similar method as the Community Grants Program, and the Council would assess the merit of each application.

#### What will be funded

Structural component costs only - being defined as such parts of a building as walls, roof, floors, ceilings, windows and doors; in-wall and under floor plumbing; septic or sewerage; electric wiring; stairs; and fire escapes.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Applications for funding to replace, extend or upgrade a community hall will need to:

- be for an identified and recognised hall or community centre- only one centre/hall per location.
- demonstrate a substantial degree of community support and representation
- demonstrate clear community benefit
- be an incorporated body
- identified funding or in-kind contribution to complete the project
- have a valid lease with the Shire of Esperance if funding is related to a building which is on a Reserve vested in the Shire of Esperance. (Organisations that operate from buildings on Shire Reserves will have to comply with insurance and lease conditions).

### Fund Allocation

To strive for equity across all communities the funding for each project is calculated on a percentage basis of the size of each hall/centre compared to the size of a standard hall. The current average of the five (5) standard halls is 305 m<sup>2</sup>. This percentage is applied to the cost of the **structural component** of the renovation or replacement. It is the management committee that is responsible for all maintenance of the building and any requirements over and above the funding offered by the Shire.

#### Example for Renovation

If Grass Patch Hall required a re-roof then the level of support would be calculated as follows:  
'Average Hall Area' divided by 'Actual Hall Area' = 'Percentage', multiplied by 'Cost of New Roof'  
 $305 \text{ m}^2 / 330 \text{ m}^2 = 92.4\% \times \$50,000 = \$46,000$

#### Example for Replacement

If Grass Patch Hall required replacing then the level of support would be calculated as follows:  
'Average Hall Area' divided by 'New Hall Area' = 'Percentage', multiplied by 'Cost of New Hall Structural Component'  
 $305 \text{ m}^2 / 1000 \text{ m}^2 = 30.5\% \times \$1,000,000 = \$305,000$

### Accessing Reserve Funding

Applications must be in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Esperance, PO Box 507, Esperance WA 6450.

#### Applications to include

- Plans
- Quotations
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Evidence of community consultation and support
- Proposed funding avenues

The Council will assess each application on its merit.

### Conditions of Funding

By accepting funding, the community agrees:

1. That funds will only be used for the agreed purpose
2. Applicants successful in securing funding will need to comply with a number of conditions. These conditions will be detailed in a funding letter of offer to the organisation. Conditions relate to:
  - general operations
  - financial reporting
  - providing documentation.

### Accessing Additional Funding

The Management Committees are able to apply to the Community Grants Program for any costs that fall outside the funding offered under this Policy. Where the centre includes sporting facilities then the management committees are encouraged to apply for Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Funds through the Department of Sport and Recreation.

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