

<b>TITLE:</b>	Government Grants and Funding Agreements Policy		
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Corporate		
<b>ADOPTED BY:</b>	Council		
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<b>AUTHORISED:</b>	Chief Executive Officer		

**THIS POLICY APPLIES TO:**

All employees and Elected Members

**SUMMARY**

The Policy sets out the principles for the CEO when applying for, or accepting government grants and entering into funding agreements.

**OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this policy is to ensure that the Council is not disadvantaged when accepting government grants and entering into funding agreements.

**BACKGROUND**

The Barkly Regional Council (BRC) relies on grants to support many of its activities. Some of these grants support Council's own activities but others relate to agency functions which the Council performs on behalf of the Northern Territory, or Commonwealth Government.

The Council sometimes enters into Funding Agreements where it acts as an agent for a Government Department or other Agency which do not allow the Council to recover the full cost of the service to be provided, particularly where the Council has been unable to meet the requirements of the funding agency as the grant itself is insufficient for the intended purpose. Funding Agreements that arrive part way through the financial year that include new conditions or requirements which may prove operationally difficult for Council to implement.

**POLICY STATEMENT*****Council must:***

- only apply for grants which are consistent with the Regional or Council Plan;
- only accept a Grant and enter into a Funding Agreement where the CEO is confident that the Council can meet the requirements of that Grant; and
- consider whole of life costing for assets prior to accepting capital grants.

Where the Council is acting as the agent for another Agency, Council must:

- only accept a Grant and enter into a Funding Agreements where the full cost to Council of acting in that agency capacity will be recovered (including costs associated with recruitment, training and accommodation of the personnel delivering the program) together with a margin sufficient to justify Council's involvement.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND DELEGATION**

The CEO has delegated authority to implement this Policy.

## **EVALUATION AND REVIEW**

This Policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years, and may be reviewed at other times at the discretion of Chief Executive Officer.