



SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS POLICY

1. POLICY PURPOSE

To alleviate distress or damage caused as a direct result of the Flood Disaster suffered by or being suffered by small businesses in Council's local government area. The use of the funds must be for activities related to the recovery needs associated with the Flood Disaster.

2. BACKGROUND

The Commonwealth, through the Queensland Regional Authority, has provided funding of \$1million to McKinlay Shire Council (Council) in recognition of the impact of the recent North West Queensland Flood Disaster (Flood Disaster).

The funding is administered under Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements. Eligible project costs and activities for which the funding may be used, are

- for priorities deemed most urgent by Council; and
- which are associated with the impacts and recovery needs associated with the Flood Disaster; and
- to alleviate distress or damage caused as a direct result of the Flood Disaster.

Council has expended a part of the grant through the Carcass Disposal Assistance Grant scheme.

It is Council's intention to expend the remainder of the grant to assist small businesses in the McKinlay Local Government Area (LGA) in accordance with the terms of this Policy and accompanying Procedure.

3. SCOPE

Eligible small businesses are invited to apply for a one-off grant of up to \$5,000.00 to alleviate distress or damage caused as a direct result of the Flood Disaster.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

Council acknowledges that the small business sector in its local government area has experienced hardship as a direct result of the Flood Disaster.

Funds will be made available to eligible and successful applicants for the purposes outlined in the Small Business Grant Procedure.

5. DEFINITIONS

5.1 North West Queensland Flood Disaster means the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough, 25 January – 14 February 2019 event.

5.2 Small Business means a business registered and operating within the McKinlay Local Government area with less than ten (10) employees (full time, part time or casual) as at the time of the Flood Disaster, the operation of which generates the primary source of income for the Owner.

6. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Not applicable.

7. RELATED POLICIES

Not applicable.

8. RELATED DOCUMENTS

8.1 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements 2018

8.2 Small Business Grant Procedure

8.3 Queensland Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements Guidelines November 2018

9. CONTACT OFFICER

Please contact Council's Officer for more information and/or submit the application(s).

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10. AUTHORISATION & RESOLUTION

This Policy bearing my initials was duly adopted by Council as McKinlay Shire Council Small Business Grants Policy on the 16th July 2019 by Council to CEO Delegation. This shall hereby supersede and previous policies of the same intent.



Chief Executive Officer



Date

THIS POLICY IS TO REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY COUNCIL.

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