

Responsible Directorate	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Business Unit/s	Governance
Responsible Officer	Manager Governance
Affected Business Unit/s	Governance

Objective

Provide guidance when considering requests for financial assistance to alleviate the impact of disasters and other significant emergencies within Australia or International.

Scope

Support applies to disaster appeals by a bona fide Australian based relief organisation.

Policy

1. Council to Approve Requests

An appeal launched by the State, Federal, Local Government or other bona fide agency (Lord Mayor's Disaster Appeal) shall be reported to the Council for consideration and determination.

2. Financial Support

- a) Financial support shall be limited to a maximum of \$10,000 to any one disaster or other significant emergency appeal.
- b) In the event of more than one organisation/relief agency being involved in the Disaster Appeal, the Council shall determine the most appropriate relief organisation to receive the support.
- c) Financial support will only be made to the approved relief organisation and cash donations will not be made directly to individuals.

3. Non-financial Support

The Council will consider support, other than financial, which includes but is not limited to:

- a) The provision and use of the City's resources, machinery, vehicles, equipment for disasters which occur in Western Australia;
- b) The use of the City's buildings and facilities for emergency accommodation and other approved purposes;
- c) The use of the City as a receiving agent for any donations by the public;
- d) Any other bona fide requests which may arise from a disaster or emergency.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy, the following will be applied:

- a) Natural Disasters include:
- Floods
 - Fire
 - Cyclone/storms
 - Tsunami
 - Earthquake
 - Famine
 - Disease Threat
 - Landslide
- b) Disasters other than Natural Disasters include:
- Civil unrest
 - War/invasion
 - Political, cultural, religious conflicts
 - Acts of terrorism

Relevant management practices/documents

City of Stirling Annual Budget

Legislation/local law requirements

Local Government Act 1995

Office use only

Relevant delegations	Not applicable			
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