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OBJECTIVE

To determine Tidy Towns \$ for \$ Grant guidelines.

POLICY

1. Grants are on the basis of detailed estimate costs. Donated materials or voluntary labour will not be considered within these estimates.
2. Evidence of sufficient funds being held to match the Grants will be required before the Grant is approved.
3. Grants are offered to Tidy Town Committees for community based projects which provide environmental and/or aesthetic improvement to existing Council and public owned property and facilities.

4. Grant funding may be made available for the purchase of minor capital equipment.
5. Applications should address any ongoing maintenance and/or expenses associated with the proposed project.
6. It is preferred that Grants are sufficient to finish a project within a twelve (12) month period but staged projects will be considered.
7. The Grant can only be used for the purpose approved by Council. Any alterations to approved projects are subject to Council's decision.
8. If Grants are for structures, funds will not be made available, even if approved, until any relevant Development Application and/or Building Application has been approved by Council. BA/DA fees will be waived for approved Tidy Town community projects.
9. Applications should be made to Cessnock City Council. An application form is available from the Strategic & Community Services Department upon request.
10. Applications will be considered by the Strategic & Community Services Committee which will make recommendations to Council. Funds will be distributed to the Tidy Town Committees as required.
11. The Grant Scheme will close no later than 31 October each year. Tidy Town Committees will be notified of the Grant six (6) weeks prior to its closure. A second round of Grants may be called should adequate funds be available.