

# Council Policy

**Council Policy Name:** Disaster Relief and Appeals

**Responsible Directorate:** Corporate Strategy and Performance

**Version:** ADOPTED

## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide a clear and consistent framework for the City to respond to Disaster Appeals, including financial and non-financial support, in a manner that is transparent, accountable, and aligned with community expectations.

## 2. SCOPE

- 2.1 This policy applies to all Disaster Appeals initiated in response to natural or man-made disasters affecting communities within Western Australia, other Australian states, or internationally, where the City is requested or chooses to provide support.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

Term	Meaning
Appeal	A formal request for donations or support, typically coordinated by a government or registered Relief Organisation.
Disaster	A serious disruption to community life caused by natural events (e.g. bushfires, floods, storms) or human actions (e.g. civil unrest, war, acts of terrorism), resulting in widespread human, material, economic, or environmental losses.
Relief Organisation	A bona fide, Australian-based, registered charity or government agency coordinating disaster response and recovery (e.g., State or Federal Government, Lord Mayor's Appeal Fund, Red Cross).

## 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Strategic Theme	Objective
Leadership	16. Provide effective governance and organisational leadership.

## 4. POLICY STATEMENT

- 5.0. All Appeals must be presented to the Council for consideration and approval.
- 5.1. Appeals must be initiated by a recognised Relief Organisation.
- 5.2. The provision of financial assistance will only be made to registered Relief Organisations, not individuals.
- 5.3. Financial contributions will be capped at a maximum of \$5,000 per Disaster event.
- 5.4. Where multiple Relief Organisations are involved, the Council will determine the most appropriate recipient.
- 5.5. Alternatively or in addition to financial assistance, the Council may consider providing non-financial assistance for Disasters including:

- a. Use of City resources, machinery, vehicles and equipment (subject to operational capacity).
- b. Access to City buildings and facilities for emergency accommodation or other approved purposes.
- c. Acting as a receiving agent for public donations.
- d. Promotion of Appeals through local government communication channels.
- e. Responding to other legitimate requests arising from the Disaster.

## 6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION

6.1 *Local Government Act 1995*

## 7. REVIEW DETAILS

Review Frequency		3 yearly		
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