

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO GRANTS-IN-AID POLICY			
NUMBER	PARAGRAPH IN POLICY	COMMENTS	RESPONSE TO COMMENTS BY IGAC AT ITS MEETING ON 9 MARCH 2009
MAYORS OFFICE			
1	5.1.10	We receive applications to subsidise a performance of the ballet - CFO has in the past recommended that this be viewed as a grant-in-aid. How do we deal with these requests now - they are adhoc?	Each such future application to be assessed on merit, should the application qualify as a grant-in-aid.
2	6.1.6.8	Please ensure that it is made VERY CLEAR that no grants will be used to subsidise regular city events for municipal tariffs e.g. Toy Run - waste removal, traffic assistance, posters, etc.	Matter is addressed in Grants-in-Aid Policy per Paragraph 6.1.6.8
SUB COUNCIL 7			
3		To simplify the Grants-in-aid process to assist non profit organisations in complying to the requirements of Council be submitted.	Administrative process already standardised to simplify and streamline the process.
4		That the amendments to the Grants-in-Aid policy as contained in Annexure A BE SUPPORTED	Noted
SUB COUNCIL 9			
5		That an awareness program be put in place to make community aware of Grants-in-Aid	Sub Councils and Line Departments advertise widely in both mainstream and local press. Various Municipal bulletin boards and offices are utilised to make public aware of the availability of grants.
6		Considering that the area experiences a high level of illiteracy, it was suggested that the public participation process be done in an open public engagement manner.	Sub Councils call for applications from various organisations for Grants-in-Aid in terms of the Policy. Individual Sub Councils may wish to further inform organisations regarding the requirements by arranging discussions with interested bodies.
7		That the length of the process be shortened	Administrative process already standardised to simplify and streamline the process.

SUB COUNCIL 19			
8	6.1.6.7	To recommend that clause 6.1.6.7 (funding will not be considered to rate payer associations and civic organisations) be deleted from the Grants-in-Aid Policy	Utilisation of grant funding is not a core function of a Ratepayer Association. Civic Organisations however perform different roles to Ratepayers Associations and should qualify to be considered for receipt of grants.
SUB COUNCIL 20			
9	6.1.6.7	In 6.1.6.7 it was stated that Ratepayer Associations and Civic Organisations should not be considered for Grants-in-Aid. This was advisable because they were the ones working in the communities. There should be controls over how money was being spent. It was recommended that this clause be deleted as an exclusion of Grants-in-Aid.	Utilisation of grant funding is not a core function of a Ratepayer Association. Civic Organisations however perform different roles to Ratepayers Associations and should qualify to be considered for receipt of grants.
10		The decision making process on page 10 was too long and unwieldy because 6 months would be spent on fulfilling every step before any money could be utilised. The process should be "cleaned-up".	The processes that are in place in terms of the New Policy have sped up the grant payments to organisations when compared to previous years and now form part of the Budget Process.
11		The City should only deal with Ratepayer Associations and Civic Organisations who are registered with the City, proof must be provided that they are a legitimate body.	Utilisation of grant funding is not a core function of a Ratepayer Association. Civic Organisations however perform different roles to Ratepayers Associations and should qualify to be considered for receipt of grants.
12		Grants-in-Aid should not be given to civic bodies to pay for administrative costs. Funding should only be given for administering projects on behalf of the City.	Correct - Paragraph 6.1.7 of the Grants-in-Aid Policy refers.
13		The window period for Grants-in-Aid should be of limited duration, namely 6 or 4 months to apply for a Grant-in-Aid, not throughout the 12 month period	There is a closing date included in every advert for Grants-in-Aid. Grant allocations can be made and changed throughout the financial year via approval processes.
14		It was the view that the first screening (point 7) for legitimacy should not be done by the Sub Council, but by the Administration. When the application reached the Sub Council, it will know the legitimacy status of the application. A more efficient process was needed.	The first Screening process is carried out by various Sub Council Administrations / Line Departments as per Paragraph 7 of the GIA Policy whilst, Second Screening process is carried out by the IGAC as per Paragraph 8.