

Contributions to Developments on Land Owned & Managed by Others	Document No:	SCS-037
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1. Purpose

Significant land within the Surf Coast Shire local government area is owned and/or managed by organisations other than Council. Facilities in these coastal and inland areas often directly service and indirectly benefit the Surf Coast Community. This policy establishes the circumstances in which Council will consider providing financial support to facility development projects in these locations.

2. Scope

This policy applies only to new or enhancement capital development projects with a project value of at least \$250k that are or will be located on land which is not owned or managed by Council. Facilities must be accessible to the general public and owned and managed by a non-profit making organisation.

The policy does not apply to:

- Capital development projects under \$250k
- Asset renewal projects
- Maintenance projects
- Recurrent activities and expenses

3. Application

The policy applies to any non-profit making organisation that is seeking financial support for the development of a new or enhanced facility that it owns and/or manages or will own and/or manage and which benefits the Surf Coast Shire community.

4. Definitions

Non-profit making organisation - an organisation that uses the surplus of its revenues to further achieve its ultimate objective, rather than distributing its income to the organisation's shareholders, leaders, or members.

(Surf Coast Shire) Community – visitors to, residents of and ratepayers in the Surf Coast Shire Council Local Government Area.

Total project cost – all costs associated with the detailed design and construction of a project. Excludes concept development/design and any operating expenses.

5. Policy

Council encourages development projects that enhance services and facilities for the community. Council will consider making financial contributions to projects on a case-by-case basis. Council will assess the project as a whole rather the individual components. Therefore a broad range of infrastructure will be considered including, but not limited to:

Buildings	Public toilets	Fencing
Play/sports infrastructure	Signage	Lighting
Park furniture	Landscaping	Pathways (pedestrian and bicycle)
Picnicking infrastructure	Car parking	

To be successful project proponents must provide adequate information (broadly commensurate with the size of the project and the funding request) that demonstrates the achievement of the following criteria:

- Aligns with Council-adopted priorities and plans
- Addresses an identified need in the local community
- Complements and does not compete with an existing facility or service (which may or may not be owned or managed by Council).

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- Delivers significant social, economic or environmental benefits to the community including improved public access to facilities and services.
- Reduces the need for Council to provide the same or similar facilities in the area

Council will generally not provide financial support to projects which primarily are for the benefit of owners or shareholders of for-profit enterprises. However, Council will consider proposals that include commercial elements within a broader not-for-profit project and will assess these against the criteria within this policy.

Council will typically contribute 5% or \$250,000 of the total project cost whichever is the lesser. Council may decide to make a contribution that deviates from this formula as it sees fit. Council's financial commitment will be considered through its project prioritisation and budgeting processes and can only be confirmed via Council resolution.

A commitment to assist with the funding of a development does not confer consent for other elements of a project which require a decision of Council (e.g. planning permission). However, wherever possible Council will seek to align all aspects of its support and therefore may delay a decision on a financial contribution until such time that all other permissions and considerations have been finalised to Council's satisfaction.

An agreement between Council and the funding recipient will be established and monitored to ensure that project benefits, including recognition of Council's support, are realised over a defined timeframe. Such an agreement will clearly set out the respective responsibilities of all parties during the establishment and operating phases.

6. Records

Not applicable

7. Attachments

Not applicable

8. References

Not applicable