

**POLICY NO: 4.1.27**

**DISASTER APPEALS – DONATIONS AND ASSISTANCE**

**OBJECTIVES**

To provide guidance to the Council when considering requests for the provision of financial assistance and other support to alleviate the impact of disasters and other significant emergencies.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**1. Council to Approve Requests**

All requests to provide financial assistance and other support to alleviate the impact of disasters and other significant emergencies shall be in response to an appeal launched by the Federal, State, Local Government or other bona fide agency (Lord Mayor's Disaster Appeal) and shall be reported to the Council for consideration and determination.

**2. Financial Support**

- (a) Financial support shall be limited to a maximum of **\$6,783** (Indexed by CPI on 1 July of each year – includes 2013 increase) to any one disaster or other significant emergency appeal.
- (b) In the event of more than one relief organisation/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 approved agencies/organisations 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 within Australia;
- (b) the use of the City's buildings and facilities for emergency accommodation and other approved purposes;
- (c) support for employees with professional expertise who wish to assist in the disaster by releasing the person on payment of their current salary and conditions, assistance to travel costs and incidental costs, provision of emergency clothing, equipment and the like which is necessary for the duration of the employees absence to a maximum of **\$6783** (Indexed by CPI on 1 July of each year – includes 2013 increase);
- (d) the use of City as a receiving agent for any donations by the public; and
- (e) any other bona fide requests which may arise from a disaster or emergency.

**4. Disasters outside Australia**

Requests for all “*non-financial*” support for disasters and emergencies outside Australia will be considered on their merits.

**5. Definitions**

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

(a) Natural Disasters include:

- Floods
- Fire
- Cyclones/storms
- Tsunami
- Earthquake
- Famine
- Disease Threat
- Landslide

(b) Disasters other than Natural Causes include:

- Civil unrest
- War/invasion
- Political, cultural, Religious conflicts
- Acts of terrorism.

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**CPI INCREASES FROM JULY 2009  
 (Perth Based CPI)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>CPI</b>	<b>Page 1, Clause 2(a)</b>	<b>Rounding</b>	<b>Page 1, Clause 3(c)</b>	<b>Rounding</b>
July 2009	1.4%	\$5,950		\$5,950	
July 2010	3.5%	\$6,158.25	<b>\$6,158</b>	\$6,158.25	<b>\$6,158</b>
July 2011	3.0%	\$6,343	<b>\$6,343</b>	\$6,343	<b>\$6,343</b>
July 2012	1.0%	\$6,406.43	<b>\$6,406</b>	\$6,406.43	<b>\$6,406</b>
July 2013	2.5%	\$6,566.59	<b>\$6,567</b>	\$6,566.59	<b>\$6,567</b>
July 2014	3.3%	\$6,783.28	<b>\$6,783</b>	\$6783.28	<b>\$6,783</b>