

# **Discretionary Grants In Aid Policy**

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The RDEK Board has, by Bylaw No. 957, established a service for the giving of discretionary grants in aid (hereinafter referred to as "grants") to organizations that benefit the communities within the Electoral Areas. Following are set conditions to receive such grants.

## 1. Application Requirements

When applying for grants, organizations must state the nature of the project, specifically how the funds may be used, the amount of funding required, and any other information required under this policy.

### 2. Private Sector Proposals

In general, the grants are for meeting community/public rather than private needs. Therefore, grants are only available to registered non-profit organizations. Any private sector proposal that comes forward must be sponsored by a non-profit community organization and must clearly demonstrate community benefits.

#### 3. Area of Expenditure

Funds provided by the RDEK must be expended only within the Electoral Area from which the grant is received; however, applications for projects outside the Electoral Area may be considered provided it is clearly demonstrated that the project benefits communities within the Electoral Area.

#### 4. Funds for Government Activities

Grants may not be used to relieve any level of government of its legal or financial obligations. Grants may be used to add value to government activities already in the Electoral Area, not replace those activities.

## 5. Approval Process

Grant applications must be submitted in writing to the RDEK. The applications may then be referred to the Electoral Area Advisory Commissions for recommendation to the Electoral Area Director who will decide whether the application will proceed to the RDEK Board for final approval.

#### 6. Release of Funds

Funds will be released to the applicant upon receipt of RDEK Board approval and submission of copies of invoices proving that funds were expended for the approved purpose. With approval of the Electoral Area Director, organizations may receive funds without the requirement to submit invoices.