

POLICY MANUAL



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PURPOSE:

To establish a budget and process to implement a Community Appreciation Initiative.

POLICY STATEMENT:

Starland County recognizes the important services that community groups and their volunteers provide to Starland County citizens. The County supports these local community groups by providing financial support for their fundraising events through the Community Appreciation Initiative.

DEFINITIONS:

Community Group: Any non-profit and/or charitable organization that provides a service to their local community. A non-exhaustive list of examples include: Agricultural Societies; community service and/or volunteer organizations; community hall boards; youth and school groups; historical societies; seniors groups; church groups; and library boards.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any community group located and operating within the boundaries of Starland County, including the Village of Morrin, the Village of Delia, and the Village of Munson.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

1. Starland County will budget \$2,500.00 annually for the Community Appreciation Initiative.
2. The annual \$2,500.00 budget will be allocated evenly among the five Divisions within Starland County: namely, \$500.00 for fundraising events in Division 1; \$500.00 for fundraising events in Division 2; \$500.00 for fundraising events in Division 3; \$500.00 for fundraising events in Division 4; and, \$500.00 for fundraising events in Division 5.
3. Community groups are encouraged to notify their respective Division Councillor of upcoming fundraising events that they are planning to hold. Information pertaining to the Community Appreciation Initiative will be advertised in the Starland County's semi-annual newsletter, website, and social media.
4. Each Division Councillor will determine how they will distribute the \$500.00 contribution to fundraising events held within their respective division. A councillor may choose to disburse the full \$500.00 to one community group, or disburse the \$500.00 among multiple community groups, to support their fundraising events.



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5. When a Councillor wishes to sponsor an event in their division, they will send a written request to Starland County Administration advising of: the Community Group name, the fundraising event to be sponsored, the amount of the contribution to the event, the date of the event, and date that the cheque will be picked up by the Councillor. The request should be submitted to Administration at least two weeks prior to the cheque pick-up date.
6. Whenever possible, cheques will be presented to the community group by the Councillor at the sponsored fundraising event. Councillors will take the Starland County Community Support banner to each sponsored event so a photograph can be taken of the cheque presentation.
7. Starland County reserves the right to publish the names of the community groups and events, the amount of the respective contribution from the Community Appreciation Initiative, and a photograph of the cheque presentation in their semi-annual newsletter.