

Gnaala Karla Booja Native Title Charitable Trust

DISTRIBUTION POLICIES FOR FY 2022 – Updated October 2021

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BACKGROUND/ GENERAL INFORMATION

Application forms are to be presented to either Australian Executor Trustees Ltd (AET) or an Advisory Trustee Committee Member (Advisory Trustee) to forward to AET. If the member is not able to sign the application form, then an Advisory Trustee is able to sign on their behalf.

Applications received outside the nature of current policies created by the Advisory Trustees can only be considered at a meeting of the Advisory Trustee or by circulating resolution where the Advisory Trustees must agree to provide funding.

AET Contact Information

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MEMBERSHIP

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) is unable to provide AET with a list of people they consider to be Gnaala Karla Booja (GKB) Members, as advised by the GKB Working Party.

The Advisory Trustees are to advise AET if a person is considered a Gnaala Karla Booja Traditional Owner. The procedure for determining Membership is outlined below:

Membership Procedure

- Applications are first sent to Advisory Trustees to seek approval.
- If Advisory Trustees approve, no further confirmation is required.
- If Advisory Trustees cannot confirm membership, then the application is sent to SWALSC anthropologists to confirm:
 - the applicant is a registered GKB Member; or
 - the family history provided can be used to confirm connection through apical ancestor
- After approval from SWALSC is received, information is forwarded to Advisory Trustees to make a final decision.

1. EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

A total of \$100,000 is available for this policy which is funded from the Employment & Training account.

GKB Members can apply for assistance with training and employment-ready costs such as TAFE, Registered Training Organisations, online courses and work-ready programs. There is no set limit per application and each request will be assessed on its own merit by the Advisory Trustees.

Funds are available for, but not limited to the following:

- Course fees;
- Course equipment such as safety equipment, clothing, tools, etc;
- Other associated costs listed by the training organisation;
- Travel assistance to attend a course, e.g. course is in Perth and Member lives in Collie;
- Police checks and working with children permits;
- Truck/ HR licenses and White Card permits; and
- Business plan funding (initial stages of developing plan only).

All payments made are direct to suppliers only, no cash is paid to members. Primary and secondary school costs are excluded from this policy as it is aimed at those GKB Members wishing to complete training to assist with securing employment.

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A total amount of funds has not been allocated towards community development projects and projects are assessed on their contribution and benefit to the GKB community upon submission.

This policy was created to provide financial assistance for local GKB community development projects that align with the trusts Charitable Objects and provide positive outcomes to the GKB Traditional Owner Community. Funds are available for, but not limited to the following:

- Community services (*including sports-based projects*);
- Community facilities;
- Regional projects;
- Capacity building projects; and
- Promotion and protection of GKB culture

All applications will be considered at a meeting of the Advisory Trustees. If the amount being applied for exceeds \$5,000 the Advisory Trustees request the applicant attend their next meeting to discuss the proposal in person before a decision can be made.