

Down To Earth (Vic) Co-Operative Society Limited

Application for Funding Policy

Policy and procedures for the application for budget allocation of funds

1. Purpose

To set out policy and procedures for volunteers to obtain funding for the conduct of villages, workshops, activity spaces, art, culture, infrastructure and other projects for DTE and or ConFest.

2. Scope

This Policy is intended for all applications for funding/budgets.

3. Link with other policy documents

This Policy links with and reinforces the Expenditure by Volunteers Policy and the Payment and Transfer Policy, available on: <http://www.dte.org.au/downloads>

4. Application Process

- a) Be familiar with and follow the policy and procedures set out in DTE's Expenditure by Volunteers Policy
- b) Complete and submit an Application for Funding form including the Details of Intended uses of Funding form, available on: <http://www.dte.org.au/downloads>
- c) Submit scans, copies or original tax invoices (or receipts if not GST applicable) for all expenditure made on DTE's behalf.
- d) Complete and submit a Summary of Expenditures (attached) form giving a detailed record of all expenditure.
- e) For more information please email: finance_group@dte.coop
- f) Submit completed applications to: applications@dte.coop

The above forms and policies are available on: <http://www.dte.org.au/downloads>

5. Funding Application Outline

- a) This Policy includes applications for villages, workshop and activity spaces, art and culture projects as well as infrastructure and other projects for DTE and/or ConFest. All funding applications are subject to the approval of the ConFest Committee, Organising Committee, ConFab Committee or the Board.
- b) Funds are limited and will be allocated on merit. All decisions by the relevant Committee or Board are final.
- c) Where buying or hiring equipment/services from members of your crew, DTE members or ConFesters is proposed, this must be noted on your application form and comparable quotes are to be provided where possible.
- e) Selling or trading of goods or services other than as an official stall in the Market is not permitted and doing so may result in the removal of the individual or project concerned from ConFest.
- f) For proposed purchase/hire of items costing \$500 or more, alternative quotes/prices must be provided (where possible) with the funding application.
- g) All items costing more than \$100 that you intend to purchase must be listed in the application, and an inventory kept of items in the care of the space/project that are owned by DTE, this list is required from each funding recipient and needs to contain full descriptions, serial numbers and warranty information where applicable.

h) All expenditures must be supported by a tax invoice, or in the case of secondhand or non-taxable items, a receipt or other substantial proof of purchase document.

i) DTE cannot accept bartering processes as it has no legally viable means of establishing proof of purchase for tax and accounting purposes.

6. Applicants for Funding need to

a) Understand that all items purchased with DTE funds are and remain the property of DTE, caretakers of any of these items who decide to cease their involvement with DTE and ConFest must make reasonable efforts to return those items to those taking over the role/project/space, or to DTE, whichever is most applicable. Failure to do so may result in legal action.

b) Be aware that anyone owing in excess of \$500 of funds or tax invoices/receipts to DTE will not be granted advance funding. Those still owing funds or receipts under \$500 may only be considered for a budget approval on the basis of reimbursement on provision of tax invoice/s only.

c) Be familiar with the conditions for use of DTE funds and the processes for returning tax invoices.

d) Submit all tax invoices and receipts (or acceptable scans or copies) together with your completed Summary of Expenditures at ConFest or within 14 days of completion of the project.

e) Understand that budget overruns will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

7. Use of Funding

a) Alcohol, tobacco or other personal items are not to be purchased with DTE funds.

b) Food may be purchased with DTE funds for feeding working volunteers, and for approved public events at ConFest and/or ConFab gatherings.

c) DTE does not cover costs for personal travel to ConFest, including fuel, food or other. For transporting items for your project involving trailers, and/or items of significant weight/size to ConFest, travel/transport costs may be allocated, these must be included in detail in your budget application.

d) Fuel expenses may be allocated for those traveling to participate in working bees or similar.

8. Submitting Tax Invoices

A tax invoice is a receipt or proof of purchase document that shows the amount of GST paid for taxable items. Refer to <https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/GST/Issuing-tax-invoices/>

Funding recipients are to retain a copy or the original receipts/tax invoices for their own records and in case of future query. All tax invoices/receipts to be submitted within 14 days of completion of the project. They can be submitted:

a) As scans by email to: **finance_group@dte.coop**

b) By registered post to:
Down To Earth (Vic) Co-Operative Society Limited,
P.O. Box 295, Brunswick East. Vic. 3057

c) Via digital or other means to be discussed with the Finance Group finance_group@dte.coop

Acknowledgment

This Policy has been based on the work of the many volunteers who have contributed to this area in the past and their work is acknowledged. How we have thought and worked in the past can play a powerful role in shaping the present.

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Application for Funding

Name of applicant/s: Mark Helson.....

I hereby apply for a budget of \$.....\$4,990.....for project/space: ...Legal Advice re Board.....

Please describe the purpose and/or philosophy of the project/space

The Board passed a motion requiring all General Meeting Motions to be determined by electronic voting

and this conflicts with the DTE Constitution. The Board has been spending OC money and delaying the payment of funds approved by both the OC and CC. The Board has been passing many non urgent motions as motions by circular and often these motions are not tabled at the next Board meeting. Some Director spending may be in contravention of the DTE Constitution as well as the CNL. We are needing to obtain legal advice to stop the speculation and rumours circulating..... among the membership.....

Should a budget be granted, it can be accessed in two ways (tick which is applicable):

First way: Spend your own money to a limit within the funding amount approved, then request reimbursement after your project is complete by submitting your receipts/tax invoices. If your project was not ConFest specific, submit within two weeks of project completion. Provide your banking details for reimbursements.

Second way: If your application is successful, money will be transferred to you on a DTE debit card. Once your project is complete, submit your receipts/tax invoices in date order

Do you have a D.T.E Debit Card? (please circle) Yes / No NO Money to add to John Reid Card

If No please contact finance_group@dte.coop to arrange for a debit card to be issued to you.

Applicants for funding must sign the following declaration:

I agree to comply with the conditions of the Application for Funding Policy set out overleaf. I agree that the funds will not be used for purposes other than those described by me in this application. I agree to provide receipts/tax invoices as evidence of all expenditure and understand that failure to do so may result in debt recovery and/or legal action.

Full Name of applicant (print) Mark Helson

Identification (eg, Drivers License #)..... 1271627 NT PH#.....C/- Suzie 0400708607.....

Contact Address/s.....230 Spencer Road Darwin River NT 0831.....

Full Name Mark Helson [Signature] Email mamaapapaa@yahoo.com.au Date 25/08/2020

Signature of witness [Signature] Suzie Helson

Full name of witness (print) Suzie Helson PH#..... 0400708607.....

