

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

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CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is to be considered at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

SUMMARY

This report outlines the outcome of the 2023/2024 Capital Development Grant Program.

Sixteen projects are recommended to be funded through this round of the grant program.

Funding agreements will be established with each recipient for the delivery of their initiative following formal consideration by Council.

Five projects are not recommended for approval in this round. Where eligible, the Recreation & Sport team will continue to work with these community groups on the development of their grant applications for future rounds.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the following grant amounts that are proposed to be delivered following applications to the 2023/2024 Capital Development Grant Program

- 1. \$24,000.00 to the Yarra Glen Cricket Club**
- 2. \$24,000.00 to the Mt Evelyn Cricket Club**
- 3. \$24,000.00 to the Wandin Community Hub**
- 4. \$20,000.00 to the Yarra Glen and District Pony Club Inc**
- 5. \$14,000.00 to the Lilydale Bowling Club Incorporated**
- 6. \$12,000.00 to the Mount Evelyn Tennis Club**
- 7. \$10,535.00 to the Upper Yarra Pony Club Inc**

8. ***\$10,000.00 to the Lilydale BMX Club Inc***
9. ***\$8,500.00 to the Lilydale Tennis Club***
10. ***\$8,050.00 to the Wesburn Junior Football Club***
11. ***\$5,275.50 to the Monbulk Netball Club***
12. ***\$4,600.00 to the Lilydale & District Model Flying Association Inc.***
13. ***\$3,910.00 to the Hoddles Creek Cricket Club Inc.***
14. ***\$2,285.00 to the Healesville Bowling Club***
15. ***\$1,805.00 to Mooroolbark & District Miniature Railway & Steam Club Inc***
16. ***\$888.50 to the Selby Tennis Club***

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council Meeting 27 September 2022 - Council resolved to provide \$171,125 as part of the 2022/2023 Capital Development Grants Program to thirteen successful clubs and associations for improvements to their facilities.

Council Meeting 28 September 2021 – Council resolved to provide \$160,304 as part of the 2021/2022 Capital Development Grants Program to thirteen successful clubs and associations for improvements to their facilities.

DISCUSSION

Purpose and Background

The purpose of the Capital Development Grants is to support the local community to carry out projects that will improve and benefit, not only sport and recreation organisations, but also the wider community.

The Grant applications proposed to be funded have been assessed as having demonstrated an ability to achieve significant outcomes in the four criteria (weightings apply) outlined in the Capital Development Grant Program – Funding Guidelines, as follows:

- Clear evidence of demand for the project and the ongoing benefits to community participation (40%).
- The degree to which the organisation has provided the required project documentation and can demonstrate the ability to deliver the project (30%).
- Demonstrated increased opportunities for female participation and/or disadvantaged groups (25%).
- Sustainability elements incorporated in design, materials, or outcomes (5%).

Options considered

To fund additional projects, some applications have had allocations reduced from what was requested. Officers have confirmed with these clubs/organisations the project will still be able to be completed with less funding.

Recommended option and justification

The 2023/2024 Capital Development Grant Program ('the Grant') will see a total of \$173,849 awarded to 16 successful applications.

Summary of recommended applications and funds awarded:

1. \$24,000 – Yarra Glen Cricket Club – Installing Outdoor Cricket Nets (Total project value \$80,000).
2. \$24,000 – Mount Evelyn Cricket Club – Multi-Purpose Practice Facilities/Cricket Net Roof (Total project value \$64,680).
3. \$24,000 – Wandin Community Hub– Scoreboard and Storage Facility (Total project value \$60,334).
4. \$20,000 – Yarra Glen and District Pony Club Inc – Upgrades and extension to their all-weather space (Total project value \$44,506) – Submission included cost of fencing. Project will now be staged with arena extension funded this year.
5. \$14,000 – Lilydale Bowling Club Incorporated – Shade sails for recreational area (Total project value \$35,000).
6. \$12,000 – Mount Evelyn Tennis Club– Facility Entry Upgrades (Total project value \$30,000).
7. \$10,535 – Upper Yarra Pony Club Inc – Levelling, fencing and surfacing of round yard (Total project value \$21,070).
8. \$10,000 – Lilydale BMX Club Inc– Lilydale BMX Club Track Renewal (Total project value \$22,000).
9. \$8,500 – Lilydale Tennis Club – Installation of the Book a Court system (Total project value \$17,100).
10. \$8,050 – Wesburn Junior Football Club – Coaches boxes, Timekeepers Box and Score board (Total Project \$16,100) – Submission included Upgrades to pavilion kitchen however, this portion of the project has been removed and will be discussed with the Property and Facilities Team for a future Capital Works bid.
11. \$5,275.50 – Monbulk Netball Club – Replacing Netball Post (Total project value \$10,551).

12. \$4,600 – Lilydale & District Model Flying Association Inc.– Shed Extension (Total project value \$9,335).
13. \$3,910 – Hoddles Creek Cricket – Renewal of the cricket pitch synthetic and Privacy Screen (Total project value \$7820) - Part of the application was to install a Shipping Container, Council cannot provide funding towards this project as we do not approve shipping containers to be placed on council land. Council would like to continue to work with the club to find an alternate solution for the storage issue at Hoddles Creek as it was agreed by the panel that the idea behind the project is warranted however the solution of a shipping container cannot be approved.
14. \$2,285 – Healesville Bowling Club – Scoreboard and Ambulatory Aides (Total project value \$4,570) – Part of the application included the purchase of free standing tables as club room improvements which have been removed as the Capital Development Program does not cover the purchase of freestanding equipment or appliances (see program guidelines).
15. \$1,805 – Mooroolbark & District Miniature Railway & Steam Club Inc.– Installing new tables/Tables for Disabled Persons (Total project value \$3,610).
16. \$888.50 – Selby Tennis Club – A New Shed For Our Community Club (Total project value \$1,777).

There were 21 applications submitted equating to a total grant request of \$352,741 from the 2023/2024 Program for projects that amount to a combined value of \$679,668.

The panel recommends funding the 16 applications totalling a grant request amount of \$173,849 for projects that amount to a combined value of \$428,453.

It is also recommended to reduce the grant request to those applications that were requesting more than \$11,000, enabling Council to fund as many applications as possible. Confirmation will be sought with the applicants that the clubs would be able to complete the project with the proposed Council contribution without compromising the project or putting the club in financial hardship.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

An annual budget for the program is included in Council's 10 Year Capital Expenditure Program. In 2023/2024 the total funds for this program have been increased to \$174,000. It is recommended to award a total of \$173,849 to 16 applications.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

The projects delivered by the proposed successful applicants will significantly contribute to enhancing health outcomes, including decreasing obesity and improving mental health and wellbeing. By engaging and encouraging people to be

physically active and creative we can protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing for all ages.

The Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2013-2023 sets out directions for creating healthy and active environments and services in Yarra Ranges and provides a framework to guide future development and management of Council's recreation reserves, parks and community spaces.

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic Implications

This funding program supports volunteer/not for profit organisations, delivering important community infrastructure that ensures sustainability of the organisation delivering the project.

Applicants are encouraged to utilise and source local goods and services for the construction of these projects.

Social Implications

Several of the projects submitted support recreation participation to the wider community, including female and disadvantaged community members.

Environmental Implications

This funding program supports volunteer/not for profit organisations, delivering important community infrastructure that ensures sustainability of the organisation delivering the project.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Advertising for submissions occurred via Council's website and through contact with sporting clubs and user groups across the municipality.

It was advised that applications were open from 9am, Monday 5 June 2023 and were to close 11:59pm, Sunday 16 July 2023.

All applications were assessed against the criteria by four Council officers ('assessors') from Council's Recreation & Active Living team and one officer from Council's Community Development team, who understood the assessment process and/or had knowledge of infrastructure development and maintenance.

The following process was followed by each of the assessors:

1. Applications assessed independently

2. Allocated a project score using the criteria provided
3. Met and discussed each project
4. Agreed on a final score
5. Allocated funds based on the final outcomes of assessment and budget.

This process was overseen and coordinated by the Recreation Development & Liaison Officer.

COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable.

RISK ASSESSMENT

All successful applications are required to enter into a formal funding agreement with Council prior to project commencing. The delivery of all successful projects will be overseen by the Recreation and Sport team.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

1. 2023/2024 Capital Development Grant Program Guidelines