

Community Sports & Recreation Facilities Small Grant Funding Policy

Objective

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Provide an equitable and transparent framework for the assessment and ranking of CSRFF Small Grants in line with the Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF guidelines.
- Ensure all Capital Seed grant applications are considered as part of a strategic process to ensure the delivery of quality, sustainable facilities which align with the Council's strategic objectives.
- Provide a framework for the allocation of the Capital Seed Funds to assist with leveraging other funding opportunities and maximising the outcomes for the community.
- Provide a framework for the allocation of the Capital Seed Funds should an applicant be unsuccessful in their application to DSR.
- Limit the City of Albany's contribution to small grant eligible projects to 33% of the total project cost.

Policy Statements

The City of Albany recognises the importance of providing or facilitating physical activity opportunities through accessible, safe and affordable facilities that meet the identified needs of the community.

The City of Albany will encourage and promote physical activity through:

- The provision or facilitation of reserves and facilities for structured community sport and recreation.
- Providing support to sporting clubs.
- Promotion of joint provision, shared and multi use community facilities.

The City of Albany's Capital Seed Fund aligns with the Department of Sport and Recreation Community Sport and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF Small Grants) by:

- Developing **basic infrastructure** for sport and recreation.
- Supporting an **increase in participation** in sport and recreation with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of good quality, well-designed and well-utilised facilities.
- Supporting **joint provision** and **shared use** of facilities.

A. Eligibility

Applicants for CSRFF Small Grant Funding must:

- Be either an LGA or not for profit sport, recreation or community organisation.
- Be incorporated under the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987.
- Have an Australian Business Number (ABN).

Applicants for Capital Seed Funding must:

- Be a not for profit sport and recreation community organisation within the boundaries of the City of Albany municipality.
- Be incorporated under the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987.
- Have an ABN.
- Be applying for the DSR Small Grants Round.
- Have discussed their project with Recreation Services, Council Officers.

As per the CSRFF Guidelines the types of projects which will be strongly supported for Capital Seed Funds include:

- Upgrade and additions to existing facilities.
- Construction of new facilities to meet sport and active recreation needs.
- Lighting projects.
- Projects which are 'shovel ready'.

Priority will also be given to projects which lead to contemporary models of joint provision, facility sharing and rationalisation

B. Financial Contribution

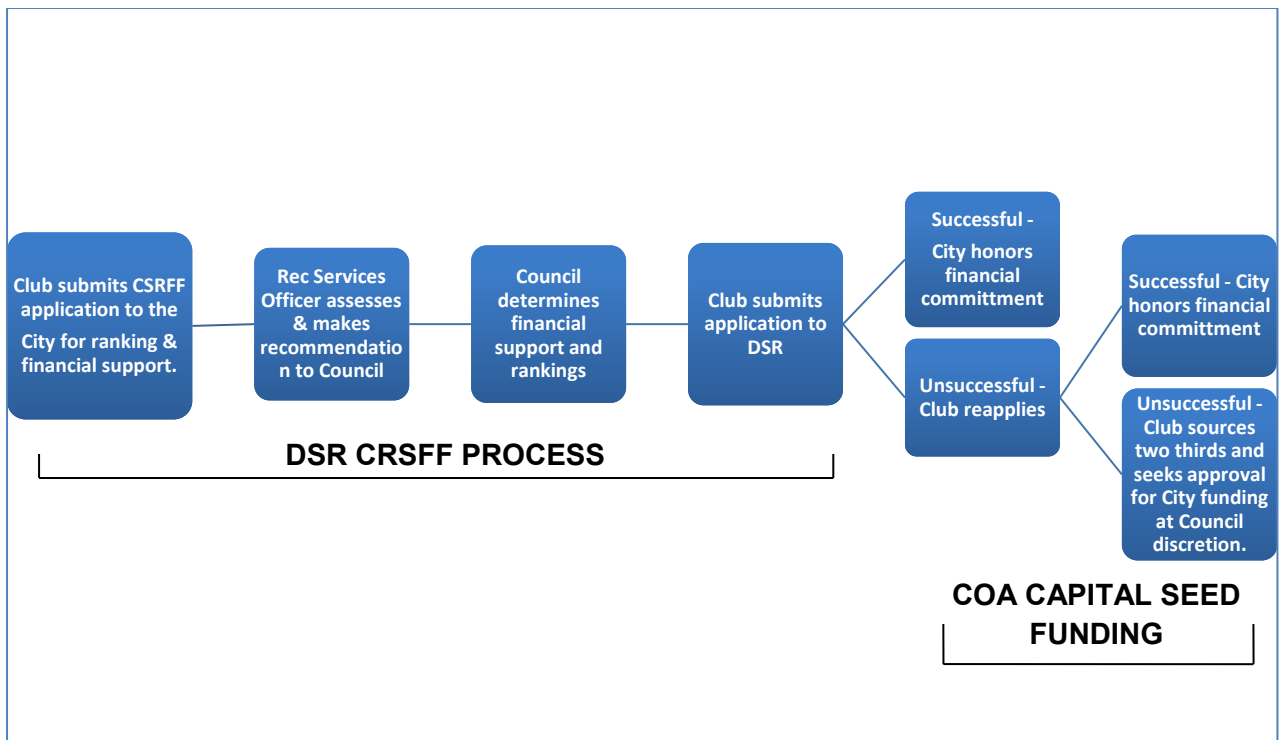
Local government is not obliged to contribute to any successful CSRFF small grant.

Requests for the Capital Seed Fund may be considered by Council with the following conditions:

- Capital Seed Fund will only be awarded in support of successful CSRFF applications.
- A maximum of one third of the total estimated project costs (excluding GST).
- If quotes are inaccurate applicants are responsible for sourcing additional costs.
- Applicants are responsible for understanding and managing the GST component of their grant application.

If an applicant is unsuccessful Council may still consider contributing the maximum one third of the total estimated project costs to an applicant's project with the following conditions:

- The applicant has made at least two attempts to leverage CSRFF.
- The applicant can source the remaining two thirds of the total estimated project costs themselves.



C. Budget Allocation and Timeframe

The total Capital Seed Funds budget to be allocated each financial year to be determined on an annual basis

Unallocated Capital Seed Funds to be carried forward to the following financial year.

D. Out of Scope

This Policy does not reference, influence or impact other funding or financial assistance programs delivered by the City, through City Business Units or other programs that may be delivered from time to time.

Legislative and Strategic Context

The CSRFF and Capital Seed Funds for community sport and recreation groups directly relate to the City of Albany Strategic Plan 2023 as outlined in table below:

Strategic Plan Theme	Strategic Initiative	Strategic Plan Detail
<i>A Sense of Community: to create interesting places, spaces and events that reflects our community's identity, diversity and heritage.</i>	<i>Sport and Recreation Infrastructure.</i>	<i>Community Sporting Infrastructure Support Program (Capital Seed Funds).</i>

Responsibility and Policy Custodian Review Position and Date

Oversight and delivery of activity generated by this Policy is within the Community Services Team.

This policy and procedure is to be reviewed by the document owner every two years.

This forms part of the future Sport and Recreation Futures Plan suite of documents (2015 – 2030).

Associated Documents

All following documents relate to this policy:

- City of Albany DRAFT Sport and Recreation Futures Plan (2015 – 2030)
- DSR CSRFF Guidelines and Application Form
- DSR Project Assessment Sheet
- City of Albany Public Health Plan

Acronyms

CSRFF	Community Sport and Recreation Facility Fund
DSR	Department of Sport and Recreation
SSA	State Sporting Association
LGA	Local Government Authority

Definitions: 1

- **Health:** the World Health Organisation defines health as ‘a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.’
Health and wellbeing take into account the places people live and the policies that shape their lives, as well as the individual lifestyles people pursue.
- **Organised Sport and Recreation:** involves participation in fixtured sporting events (e.g. netball/hockey/football) or activities which require the supervision or expertise of an instructor (e.g. aerobics)
- **Sport Spaces:** provide a setting for formal structured activities. Sport spaces provide a venue for formal structured sporting activities such as team competitions, physical skill development and training. Sport spaces are designed to accommodate playing surface, buffer zones and infrastructure requirements of specific or general sporting activity. Players and spectators attend with the express purpose of engaging in organised sporting activity, training, and competition or watch the game. Most sport spaces can be accessed by community members for informal sport and recreation
- **Recreation:** an activity of leisure for free time often done for enjoyment and can be considered healthy, fun and social
- **Recreation Spaces:** Provide a setting for informal play and physical activity, relaxation and social interaction. Recreation spaces can be accessed by all to play, socialise, exercise, celebrate or participate in other activities that provide personal satisfaction or intrinsic reward.
- **Active Public Open Space:** typically provides for more formal recreational pursuits and organised sporting activities (e.g. ovals, soccer pitches, netball courts). Active spaces within parks may also be hard non-green spaces, such as basketball and tennis courts which are important facilities for physical activity and exercise
- **Incidental Activity:** includes active play and recreation, for example walking the dog, swimming, walking and cycling for recreation, walking for public transport.

¹ Healthy Active by Design www.healthyactivebydesign.com.au/

- **Open Space Classification (from DSR):** based on the function and catchment hierarchy. The function of the space refers to its primary use and expected activities:
 - Recreation spaces – provide a setting for informal play and physical activity, relaxation and social interaction
 - Sport spaces – provide a setting for formal structured sporting activities
- **Nature spaces:** provide a setting where people can enjoy nearby nature and protect local biodiversity and natural area values
- **Co-Location:** Locating/integrating two or more facilities on the same or adjacent sites
- **Facility Sharing:** Locating/integrating two or more groups which utilise the same facility and operate under a shared management structure.

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