

**CCCS016: COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES
FUND 2017-18 SMALL GROUND ROUND APPLICATIONS-VERSION 2**

Proponent / Owner : City of Albany
Attachments : Regional Tennis Centre-Feasibility Study, Lower Great Southern Tennis Association and Tennis West
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Responsible Officers: : Executive Director Commercial Services (C Woods)

Responsible Officer's Signature:



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan 2023 and Corporate Business Plan 2014 - 2018:
 - a. **Key Theme:** 4. A Sense of Community
 - b. **Strategic Objective:** 4.2 To create interesting places, spaces and events that reflect our community's identity, diversity and heritage
 - c. **Strategy:** 4.2.1 Sport & Recreation Infrastructure

In Brief:

- To seek Council endorsement of the priority ranking for the submitted Community Sport and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) Small Grant funding round.
- To seek Council support to provide funding assistance in line with the draft Council Policy of the Community Sports & Recreation Facilities for the Regional Tennis Centre – Feasibility Study project (City of Albany) upon return of successful CSRFF Annual Grant application.

RECOMMENDATION

**CCCS016: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 1
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

That Council **RANK** the CSRFF Small Grant application in the following order for the CSRFF March 2017 Funding Round:

- **Regional Tennis Centre – Feasibility Study (rank one of one)**

**CCCS015: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION 2
VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY**

That Council **APPROVE** a total of \$10,000 (exc GST) from the 2017-2018 budget to the Regional Tennis Centre – Feasibility Study as the City's commitment subject to a successful CSRFF Annual grant application.

BACKGROUND

2. The Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) has three rounds of available funds including:
 - Small Grant Funding Round (Winter) – current
 - Annual And Forward Planning Funding Round – current
 - Small Grant Funding Round (Summer) – pending
3. The CSRFF program is a \$12 million program. All three rounds are often oversubscribed and clubs may need to reapply on a number of occasions to be successful.
4. The Small Grants Round targets community sport projects where the financial value of the total project is from \$5,000 up to \$150,000 and is delivered within a 12 month period.
5. Applicants must be either a local government authority or a not-for-profit sport or community organisation incorporated under the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987.
6. Clubs and local government authority must demonstrate equitable access to the public on a short term and casual basis.
7. The land on which the facility is to be developed must be one of the following:
 - Crown reserve
 - Land owned by a public authority
 - Municipal property
 - Land held for public purposes by trustees under a valid lease, title or trust deed that adequately protects the interests of the public.
8. The Local Government has an opportunity to assess all relevant applications and to rank applications in priority order for the municipality.
9. Whilst there is no obligation for Local Government to contribute to the community sporting projects local government is viewed as a key funding partner in supporting improved community sporting amenities
10. The Department of Sport and Recreation application form calls for applications to be initially submitted to the Local Government within which the project proposal is located.
11. An element of the assessment process involves Council consideration and priority ranking of applications received. The applications are then submitted to the Department of Sport and Recreation on behalf of the applicants prior to March 31 2017.
12. Once the assessment process from Local Government Authorities are complete all applications received from Western Australian organisations are assessed by the relevant State Sporting Association and the Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF Committee against a number of criteria, with the final decision on funding being at the discretion of the Minister for Sport and Recreation.

DISCUSSION

13. The grant guidelines require Council to provide a ranking for the projects.
14. The Department of Sport and Recreation provides guidance for Local Government Authorities to assess each submission. This assessment uses the following criteria and a project rating of satisfactory/unsatisfactory or not relevant:
 - Project justification
 - Planned approach
 - Community input
 - Management planning
 - Access and opportunity

- Design
- Financial viability
- Coordination
- Potential to increase physical activity
- Sustainability

15. With overall project rating, being:

- Well planned and needed by municipality
- Well planned and needed by applicant
- Needed by municipality, more planning required
- Needed by applicant, more planning required
- Idea has merit, more planning work needed
- Not recommended.

16. Projects are ranked on the strength of the application, participation numbers, ability to increase physical activity and potential impact as well as consultation with the Department of Sport and Recreation and the applicant.

17. The City of Albany has received only one (1) Small Grant Application this round. The following additional information is provided about the project and funding application.

Regional Tennis Centre – Feasibility Study

- The funding application is a Small Grant Application to undertake a Regional Tennis Centre Feasibility Study for the Great Southern.
- 2017 Tennis West Association membership number for Albany and the Great Southern Region include:

Sport/community organisation Tennis	% use of the facility	Hours per week	Membership 2014/15	Membership 2015/16	Membership 2016/17
Merrifield Tennis Club	100	40 hrs Jan - Dec	76	82	90
Lawley Park Tennis Club	100	30hrs Jan - Dec	106	111	136
Emu Point Tennis Club	100	15hrs Jan –Dec	115	119	131
Manypeaks Tennis Club	100	4 hrs Oct - March	21	18	18
Napier Tennis Club	100	6 hrs Oct - March	45	44	44
Lower Great Southern Tennis Association (Denmark, Plantagenet, Albany)	n/a	n/a	492	506	551

18. The need for the Regional Tennis Centre Feasibility Study (Great Southern) has been identified for the following reasons:

- a) The existing Albany Tennis Club sites and facilities face a number of barriers restricting participation and growth including landlocked sites (Merrifield & Lawley Park); current locations may not be in the most appropriate/suitable sites and some are in a poor/aging condition (clubhouse, courts).
- b) All the Albany Tennis Clubs lack lighting to expand and support increased participation.
- c) The current court configuration and surface types across all clubs are unable to host state competition. There is limited capacity to grow the sport in the region.

- d) There are numerous courts associated with Progress Associations in Albany that are in varying states of disrepair that will require a decision from council in the future.
 - e) There has been considerable push from across the tennis sporting community to secure a site for a Regional tennis Centre and supporting model to suit their needs.
 - f) The City has been approached by both the Lower Great Southern Tennis Association and Tennis WA to assist in the development of a site and Council seeks an objective assessment of the feasibility of a Regional Tennis Centre.
 - g) DSR and Tennis West both requested that the project be broadened to include the whole of the Great Southern (initially just Albany, Denmark and Plantagenet).
19. The feasibility study will test the viability of Tennis and a Regional Tennis Centre for the region:
- a) As per the Department of Sport & Recreation feasibility study guidelines the study will review the medium & long term needs of the sport in the Great Southern with recommendations for infrastructure, sites and the need for a Regional Tennis Centre.
 - b) Review the current provision of tennis assets and make recommendations for rationalisation.
 - c) Review and make recommendations on an appropriate governance model and measure economic/social value of a regional tennis centre to the region.
 - d) Make recommendations for colocation with other sports to ensure a viable and sustainable model.
20. At present the main users identified include Tennis West Member Association Clubs, Non Member Association Clubs, and Progress Associations with Tennis Courts across all 11 local governments in the Great Southern.
21. There is potential for colocation with other sports (potentially AFL and Hockey) ensuring increased viability and sustainability and this will need to be explored as part of the project. Projects that meet a colocation model are viewed more favourably by the Department of Sport & Recreation and other funding bodies.
- Department of Sport & Recreation Great Southern Regional Manager assessed the project as having a high priority.
22. The below ranking recommendation has been provided based on the applicant meeting the required criteria and its overall project ranking:

RANK	ORGANISATION	PROJECT DETAIL	OVERALL PROJECT RATING
1	City of Albany	Regional Tennis Centre Feasibility Study	Well planned and needed by the municipality.

23. Correspondence from Lower Great Southern Tennis Association and Tennis West requesting support and a completed Officers Project Assessment Sheet for the project application is attached

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

24. The Department of Sport and Recreation’s Regional Manager for the Great Southern has been consulted with by the City of Albany.
25. The City of Albany has conducted numerous meetings and consulted with the Lower Great Southern Tennis Association and Tennis West benefiting from this Community Sporting project.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 26. There is no statutory requirement.
- 27. Council Officers assess each project and make a recommendation for the ranking of projects based on the DSR criteria and strategic overview.
- 28. Council has the opportunity to provide a recommendation that ranks applications in priority order for the City of Albany.
- 29. It should be noted that the Department of Sport and Recreation will make the final decision on funding allocation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 30. The Recreation Planning Strategy adopted in 2008 has been applied in ranking this submission.
- 31. The Interim Policy for Sport and Recreation Facilities has been applied in the assessment and recommendations.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

- 32. *The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City’s Enterprise Risk and Opportunity Management Framework.*

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputation & Community Property <i>Failure to review the current provision may result in reactive and adhoc planning rather than a strategic and planned approach</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Support the funding application, or work with City officers to source other funding streams or alternate solutions.</i>
Reputation & Financial <i>Failure to upgrade facilities may result in missed economic and social opportunities.</i>	<i>Possible</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Support the funding application, or work with City officers to source other funding streams.</i>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 33. The City allocated a total of \$75,000 Capital Seed Funding for Sporting Clubs in the 2016/2017 financial year to assist in the development and maintenance of community sporting infrastructure as determined through the CSRFF funding process.
- 34. The Capital Seed Reserve for Sporting Clubs Fund has been established to assist with leveraging State Government funds for sporting clubs. Funds from unsuccessful grant applications are returned to the Capital Seed Reserve Fund to be reused for other grant applications.
- 35. The 2016/2017 fund has been fully allocated to the Collingwood Park Lighting project. The fund will be topped up again for 2017/2018. This project will fall in the 2017/2018 financial year.
- 36. There are two Small Grants rounds for 2017/2018 financial year and it is likely that Council will receive further requests for financial contributions for these rounds.
- 37. The project costs for the Regional Tennis Feasibility Study is \$50,000. The City has factored the project into the ten year budget additional to the Capital Seed Reserve for Sporting Clubs. The City has made a commitment to provide in kind officer support and a financial commitment capped at \$10,000 to the project.

38. City of Albany will complete a Tennis Australia National Court Rebate Application requesting \$15,000 to assist with the project costs and request \$25,000 from Department of Sport and Recreation CSRFF program. A higher amount has been requested from external agencies to assist with reaching the broader region outcomes.
39. The following table provides the budget detail for the project application received:

Organisation	Total project cost (ex GST)	Applicant contribution (ex GST) [inc voluntary component]	CSRFF Grant (ex GST)	Proposed Other state or federal funding (ex GST)	City of Albany (ex GST)
City of Albany – Regional Tennis Feasibility Study	\$50,000		\$25,000	\$15,000 (Tennis West - Unconfirmed)	\$10,000

40. The current application does not draw down on the current capital seed fund.
41. If the application is unsuccessful, the City of Albany must reapply in the next round.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

42. Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

43. There are no environmental impacts associated with the Regional Tennis Centre – Feasibility Study.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

44. Council may choose not to provide funding assistance for this project.
45. Council may choose to provide more or less funding assistance to this project.

CONCLUSION

46. The Department of Sport and Recreation provides local government with an opportunity to assess received applications and to rank applications in priority order for the municipality.
47. This project meets the criteria provided by the Department of Sport and Recreation. It is considered well planned and needed by the district. Council is required to endorse the officers ranking. City officers have ranked the application as the number one (1) priority.
48. Council may consider capping its financial contribution or sourcing alternate means to meet budget allocations.
49. The Department of Sport and Recreation requires a response from the City of Albany on the priority ranking order by 31 March 2017.

Consulted References	:	NIL
File Number (Name of Ward)	:	(All Wards)
Previous Reference	:	Nil