

2.6: COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND (CSRFF) 2011/12 SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Proponent : Refer to paragraph 12 of the Officer’s Report
Responsible Officer : Acting ED Corporate & Community Services (P Wignall)

IN BRIEF

- Council endorse the priority ranking for the submitted applications.

ITEM 2.6: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council rank the six CSRFF applications received in the following order:

	ORGANISATION	PROJECT DETAIL
1	Railways Football and Sporting Club	Connection to deep sewerage.
2	Albany City Kart Club	Extension of kart track
3	Albany Equestrian Centre	Installation of new holding pens
4	Albany Bowling Club	Installation of lighting system over bowling greens
5	Albany Speedway Club Inc	Upgrade to track and pit area
6	South Coast Tennis Club	Renovation and resurfacing of 3 tennis courts and knock-up area

BACKGROUND

1. The Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) is administered by the Department of Sport and Recreation. A change two years ago to the CSRFF introduced two rounds of available funds including a small grant funding round and its annual and forward planning funding round.
2. Applicants must be either a local government authority or a not for profit sport, recreation or community organisation incorporated under the WA Associations Incorporation Act 1987.
3. Clubs must demonstrate equitable access to the public on a short term and casual basis.
4. 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.

CEO:	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
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5. Applicants must liaise with their Local Government regarding planning and building approvals pertinent to their project.
6. The Local Government has an opportunity to assess all relevant applications and to rank applications in priority order for the municipality.
7. The current round of funding applications is for the small grant round with the financial value of the total project being from \$5,000 up to \$150,000.
8. 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.
9. 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 31 March 2011.
10. Once the assessment process from Local Government Authorities are complete all applications received from Western Australian organisations are assessed by 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.

COMMENT/ DISCUSSION

11. The grant guidelines require Council to provide a ranking for the projects.
12. A total of six applications were received prior to the submission deadline.
13. A ranking recommendation has been given based on the merits of each project:

	ORGANISATION	PROJECT DETAIL	JUSTIFICATION
1	Railways Football and Sporting Club	Connection to deep sewerage.	Project implementation will assist to mitigate health concerns Membership = 395 Facility is multi-use, accommodating for a range of sporting and community groups Project is considered part of the Centennial Park Recreation Precinct development which is a high priority and forms part of a State Government election commitment
2	Albany City Kart Club	Extension of kart track	Required to host State Titles however long term benefits exist for club. Membership = 80 (Membership is expected to grow with the completion of the track and hosting state titles) Project is considered part of the Great Southern Motorplex development
3	Albany Equestrian Centre	Installation of new holding pens	Safety concerns for horses, ponies and handlers Membership = 212 (membership and usage expected to grow upon project completion) Facility is multi use, accommodating for a range of equine sports and training Currently turning away some events and

			request for hire due to current facility inadequacy.
4	Albany Bowling Club	Installation of lighting system over bowling greens	Membership = 180 Corporate Bowls participation = 170
			The club has demonstrated that initiating this project will allow growth in the sport of bowls by allowing more night games, extending the available hours of operation of the facility
			Bowls is classified as a 'life sport' and popularity of intergenerational interaction through corporate bowls assists with social and community cohesion
5	Albany Speedway Club Inc	Upgrade to track and pit area	Track has deteriorated causing inconsistent surface and safety concerns
			Membership = 146 and has proven sustainable growth in membership
6	South Coast Tennis Club	Renovation and resurfacing of 3 tennis courts and knock-up area	Residential growth is expected in Little Grove however Membership is currently 19, some casual hire use also exists
			2 courts have been decommissioned, third does not have much life expectancy left. Lack of available facilities is one of the reasons why membership to the club is low.
			The tennis club (and hall area) constitutes for over half of Little Groves active public open space however it is mostly un-useable (excludes school space)

14. It is recommended that that Council review the ranking made by Officers.
15. An additional assessment and an overall project rating will be made by staff under the direction of the Executive Director for Corporate and Community Services prior to the submissions being finalised and submitted to the Department of Sport and Recreation, using the follow criteria:

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Not Relevant
Project justification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community input	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Management planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access & opportunity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial viability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-ordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential to increase physical activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. 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; and
 - Not recommended.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

17. There is no statutory requirement of Council. However, Council has the opportunity to provide a recommendation that ranks applications in priority order for the City of Albany.
18. It should be noted that the Department of Sport and Recreation will make the final decision on funding allocation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

19. The Recreation Planning Strategy adopted in 2008 has been applied in ranking the priority order of submissions.
20. It is considered that the submission from the Railways Football and Sporting Club will compliment the Centennial Park Recreation Precinct upgrade.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

21. To facilitate this process approximately 24 hours (\$960.00) of one staff officer time has been conducted.
22. The following table provides detail of all applications received and indicates that none of the applicants have proposed City of Albany financial contribution.
23. Applicants were informed that they may ordinarily request funds for their project from Council through the Community Financial Assistance funding round; however at its Ordinary Council Meeting on 20 April 2011 Council introduced a moratorium on this grant category allocation (excluding rate rebates and events) until July 2012.

Organisation	Project detail	Total Project Cost (ex GST)	Applicant contribution (ex GST) [inc voluntary component]	CSRFF Grant (ex GST)	Proposed Other state or federal funding (ex GST)	Proposed Council contribution (ex GST)
Railways Football and Sporting Club	Connection to deep sewerage	\$29,000	\$ 14,500	\$14,500	Nil	Nil
Albany City Kart Club	Extension of kart track	\$140,708	\$95,708	\$50,000	Nil	Nil
Albany Equestrian Centre	Installation of new holding pens	\$41,721	\$13,907	\$13,907	\$13,907	Nil

Albany Bowling Club	Installation of lighting system over bowling greens	\$22,920	\$15,280	\$7,640	Nil	Nil
Albany Speedway Club Inc	Upgrade to track and pit area	\$98,500	\$65,636	\$32,864	Nil	Nil
South Coast Tennis Club	Renovation and resurfacing of 3 tennis courts and knock-up area	\$49,181	\$14,500	\$14,186	\$25,000	Nil

Consulted References	Recreation Planning Strategy Guidelines for Applicants 2011/2012 funding round
File Number (Name of Ward)	FIN038 (All Wards)
Previous Reference	17/08/2010 Item 2.5 18/08/2009 Item 14.1.3