

**9.7 COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND AND CLUB NIGHTS LIGHTS PROGRAM - FEBRUARY SMALL GRANTS ROUND APPLICATION**

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council **ENDORSES** the:

1. **Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund – 2023/24 February Small Grants Round application for consideration by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, as follows:**
  - 1.1 **Priority 1 – Robertson Park Development Plan – Tennis Precinct – Multi Sports Courts conversion; and**
  - 1.2 **Priority 2 – North Perth Bowling Club – Toilet Upgrade; and**
2. **Club Night Lights Program – 2023/2024 February Small Grants Round application for consideration by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, as follows:**
  - 2.1 **Priority 1 – Robertson Park Development Plan – Tennis Precinct – Multi Sports Courts flood lighting.**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To seek authorisation for administration to submit three funding applications to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) for the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), and the Club Nights Lights Program (CNLP) 2023/24 February small grant round.

**BACKGROUND:**

Local Government authorities and not-for-profit sport/recreation organisations are eligible to apply for CSRFF and CNLP grants aimed towards increasing participation through the development of basic sustainable infrastructure that is well planned and designed. Priority consideration is given to projects that lead to facility sharing and rationalisation with floodlights, playing surfaces, change rooms listed as one of the Department's priorities.

DLGSCI offers the Small Grants Funding round twice annually for CSRFF and CNLP, to assist with projects under \$300,000.

The CNLP has \$10 million (total) allocated over four years between 2021/2022 and 2024/2025 to fund sports floodlighting infrastructure and is into its third year. The CSRFF has \$12.5 million available for allocation annually over 4 rounds which include 2 small, an annual and a forward planning round.

The maximum CSRFF grant awarded by the DLGSCI will be no greater than one-third of the total cost of the project. In some cases, funds provided by the Department do not equate to one-third of the project costs, and the applicants are advised to fund the shortfall. Any ineligible items are deducted from the eligible project cost. This may result in the funding eligible for the project being less than the amount requested. DLGSCI does not guarantee the full grant amount requested or the maximum level of funding will be received. The level of financial assistance offered is based on the overall significance of the proposed project, including the benefits provided to the community.

The City coordinates and prioritises all applications from sporting clubs in conjunction with City submissions. This is to ensure there is no duplication of applications, the project is viable, and allows the City to prioritise applications. The City utilises the grant assessment principles and guidelines, as well as relevant strategic plans and policies, to assess the need, viability, and priority of applications.

Applications are ranked by the City in order of priority and rated as either:

- A. Well planned and needed by municipality;
- B. Well planned and needed by applicant;
- C. Needed by municipality, more planning required;
- D. Needed by applicant, more planning required;
- E. Idea has merit, more planning work needed; or
- F. Not recommended.

After consideration by Council, the applications are submitted to DLGSC for formal assessment. Announcements on successful/unsuccessful applicants for the Small Grants Round are scheduled for June 2023.

#### **DETAILS:**

##### Robertson Park Tennis Precinct – Multi sports courts

At the 14 September 2021 Ordinary Meeting, Council adopted the Robertson Park Development Plan (Development Plan). The Development Plan outlines the improvements to Robertson Park, identifying infrastructure upgrades that respond to community needs, whilst maximising land use and improving community access to recreation and leisure activities. The Robertson Park Development Plan is included as a Strategic Project in the City's Corporate Business Plan.

The Development Plan was divided into three project zones, which includes the Dog and Leisure Park, the Tennis Precinct, and the Turf/Eco Area. At the September 2022 Council Authorised the City to submit a funding application for the CSRFF 2023/24 Annual and Forward Planning round for the Tennis Precinct. The City was unsuccessful in the funding round. Feedback from DLGSC indicated that the lack of certainty in tenure for the facility was the reason the City was unsuccessful.

It is proposed that the City further stage the Tennis Precinct implementation in order to progress the project. This would include a Stage 1a incorporating the implementation of the multi sports courts and the entrance, and stage 1b includes the implementation of the tennis courts and thoroughfare.

Stage 1a of the project converts 6 of the existing tennis courts to 4 multi sports courts and a hit up wall. This would allow for increase community accessibility, increased participation and utilisation of the courts, promote and improve shared facilities, and increase female participation.

During the State Election in 2021, an election commitment of \$100,000 was announced to support the delivery of multi sports courts to allow netball at Robertson Park.

Multi sports courts conversion is estimated at \$290,125. The City would be seeking \$96,708 through CSRFF, \$50,000 election commitment funding and City contribution of \$143,417.

The Multi sports courts floodlight project is estimated to cost \$163,600. The City would seek \$58,957 from CNLP, \$50,000 election commitment funding and City contribution of \$54,643.

These estimates are subject to confirmation by a quantity surveyor prior to lodgement of the CSRFF application.

CSRFF Application – The City recommends that the Robertson Park multi sports courts conversion project receives a priority ranking of “1”; and a “A” rating for the CSRFF Program.

CNLP Application – The City recommends that the Robertson Park multi sports courts flood lighting project receives a priority ranking of “1”; and a “A” rating for the CNLP Program.

##### North Perth Bowling Club

North Perth Bowling Club is located at Woodville Reserve, North Perth. The club was founded in 1907 and is the only bowls club within the City. The club delivers participation opportunities and wider community benefits. They are affiliated with Bowls WA and have had a steady playing membership base, with a strong social membership base.

The current bathroom facilities do not comply with current standards and the bathrooms are in poor condition which needs replacement. The project involves upgrading the bathrooms to be complaint and meet the demands of the club.

During the State Election in 2021, an election commitment of \$80,000 was announced to support the club in delivering the much needed upgrade to their facilities. The total project cost is \$165,000. The City will be seeking \$30,000 from CSRFF and the City will be contributing \$55,000.

The City recommends that the North Perth Bowling Club toilets upgrade project receives a priority ranking of "2"; and a "A" rating for the CSRFF Program.

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

Nil.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

Nil.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low: It is low risk for Council to endorse Administration submitting a funding application to financially assist with implementation.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

*Enhanced Environment*

*Our parks and reserves are maintained, enhanced and well utilised.*

*Connected Community*

*We have enhanced opportunities for our community to build relationships and connections with each other and the City.*

*Our community facilities and spaces are well known and well used.*

*Thriving Places*

*Our physical assets are efficiently and effectively managed and maintained.*

*Innovative and Accountable*

*Our resources and assets are planned and managed in an efficient and sustainable manner.*

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following key sustainability outcomes of the *City's Sustainable Environment Strategy 2019-2024*.

*Urban Greening and Biodiversity***PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:**

This is in keeping with the following priority health outcomes of the City's *Public Health Plan 2020-2025*:

*Increased physical activity***FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

If successful, these grants will assist the City deliver these projects outlined in the Capital Works Program.

**COMMENTS:**

These projects have a positive impact on both the City of Vincent and the local community. The upgrades support participation and build greater capacity of City of Vincent community sporting facilities.