

6.2.5 Sport and Recreation Victoria - Funding Programs

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Recommendation(s)

That Council support three applications to Sport and Recreation Victoria 2020/21 funding opportunities including;

1. Community Cricket Program,
2. World Game Facilities Fund, and
3. Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program (Round 2) as outlined in this report.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) announced three funding programs in late 2020. Potential projects that meet the criteria for each program have been selected from Council's draft capital works program for delivery in the 2021/22 financial year including:

1. Community Cricket Program - Catani Recreation Reserve cricket practice nets upgrade.
2. World Game Facilities Fund - Bunyip Recreation Reserve soccer & cricket sports field surface and lighting upgrade.
3. Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program (Round 2) - IYU Athletics Facility (civil construction).

Background

SRV released three funding programs in late 2020 with guidelines and criteria detailed below:

1. Community Cricket program (CCP)

Targeted to new or upgrade of existing cricket infrastructure only. Must be completed within 18 months of executing a funding agreement. All mandatory criteria MUST be met. Can include PM fees of 7.5% of project cost. Announcement of successful applications expected April 2021 onwards.

2. World Game Facilities Fund (WGFF)

Targeted to new or improvement of existing soccer infrastructure, includes shared sport use infrastructure (for example soccer and cricket). To be completed within 18 months of executing a funding agreement. All mandatory criteria MUST be met. Can include PM fees of 7.5% of project cost. Announcement of successful outcomes expected April 2021 onwards.

3. Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program (Round 2) (CSISP)

Only LGAs invited to resubmit an application from Round 1 of the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program are eligible to apply for Round 2 funding. Projects must be consistent with those submitted previously unless advised by SRV. Projects must commence construction within six months of executing a funding agreement.

- LGA to meet a min. 10% financial contribution and SRV strongly encourages LGA's to consider increasing their financial contribution in Round 2.
- Applicants cannot apply for more money than indicated in a Round 1 application.
- Evidence of Council resolution in support of applications is mandatory.
- Can include PM fees of 7.5% of project cost.
- All mandatory criteria MUST be met.
- Announcement of successful applications expected May 2021 onwards, with funding agreements to be executed June 2021.

Cardinia Shire is invited to resubmit applications for two of three previous Round 1 submissions including (a) IYU Athletics Facility Civil Construction and (b) Comely Banks Reserve Bowling Green Construction.

- It is proposed to submit one (1) application for the IYU Athletics Facility given its strong alignment to mandatory criteria, community need and opportunity for a significant grant.

Recommended projects are based on alignment to all mandatory criteria, readiness for construction in required timelines and importantly are already within Councils Capital Works Budget.

Program	Max amount (\$) / No. of applications	Project (cost)	Draft Council budget allocation 21/22	\$ request/ Council contribution	Due	Status
1.CCP	\$100,000 (unlimited applications up to max \$100k)	Catani cricket practice nets (\$204,250)	\$145,600	\$100,000 SRV/ \$104,250 CSC	1 Feb 2021	Design underway, consultation underway, will be shovel ready for construct 21/22.
2.WGFF (Soccer Facilities)	\$500,000 (unlimited applications up to max \$500k)	Bunyip soccer & lighting (\$1,386,039)	\$936,000	\$500,000 SRV/ \$886,039 CSC	19 Feb 2021	Detail design completed, awaiting final sign off from user groups, project shovel ready for spring 2021.
3.CSISP (Round 2)	\$1M - \$10M (invitation to resubmit Round 1 application)	IYU Athletics Facility civil construction (\$3,762,709)	\$3,088,800 (across 21/22 and 22/23)	\$2,633,896 SRV/ \$1,128,813 CSC	2 Mar 2021	Detail design near completed, consultation underway. Construction planned to begin before or during Dec 2021.

Future Funding Program Opportunity

SRV have also advised there will be \$27 million available in their 20/21 budget for local sport and active recreation infrastructure targeting:

- Local Sport and Infrastructure Fund (expected announcement February 2021) including a) Better Indoor Stadiums, b) Community Lighting and Scoreboards, c) Seniors Capital Works, and d) Female Friendly Facilities Fund
- Country Football and Netball Program (announcement due April 2021)

These programs have yet to be launched and have no dates or information available. Projects that suit these funding programs will be further reported if grant guidelines are published.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Relevance to Council Plan

1.2 Our People - Access to support services and programs for young people

1.2.1 Ensure Council either provides or advocates for others to provide employment, recreation and leisure opportunities for young people.

1.4 Our People - Improved health and wellbeing for all

1.4.1 Source funding and deliver a range of initiatives that promote health and wellbeing.

1.4.4 Support children, young people, families, older adults and people of all abilities by providing a range of accessible services and facilities.

1.5 Our People - Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities

1.5.1 Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents.

1.5.2 Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

2.1 Our Community - Our diverse community requirements met

2.1.4 Plan for the provision of facilities to service and support the changing community.

3.1 Our Environment - Provision and maintenance of assets on a life-cycle basis

3.1.3 Provide accessible facilities to meet identified community needs.

3.4 Our Environment - Natural and built environments supporting the improved health and wellbeing of our communities

3.4.1 Plan and develop built environments that support improved health and wellbeing of our communities through implementation of the Healthy by Design guidelines.

4.3 Our Economy - Diverse and resilient business community

4.3.3 Advocate for the delivery of small and large scale projects that enhance and drive economic activity.

5.4 Our Governance - Appropriate funding and support from all levels of government

5.4.1 Advocate on behalf of the community to ensure it receives a fair share of funding and support from the Australian and Victorian governments for infrastructure, facilities and services.

Climate Emergency Consideration

Each project is assessed for Environmentally Sustainable Design considerations and will help Council to achieve its climate emergency requirements (for example LED sport field lighting and warm season grasses).

Consultation/Communication

Each project has been through consultation with stakeholders and letters of support (e.g. sporting clubs, Reserve Committees of Management, Landowners, state sporting associations etc) will be provided with any application.

Financial and Resource Implications

Recommended projects seeking SRV funding are from Councils draft capital works program and no additional financial commitment is required. Successful funding for any of the proposals recommended will represent savings for Council.

Conclusion

SRV funding programs are an opportunity to assist the provision of high quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities and it is recommended Council support the submission of the three applications.