

6.5.2 Community Capital Works Program 2021-2022

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Recommendation(s)

That Council endorse:

- Eight Community Capital Works Partnership Grants (CCWG) – Category One applications to be funded to the value of \$160,000
- Eight Community Capital Works Grants (CCWPG) – Category Two applications to be funded to the value of \$148,403

Attachments

1. Updated recommendations spreadsheet (CCW G) 2021-2022 [6.5.2.1 - 1 page]

Executive Summary

The Community Capital Works Grants (CCWG) program is guided by the Community Capital Works Policy.

43 applications were received under the three grant categories as part of the 2021/22 CCWG applications process.

Applications were initially assessed for eligibility. All eligible applications were then reviewed by the Internal Council Cross Divisional Group (ICCDG) assessment panel. All ineligible applicants were notified. Council officers will work with applicants of ineligible projects to assist in application under the 22/23 Program where possible.

A total of 13 applications were received under Category One, requesting a total of \$260,000. Council officers recommend supporting eight of these applications to the value of \$160,000.

A total of 30 applications were received under Category Two requesting a total of \$505,343. Council officers recommend supporting eight of these applications to the value of \$148,403.

No applications were received under Category Three, Major Equipment Grants.

Background

A total of \$400,000 has been allocated through Council for Community Capital Works Grants and Major Equipment Grants programs for the 2021/2022 financial year. The split is as follows:

- Community Capital Works Grants \$350,000
- Major Equipment Grants \$50,000

The 2021-22 CCWG grant program round saw the implementation of the revised program and policy. This consisted of three program categories:

- Category One – Up to \$20,000 available per project. All works approved will be co-ordinated by Council, with no matched funding required and no works undertaken by community group.
- Category Two – Up to \$35,000 available per project. Grant contribution by the community group is based on a rating scale depending on the overall annual income of the group:
 - o Up to \$5,000 – 10% contribution
 - o \$5,000 – \$15,000 – 30% contribution
 - o \$15,000 and above - 50% contribution

Works are implemented by community organisation.

- Category Three – Up to \$20,000 available for groups to purchase major equipment. All projects will be funded on a matched funding basis: \$1 from Council and \$1 from the community group.

Applications for the 2021-2022 Community Capital Works Grants and Major Equipment Grants opened on 25 January 2021 and closed on 7 March 2021.

A total of 13 applications were received under Category One requesting a total of \$260,000, 30 were received under Category Two requesting a total of \$505,343 and none were received under Category Three.

Grants were firstly assessed against the eligibility criteria. Those that were deemed ineligible did not progress to the assessment stage and were advised that their application would not be progressing.

Relevant departments completed assessments of each Category Two applications to advise of building, risk and OHS requirements. Key Council liaison officers also assessed to indicate their support or otherwise. Applications were then assessed at a 'round table' Council officer assessment panel held in June 2021.

Applications were considered in line with the community Capital Works Grant Policy and the recommendations are as follows:

Application Status	CCWG Category 1	CCWPG Category 2	Total
Fully supported (meets requirements)	8	8	16
Not supported (requirements not met)	5	21	26
Withdrawn	0	1	1
Total	13	30	43

26 applications did not meet the requirements of the Grants policy and were therefore not progressed to the round table panel assessment. Council officers will now follow up with each applicant to discuss their application and to offer assistance for the 22/23 round of grant funding.

Policy Implications

Projects funded under the Community Capital Works and Major Equipment Grants are subject to arrangements under the following Council and Government Policies:

- Community Capital Works Grants Policy
- Access and Inclusion Policy
- Recreation Reserve Facility Standards Policy
- Recreation Reserve Management and Usage Policy
- Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Policy
- Asset Management Policy
- Children's Services Regulations
- Playground safe standards
- Department of Education and Training Early Years Policy Guidelines
- OHS Policy
- Risk Management Policy

Relevance to Council Plan

1.1 We empower our communities to be healthy, connected and resilient

1.1.1 Plan for, and support the delivery of, accessible health and social services that address critical gaps in provision.

1.1.4 Facilitate a partnership approach to create safer communities.

2.1 We support the creation of liveable spaces and places

2.1.1 Advocate, plan for and deliver accessible community infrastructure and services that address community need.

Climate Emergency Consideration

Environmental impacts considered during the assessment panel.

Consultation/Communication

An extensive internal and external communication process has occurred in relation to the Community Capital Works Grants program including:

- Promotion of the grants to the community in accordance with a well-developed Community Grants Communication Plan - both during, and in the lead-up to the grant rounds opening, promotion of the grants was undertaken through social media and targeted emails to eligible groups sent out by various teams within Council as Council's website
- Support package developed for prospective applicants to appropriately plan for and scope their projects was rolled out prior to the grants round opening
- Provision of support with the application process by relevant Council staff. This involved staff encouraging and supporting eligible groups to apply in their usual interaction with these organisations and groups
- Extensive internal dialogue between relevant Council staff as part of the assessment process
- Liaison with applicants to confirm application details during the assessment process.

Financial and Resource Implications

All projects will be funded under the Community Capital Works Program budget allocation.

Conclusion

Following an extensive promotion and assessment process, Council officers recommend supporting eight Category One applications to the value of \$160,000 and eight Category Two applications to the value of \$148,403.

Community Capital Works Grants - final recommendations 2021-2022
Successful applications

Category 1 - fully paid for and managed by Council

Reference Number	Community Group Requesting	Project	Cost to Council	Ward
CCWG212202	Bunyip Football Club	Hot water system	\$20,000	Bunyip
CCWG212205	Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre	Painting	\$20,000	Beacon Hills
CCWG212208	Koo Wee Rup Community Centre	Solar PV (photovoltaic)	\$20,000	Westernport
CWSG212212	Cockatoo Community House	New decking	\$20,000	Ranges
CWSG212214	Cora Lynn Recreation Reserve	Internal and external painting of building	\$20,000	Westernport
CWSG212216	Bayles Preschool	Painting of verandah	\$20,000	Westernport
CWSG212219	Upper Beaconsfield Kinder	Decking	\$20,000	Beacon Hills
CWSG212218	Pakenham Springs	Split systems	\$20,000	Central
			\$160,000	

Category 2 - shared contribution

Reference Number	Community Group Requesting	Project	Total cost	Group contribution	Council contribution	Ward
CCWPG212216	Beaconsfield Kindergarten	Kinder entrance works	\$10,895	\$5,448	\$5,448	Beacon Hills
CCWPG212209	Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre	Outdoor blinds for Early Years yard	\$13,140	\$6,570	\$6,570	Beacon Hills
CCWPG212211	Cardinia Recreation Reserve	Playground shade sails	\$24,316	\$12,158	\$12,158	Westernport
CCWPG212232	Cora Lynn Show Jumping Club	Storage shed	\$19,603	\$9,802	\$9,802	Westernport
CCWPG212212	Tonimbuk Hall Committee of Management	Roof insulation	\$35,123	\$3,512	\$31,611	Bunyip
CCWPG212206	Beaconsfield Tennis Club	Court upgrade	\$108,208	\$73,208	\$35,000	Beacon Hills
CCWPG212201	Bunyip Tennis Club	Court resurfacing	\$71,510	\$36,510	\$35,000	Bunyip
CCWPG212204	Pakenham Lions Netball Club	Installing electronic scoreboard	\$25,628	\$12,814	\$12,814	Toomuc
					\$148,403	

Category 3 - major equipment \$1 for \$1

Reference Number	Community Group Requesting	Project	Total cost	Group contribution	Council contribution	Ward
Nil	Nil	Nil	0	0	0	Nil
					0	

Budget breakdown

Category 1	\$160,000
Category 2	\$148,403
Category 3	0
TOTAL	\$308,403

Budget available	\$400,000
Category 1 & 2 surplus	\$41,597
Category 3 surplus	\$50,000