

6.2.3 Growing Suburbs Fund 2022/23 Project Nominations

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Recommendation(s)

That Council:

1. Endorse the following list of applications under the 2022/23 Growing Suburbs Fund Program in priority order:
 - IYU Recreation Reserve Regional Athletics Pavilion
 - Upper Beaconsfield Community, Sport and Scout Facility
 - PB Ronald Reserve Public Toilet Redevelopment
2. Notes if the above GSF applications are successful, Council's contribution detailed in this report will be incorporated into future capital works budgets.

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

The Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) 2022/23 is currently open for grant applications. This report presents the projects which are recommended for submission for funding in priority order. Council officers will submit the grant applications in July 2022 with the outcome expected to be known in September 2022.

Background

The State Government has committed \$50m in the 2022/23 budget towards the Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF), which is open to Melbourne's ten interface and six peri-urban councils, including Cardinia Shire Council. Cardinia Shire Council is eligible to receive up to \$7.5m (15% of the total \$50m funding pool).

The funding round for grant applications opens on 24 May 2022 and closes at 2pm on 4 July 2022.

Announcements of successful grants will be made from September 2022. Construction must commence within 18 months of the funding announcement. Projects must be completed within two years of construction commencement.

The 2022/23 GSF program will support projects that have a direct benefit to communities and surrounding catchment areas across the following broad infrastructure categories:

- Community health and wellbeing
- Early education, libraries, learning and training
- Sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that have dedicated community space and support multiuse purposes
- Environment and climate change resilience
- Placemaking, civic amenity, and community connecting
- Purpose-built facilities that respond to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

A Council resolution endorsing the GSF applications in order of priority is sought. Council officers have discussed the proposed projects with the Manager of the GSF program to ensure the applications are in accordance with funding criteria included in the guidelines.

To access the full guidelines visit: <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>

The following table includes the projects from high to low priority

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BENEFIT	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COUNCIL BUDGET ALLOCATION*	GSF GRANT REQUEST	OTHER FUNDING SOURCES
IYU Recreation Reserve Regional Athletics Facility Pavilion	Brings forward construction of the pavilion associated with the new regional athletics facility which is currently under construction. The pavilion will be available for a broad range of use by sporting clubs, schools, community groups, etc. Funding is sought to complete funding required for the project.	\$7,500,000	\$3,300,000	\$3,750,000	\$450,000 (Council additional)
Upper Beaconsfield Community, Sport and Scout Facility	Brings forward replacement of existing facilities to provide new community, sport, and scout facility. The site is located on Crown Land which is managed by a DELWP-appointed Community Committee of Management. Funding is sought to complete funding required for the project.	\$9,584,000	\$3,700,000	\$3,350,000	\$500,000 (Federal Government committed) \$2,034,000 (Council - additional)
PB Ronald Reserve Public Toilet Redevelopment	Replacement of a non-compliant and ageing public toilet facility with a fully accessible, self-cleaning, and sterilising facility for	\$450,000	\$50,000	\$400,000	\$0

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	the benefit of users at the district level reserve.				
	TOTAL	\$17,534,000	\$7,050,000	\$7,500,000	\$500,000 (Fed Govt) \$2,484,000 (Council - additional)

*Note: the figure reflects the current allocation for this project in either the 22/23 Financial Year capital budget or Council's future draft capital works program.

An option for council is to reduce or remove any of the proposed applications under this round of GSF. However, it is not known or guaranteed when the next round of GSF will be or if the grant program will be continued in the future.

Policy Implications

This proposal is consistent with Council's existing policy and draft Capital Works Program.

Relevance to Council Plan

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

The projects will all be developed to contribute to Council Climate Emergency and sustainability targets.

Consultation/Communication

Community consultation has been or will be undertaken for each of the projects on the above list.

Financial and Resource Implications

Council's 2022/23 Capital Works Program and future draft program has been considered as the basis for the list of projects selected. The cost estimates for each project are based on current cost estimates. The actual cost of each project will be known when the respective works are tendered. Any project budget adjustments will be made at that time.

Conclusion

The Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) 2022/23 is open for applications. This report presents the three proposed grant applications for Cardinia Shire in priority order.

The three applications will be submitted by the deadline of 4 July 2022. Council is expected to receive advice regarding if the applications are successful or not from September 2022.