

## 6.2.4 2022-2023 Community Capital Works Grants

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### Recommendation(s)

That Council endorses:

- 16 Community Capital Works Partnership Grants (CCWG) – Category One applications to be funded to the value of \$320,000
- 11 Community Capital Works Grants (CCWPG) – Category Two applications to be funded to the value of \$163,342.41

### Attachments

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Confidential - CCWG Approved Grants [6.2.4.1 - 3 pages]

### Executive Summary

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

A total of 39 applications were received under the three grant categories as part of the 2022/23 Community Capital Works Grants applications process.

Applications were initially assessed for eligibility. All eligible applications were then reviewed by the Internal Council Cross Divisional Group (ICCDG) assessment panel.

A total of 26 applications were received under Category One. Council officers recommend supporting 16 of these applications to the value of \$320,000.

A total of 13 applications were received under Category Two. Council officers recommend supporting 11 of these applications to the value of \$163,342.41.

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

### Background

A total of \$491,597 is available through the 2022-2023 Community Capital Works Grants program.

The 2022-23 Community Capital Works Grant round consisted of 3 program categories:

- Category 1 (CCWG) – Up to \$20,000 available per project. All works to be carried out will be co-ordinated by Council, with no matched funding asked of by the Community Group and no works undertaken by the group.
- Category 2 (CCWPG) – 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. The rating scale being:
  1. Up to \$5,000 – 10% contribution

2. \$5,000 – \$15,000 – 30% contribution
3. \$15,000 and above - 50% contribution

**Project works are managed by the applicant.**

- Category 3 – Up to \$20,000 available for groups to purchase major equipment. All projects will be funded on a matched funding basis: 50% from Council and 50% from the group.

Applications for the 2022-2023 Community Capital Works Grants opened on 10 January 2022 and closed on 11 March 2022.

A total of 26 applications were received under Category One, 13 were received under Category Two and none were received under Category Three.

Grants were firstly assessed against the eligibility criteria. Where an application was ineligible, Council officers worked with the applicants to assist them to satisfy the eligibility requirements and where this was not possible, applicants were advised, and their application did not progress.

Council officers from across Council were involved in the assessment process for each application and considered building, planning, risk and OHS matters. An assessment panel comprising Council officers met and further reviewed the applications in accordance with the Community Capital Works Grant Policy. The following projects are recommended for funding:

- 16 Community Capital Works Partnership Grants (CCWG) – Category One applications to be funded to the value of \$320,000
- 11 Community Capital Works Grants (CCWPG) – Category Two applications to be funded to the value of \$163,342.41.

The Community Capital Works Grants projects will assist successful community groups to upgrade community and recreational facilities that are used to strengthen local community networks and support community wellbeing. Improvements to facilities funded through this program will boost people's participation and involvement in their local communities.

### **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**

1.1.4 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.

## **3.1 We value our natural assets and support our biodiversity to thrive**

3.1.1 Partner with community, business and industry to take action on, and adapt to, climate change.

3.1.4 Plan and advocate for better water cycle planning and management to reduce environmental impacts.

### **Climate Emergency Consideration**

Environmental upgrades are a key component of the Community Capital Works Grants program and policy. Applications were considered in line with the policy and many of the recommended applications provide an environmental benefit.

### **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
- 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 received 26 applications for a Community Capital Works Grant. Council officers recommend supporting 16 Category One applications to the value of \$320,000 and 11 Category Two applications to the value of \$163,342.41.