

# Community Impact Grants Funding Recommendations 2023/2024

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City Community Services and Culture Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of recommended grant allocations to conclude the 2023/24 Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program (CIGSPP).

This report provides funding recommendations for two categories from within the CIGSPP:

1. Community Impact Grants - Round Two
2. Community Infrastructure Grants

All grant applications received, successful and unsuccessful, are included in this report for noting.

The total CIGSPP funding allocation for 2023/24 is \$688,000. Through earlier CIGSPP rounds in the 2023/24 financial year, \$529,000 was committed. At its meeting on 14 November 2023, the Council approved \$139,492 of funding allocations as part of Round One of the Community Impact Grants Program.

At its meeting on 22 August 2023, Council adopted the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Operating Guidelines and noted the opening of the grant rounds as part of the 2023/24 Business Plan and Budget. Edits were made to the Operating Guidelines to align the 2023/24 CIGSPP with the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028.

These Operating Guidelines will be reviewed again following the adoption of the Draft Funding Programs Policy and the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget.

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## RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 11 June 2024 for consideration:

THAT THE CITY COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the following 2023/24 Community Impact Grants Round Two recommendations for funding as per Attachment A to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 4 June 2024:
  - 1.1. Adelaide Day Centre - Vibrant, Connected Inclusion - \$12,000
  - 1.2. Communication Language and Culture Network - International Students Community Improvement and Capability Building Programs - \$12,000
  - 1.3. Cycling Without Age Australia (Adelaide Chapter) - Cycling Without Age - \$11,000
  - 1.4. NAIDOC SA - NAIDOC SA Family Festival - \$20,000
  - 1.5. Minus18 Foundation - Queer Formal Adelaide - Community Celebration and LGBTQIA+ Connection - \$14,000

2. Approves the following 2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grants recommendations for funding as per Attachment B to Item 7.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the City Community Services and Culture Committee held on 4 June 2024:
    - 2.1. Adelaide High School – Community Futsal (Soccer) Court Resurface - \$50,000
    - 2.2. Christian Brothers College – Installation of Lights for Park 15 Ovals - \$40,000
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## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	<b>Strategic Alignment – Our Community</b> Foster connection, learning and wellbeing, making Adelaide an interesting and comfortable place to live and visit.
Policy	The recommendations in this report align with the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program Guidelines (Guidelines). The Grants Program Operating Guidelines delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the determination and approval of Community Impact Grants valued between \$2,000 and \$10,000.
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Grant agreements will be executed and managed utilising existing resources.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Grant recipients are required to provide public liability insurance, sign a grant agreement that identifies the key deliverables of the project and satisfactorily acquit their grant on project completion, inclusive of required approvals.
Opportunities	The Community Impact Grants extend the community value achieved by Council by enabling community organisations to deliver the City of Adelaide’s strategic priorities.
23/24 Budget Allocation	The budget for the 2023/24 Grants Program is \$688,000. To date, \$529,000 has been allocated. This report recommends funding allocations to expend the final \$159,000 of the budget. A total of \$389,508 of the allocated budget has been approved under delegation through the CEO, incorporating projects \$10,000 or under across four grant categories and previously committed Strategic Partnerships from 2021 and 2022.
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	\$210,000 committed through previous grant funding decisions.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Grant recipients are funded annually and must acquit within two years. If multi-year funding is approved, the projects must run in consecutive years.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Physical assets created as a result of this funding are maintained by the applicant, who is responsible for the lifecycle costs of the asset.
Other Funding Sources	Other grant funding contributors, co-contributions and in-kind support from applicants are included in grant applications.

# DISCUSSION

1. The purpose of the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program (Grants Program) is to invest in outcomes through eligible clubs, groups, educational institutions, organisations, and residents, to support the delivery of the following City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028 outcomes:
  - 1.1. An interesting and engaging place to live, learn and visit.
  - 1.2. An inclusive, equitable and welcoming community where people feel a sense of belonging.
  - 1.3. A sustainable city where climate resilience is embedded in all that we do.
  - 1.4. The status, attributes and character of our green spaces and the Park Lands are protected and strengthened.
  - 1.5. Adelaide’s unique experiences and opportunities attract visitors to our city.
  - 1.6. Encourage bold, interesting and purposeful development that supports the changing needs of our community and city.
  - 1.7. Create safe, inclusive and healthy places for our community.
  - 1.8. Drive affordable, safe and quality housing outcomes that attract and retain residents in our city.
2. On 22 August 2023, Council approved Operating Guidelines for the Grants Program. Edits were subsequently made to align with the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2024-2028. The Operating Guidelines can be viewed at [Link 1](#). The Operating Guidelines outline all eligibility and assessment criteria for each program.
3. At its meeting on 14 November 2023, Council approved \$139,492 of funding allocations as part of Round One of Community Impact Grants.
4. The Grants Program has a total budget of \$688,000 in 2023/24, and is distributed across the following funding categories:

**Table 1: Community Impact Grants Funding Categories and Budget Allocation**

Funding Category	Maximum Funding	Nominal Budget Allocation
Quick Response Grants	up to \$2,000	\$60,000
Community Impact Grants - Community Events - Program of activities	up to \$25,000 per year for up to two years	\$286,750
Youth Led Grants	up to \$5,000	\$20,000
Community Infrastructure Grants	up to \$100,000	\$100,000
Strategic Partnerships	up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years	\$221,250
<b>Total 2023/24 Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program Budget</b>		<b>\$688,000</b>

5. It should be noted that all programs were oversubscribed this year.

## Community Impact Grants – Round Two

6. Community Impact Grants are called twice annually and support community events and programs up to a maximum of \$25,000.
7. The option to request multi-year funding was introduced this financial year. This allowed applicants to apply for up to two years of funding for a community event or program.
8. In this round, 12 applications for multiyear funding were received. Despite the Assessment Panel recommending some projects for two years of funding, no applicants have been recommended for a second year of funding in 2024/25 due to the review of funding allocations as part of the 2024/25 Business Plan and Budget.

9. 15 applications received in this round were from organisations that have previously received funding from the CIGSPP, either for the same or a different project in the last 12 months.
10. 14 of the applications received in this round were from organisations based in the city and North Adelaide.
11. Membership of the assessment panel for Round Two consisted of:
  - 11.1. Project Officer – Wellbeing (Local Government Association of South Australia)
  - 11.2. Acting Manager, City Lifestyle (City of Adelaide (CoA))
  - 11.3. Team Leader, Community Wellbeing (CoA)
  - 11.4. Coordinator, Recreation and Sport Programs (CoA)
  - 11.5. Coordinator, Healthy Ageing (CoA)
  - 11.6. Coordinator, Grants Program (CoA).
12. Round Two of the 2023/24 Community Impact Grants was open for applications from 1 March to 25 March 2024.
13. The program was oversubscribed with 32 applications received. Requests for funding totalled \$522,310 against the \$115,000 Round Two budget allocation.
  - 13.1. Three of these applications were deemed ineligible ([Link 2](#)).
  - 13.2. 18 applications requested funding of more than \$10,000. Recommendations relating to these applications are detailed in this report.
  - 13.3. Applicants recommended for funding are detailed in **Attachment A** with a summary of these applications provided in Table 2:

**Table 2: Community Impact Grants Funding Recommendations Over \$10,000**

Type of Activity	Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding recommended 2023/24
Program	Adelaide Day Centre	A free program supporting 250 at risk clients, conducted across various city locations.	\$12,000
Program	Communication Language and Culture Network	Six free programs supporting up to 2,380 participants, that offer practical, hands-on experience in various professional and social settings, playing a crucial role in the development of soft skills and gaining local experiences. Conducted across various city locations.	\$12,000
Program	Cycling Without Age Australia (Adelaide Chapter)	Purchase of a trishaw (bespoke bicycle) and recruitment of volunteer 'pilots' to provide free 40-minute bicycle tours of the Adelaide Park Lands, targeting older adults and people living with a disability.	\$11,000
Event	NAIDOC SA	The 2024 NAIDOC SA Family Festival leaves Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square) and concludes at Parliament House. Celebrations will follow at Elder Park and the Festival Plaza. This free event is aimed at attracting 3,000 people.	\$20,000
Event	Minus18 Foundation	Queer Formal Adelaide is a free, accessible, and safe LGBTQIA+ youth event for up to 500 young people aged 12 to 19 years. The event enables queer youth to make meaningful social connections and celebrate their diversity.	\$14,000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$69,000</b>

14. Nine applications were not recommended for funding by the assessment panel. A summary of these applications is provided at [Link 2](#).
15. The Grants Program Operating Guidelines delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the determination and approval of Community Impact Grants valued between \$2,000 and \$10,000.

## Community Infrastructure Grants

16. Community Infrastructure Grants are called annually and support community infrastructure projects up to a maximum of \$100,000.
17. Membership of the assessment panel consisted of:
  - 17.1. Senior Project Officer (Office of Recreation, Sport, and Racing)
  - 17.2. Acting Manager, City Lifestyle (CoA)
  - 17.3. Team Leader, Community Wellbeing (CoA)
  - 17.4. Community Facilities Coordinator (CoA)
  - 17.5. Coordinator, Grants Program (CoA).
18. The 2023/24 round of the Community Infrastructure Grants was open from 1 March to 25 March 2024.
19. The program was oversubscribed. Seven applications were received, with requests totalling \$435,860 against the \$100,000 budget allocation.
20. One application was deemed ineligible as it involved removable infrastructure which is identified as ineligible within the Operating Guidelines.
21. Six of the applications received were from city or North Adelaide based organisations, or organisations with a lease in the Adelaide Park Lands.
22. Only one of the seven applicants received funding from the CIGSPP for a different project in the last 12 months.
23. Applicants recommended for funding are detailed in **Attachment B** with a summary of these applications provided in Table 3:

**Table 3: Community Infrastructure Grants Funding Recommendations**

Organisation Name	Project Description	Funding Recommended 2023/24
Adelaide High School	<p>Support the resurfacing of the existing Futsal (soccer) court licensed by Adelaide High School in Ellis Park / Tampawardli (Park 24).</p> <p>The existing accessible court is heavily used outside of school hours by local soccer clubs, disability sports groups, and the general community. Due to the frequency of use, the manufacturer of the existing synthetic surface has stated that it has reached its 'end of useful asset life'.</p> <p>The current court condition presents a safety risk to users.</p>	\$50,000
Christian Brothers College (CBC)	<p>Support the installation of new sports lighting (towers and luminaries) on two ovals in King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15), licensed by CBC.</p> <p>In addition to increased safety when the lights are in use, new lighting will enable greater community use and spread training usage across two ovals.</p> <p>The ovals will continue to be used by CBC students and Old Scholars, while supporting new usage by St Aloysius College and the SANFL Umpires Association.</p>	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$90,000</b>

24. The Grants Program Operating Guidelines delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the determination and approval of Community Infrastructure Grants valued between \$2,000 and \$10,000.
25. Two applications were not recommended for funding by the assessment panel. A summary of these applications is provided at [Link 2](#).

### **Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program – 2023/24 Budget Status**

26. Should the recommendations in this report be approved, the budget for the 2023/24 CIGSPP will be fully expended.

### **Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program – 2024/25 Budget Commitments**

27. All applicants who successfully obtain multi-year funding must complete an acquittal report for the previous year of their grant project, before receiving a subsequent round of funding.
28. A combination of Strategic Partnerships and multi-year Community Impact Grants, means that \$210,000 of the 2024/25 Grants Program budget is committed.

### **Next Steps**

29. Subject to the approval of the recommendations in this report, all Grants Program applicants will be informed of the outcome of their funding requests.
30. All successful applicants will receive a grant agreement, with agreements to be executed and funding provided by 30 June 2024.
31. Revised Operating Guidelines for the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program will be presented to Council following the adoption of the Draft Funding Programs Policy.

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## **DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Link 1** - City of Adelaide Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnership Program Operating Guidelines

**Link 2** - 2023/2024 Community Impact Grants and Community Infrastructure Grants – Not Recommended for Funding/Ineligible

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

**Attachment A** – 2023/24 Community Impact Grants Over \$10,000 – Round Two Recommendations

**Attachment B** - 2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grant Recommendations

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