

Community Infrastructure Grants

Tuesday, 11 June 2024
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Program Contact:
Jennifer Kalionis, Associate
Director City Culture

Public

Approving Officer:
Ilia Houridis, Director City
Shaping

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 4 June 2024, a report recommending funding through the Community Impact Grants and Community Infrastructure Grants Program (Grants Program) was presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee.

The Committee resolved to recommend 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. *Defers consideration of the 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 to the Council meeting on 11 June 2024.*

Deferral of the 2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grant recommendations was a result of Council Members' concerns relating to the eligibility of the two Community Infrastructure Grant projects.

This report addresses the eligibility questions in relation to the recommended 2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grants.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Community Impact Grants Guidelines used to assess the 2023/2024 Community Infrastructure Grants as per Attachment A to Item 16.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2024.
2. Approves the following 2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grants recommendations for funding:
 - 2.1. Adelaide High School – Futsal (Soccer) Court resurfacing in Park 24 - \$50,000
 - 2.2. Christian Brothers College – Upgrade of existing sports lighting on the main oval in Park 15 - \$40,000

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

| | |
|--|---|
| City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan | Strategic Alignment – Our Community Enable community-led services which increase wellbeing, social connections and participation in active lifestyles, leisure, recreation and sport. |
| Policy | This report aligns with the Community Impact Grants Guidelines 2023/2024 (Guidelines) approved by Council on 22 August 2023. |
| Consultation | Not as a result of this report |
| Resource | The grant agreement 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 project's key deliverables, and satisfactorily acquit their grant upon project completion, inclusive of required approvals. |
| Opportunities | The Grants Program extends 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. This report recommends funding allocations to expend the remaining \$90,000 of the budget. |
| Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation | Not as a result of this report |
| Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset | Grant recipients must complete the project and acquit the funding within two years. |
| 23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable) | Not as a result of this report |
| Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost) | Park Lands Community Lease and License Agreements require Lessees to meet all maintenance responsibilities and costs associated with leased and licensed assets. |
| Other Funding Sources | This report recommends that the City of Adelaide contributes part funding to recommended projects, noting applicants provide the balance of the total project costs. |

DISCUSSION

1. On 22 August 2023, Council approved the Community Impact Grants Guidelines (Guidelines) for the Community Impact Grants and Community Infrastructure Grants Program (Grants Program).
2. On 4 June 2024, a report recommending funding of Community Impact Grants and Community Infrastructure Grants was presented to the [City Community Services and Culture Committee](#).
3. The Committee resolved to recommend 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. *Defers consideration of the 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 to the Council meeting on 11 June 2024.*
4. At that meeting, the Committee deferred the approval of the following two Community Infrastructure Grants applications, which were presented as follows:

| Organisation Name | Project Description | Estimated Project Cost | Funding Requested | Funding Recommended |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Adelaide High School | Resurfacing of the existing Futsal (soccer) court licensed by Adelaide High School in Ellis Park / Tampawardli (Park 24). | \$150,000 | \$100,000 | \$50,000 |
| Christian Brothers College | New sports lighting of two ovals licensed by Christian Brothers College in King Rodney Park / Ityamai-itpina (Park 15). | \$137,000 | \$100,000 | \$40,000 |

5. Deferral of the Community Infrastructure Grant recommendations was a result of Council Members’ concerns relating to:
 - 5.1. funding of Park Lands capital improvements through Council’s Operating Budget;
 - 5.2. eligibility under the Guidelines of the applicant Adelaide High School as an educational entity with links to a State Government department (state school); and
 - 5.3. eligibility under the Guidelines of the nature of the project proposed by Christian Brothers College.
6. The Guidelines, approved by Council on 22 August 2023, are shown in **Attachment A** and is the document used by all applicants in the submission of applications, and throughout the eligibility check and assessment process for the 2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grant applications.
7. Incorrect Guidelines were linked in the 4 June 2024 City Community Services and Culture Committee report due to a version control issue in the report writing process.

Community Infrastructure Grants

8. Community Infrastructure Grants are called annually and support community infrastructure upgrades, improvements, replacement and new infrastructure that is available to the city community. As referenced on page five of the Guidelines (refer Attachment A), this includes:
 - 8.1. the creation of new assets with a total project value of no more than \$100,000; and

- 8.2. the upgrade or renewal of an existing asset with a total project value of no more than \$250,000.
9. The 2023/24 round of the Community Infrastructure Grants was open from 1 March to 25 March 2024.
10. The program was oversubscribed. Seven applications were received, with requests totalling \$435,860 against the \$100,000 budget allocation.

Eligibility

11. This report confirms the eligibility of the two Community Infrastructure Grants applications recommended for funding on 4 June 2024.
12. Administration has reviewed the original applications, eligibility checks, and assessments for the recommended Community Infrastructure Grants against the Guidelines.

Adelaide High School

13. Adelaide High School is an educational institution and is an eligible applicant as per page seven of the Guidelines. Whilst a State Government school, it is not a State Government department.
14. The project proposal to resurface the existing Futsal court is an eligible project as it is a replacement of a surface with a value under the \$250,000 threshold.

Christian Brothers College

15. The Christian Brothers College application sought funding for projects across two ovals for which it holds a lease and license in Park 15:
 - 15.1. the upgrade of existing sports lighting on the main oval in Park 15.
 - 15.2. the provision of new sports lighting on the upper oval in Park 15.
16. Under the Guidelines, the upgrade proposal is eligible, however the provision of new lighting is not.
17. Administration made an error in assessing the application. The panel recommended funding the new lighting component only of the project, on the basis that it would provide greater community benefit.
18. This recommendation inadvertently discounted the eligible part of the application, establishing a conflict with the criteria of establishing new assets with a total project value of no more than \$100,000.
19. The upgrade of existing sports lighting on the main oval in Park 15 has a total project estimated value of \$222,882.
 - 19.1. This component is eligible as per page five of the Guidelines.
20. The new sports lighting on the upper oval in Park 15 has a total project estimated value of \$137,000.
 - 20.1. This component is not eligible as per page five of the Guidelines.

Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program Review

21. Administration has reviewed the 2023/24 Grants Program to ensure that all grants have been assessed against the Guidelines adopted by Council on 22 August 2023.
22. Administration confirms that the correct version of the Guidelines has been used to assess the 2023/24 Grants Program, including the assessment of Round Two of the Community Impact Grants and the Community Infrastructure Grants presented to the City Community Services and Culture Committee on 4 June 2024.
23. Administration has reflected on the grants assessment process and will undertake a review to ensure appropriate checkpoints are instigated.

2023/24 Community Infrastructure Grants Recommendations

Adelaide High School – Resurfacing of Futsal Court

24. Adelaide High School (AHS) holds a five-year lease and licence for multiple playing fields and sports courts in Park 24, which expires in February 2028.
25. These licensed facilities are not managed as CoA assets, and a condition of the Licence Agreement is that AHS maintain and repair them.
26. An existing Futsal (Soccer) court forms part of the licenced facilities. The court is accessible to the community outside of school hours and is used by various community groups and individuals.
27. The existing synthetic playing surface has reached its 'end of useful asset life' and presents a safety risk to users, containing multiple trip hazards.

28. The estimated cost to replace the playing surface is \$150,000, and AHS requested \$100,000 through the Community Infrastructure Grants category.
29. The renewal of this existing asset with a total project estimated value of \$150,000 is consistent with the Guidelines. The requested funding in the application falls within the eligible criteria of funding the upgrade or renewal of an existing asset with a total project value of under \$250,000.

Christian Brothers College – Sports Lighting

30. Christian Brothers College (CBC) holds a five-year lease and licence for two sports ovals (the upper oval and the main oval) in Park 15, which expires in August 2025. The main oval contains existing sports lighting, while the upper oval does not.
31. These licenced facilities are not managed as CoA assets, and a condition of the Licence Agreement is that CBC is to maintain and repair them.
32. CBC requested funding to upgrade its existing lighting on the main oval and to install new lighting on the upper oval.
33. The upgrade of its existing lighting with a total project estimated value of \$222,882 is consistent with the Guidelines, as it involves funding the upgrade or renewal of an existing asset with a total project value of under \$250,000.
34. The installation of new lighting to the value of approximately \$137,000 is not eligible, as the total project value is in excess of \$100,000.
35. Administration recommends funding the upgrade of the main oval lights as it is eligible as an upgrade or renewal of an existing asset with a total project value of less than \$250,000 in line with the Guidelines (refer page five of Attachment A).
36. In future, Administration will provide advice on eligibility to applicants where there are multiple aspects to their application which impact different eligibility criteria.

Next Steps

37. Community Infrastructure Grants applicants will be informed of the outcome of their funding requests.
38. Revised Guidelines for the Grants Program will be presented to Council following the adoption of the Draft Funding Programs Policy.
39. Noting Council Members' concerns about funding Park Lands capital improvements through this Grants Program, Administration will provide advice on which assets are treated as City of Adelaide assets and therefore reflect this in future revisions of the Guidelines and the review of the Park Lands Lease and Licence Policy scheduled to be considered by Council in 2024.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - [City Community Services and Culture Committee Report 4 June 2024](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Community Impact Grants Guidelines 2023/2024

- END OF REPORT -