

Community Infrastructure Funding Recommendations

Strategic Alignment - Thriving Communities

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The Committee - Pre-Council Discussion Forum

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for grant allocations for the 2021/22 Community Impact Grants Community Infrastructure Category. The Community Infrastructure Grants are for minor infrastructure improvements, replacement and new infrastructure, and are open to community groups who are seeking to upgrade, improve or replace infrastructure that will clearly benefit the community through improved access, social inclusion, and participation.

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 8 March 2022 for consideration

That Council

1. Approves the following 2021/22 grant allocation recommendations as per Attachment A to Item # on the Agenda for the meeting of the Council held on 8 March 2022:
 - 1.1. Drop In Care Space - \$31,465
 - 1.2. Park Terrace Community Garden - \$19,752
 - 1.3. South Australian Disc Golf - \$48,783
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Thriving Communities This report supports Council’s vision of Adelaide as the most liveable City in the world. The Community Impact Grants support the delivery of the Thriving Communities outcomes.
Policy	The recommendations in this report align with the Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships Guidelines [Link 1 view here].
Consultation	Not as a result of this report
Resource	Not as a result of this report
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 City of Adelaide’s strategic priorities according to individual and community needs and opportunities.
21/22 Budget Allocation	Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships budget allocation is \$746,000 in total with \$100,000 allocated for the Community Infrastructure category.
Proposed 22/23 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Grant recipients are funded on an annual basis and must acquit within two years.
21/22 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report. Physical assets created as a result of this funding are owned 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 will usually be included in applications for grants.

DISCUSSION

1. The guidelines for the new Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program were approved by Council at its meeting on 8 June 2021.
2. The purpose of the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships Program is to provide financial support to eligible clubs, groups, educational institutions, organisations and residents to ensure the outcomes of Council's Strategic Plan 2020-2024 are realised.
3. The Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships program has a budget of \$746,000 and consists of the following categories:

FUNDING CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	AVAILABILITY
Quick Response Grants	Quick turnaround grants for small scale community initiatives	Up to \$2,000	Open and assessed all year round
Community Impact Grants	Small to medium sized activities, events or programs	Up to \$25,000	Open two rounds per year (Q1 & Q3 of financial year)
Community Infrastructure Grants	Minor Infrastructure improvements available to community groups	Up to \$100,000	Open one round per year (Q2 of financial year)
Strategic Partnerships	Large innovative projects that are a mechanism for the City of Adelaide (Council) to work as a genuine and trusted partner with organisations to achieve the aspirations of Council and the partner organisation, adding flexibility and scope not available in our typical grants program	Up to \$50,000 per year for up to three years	Open one round per year (Q2 of financial year)

4. The Quick Response and Community Impact Grants program launched in August 2021. Council approved the funding recommendations for Round One of the Community Impact Grants over \$10,000, at its meeting on 14 December 2021.
5. The Community Infrastructure Grants were open between 1 December 2021 and 20 January 2022:
 - 5.1. Approximately \$100,000 total is allocated to Community Infrastructure Grants.
 - 5.2. Ten applications were received with requests totalling \$628,805. All applications were received through the new grants program Smarty Grants.
 - 5.3. Applications were assessed by the Grants Coordinator and an assessment team consisting of representatives from City Lifestyle, Infrastructure Planning, Park Lands & Sustainability and City Planning & Heritage. Final recommendations were then agreed at an assessment panel.
 - 5.4. Seven applications were unsuccessful and not recommended for funding. A summary of these applications is provided here [Link 2 view [here](#)].
 - 5.5. Three applications are recommended for funding in this report (as listed in **Attachment A**).
6. A financial breakdown of the Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships Program is presented in the table below as at 27 January 2022:

Grant Program	Grant Category	2021/22 Financial Year					Budget Remaining
		Budget Allocation	Approved through CEO Delegation	Council Approval (this report)	Previously endorsed by Council 21/22	Multi-year funding (previously endorsed)	
Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships	Quick Response	\$746,000	\$30,426	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$288,964
	Community Impact		\$33,051		\$171,825	N/A	
	Community Infrastructure		N/A	\$100,000		N/A	
	Strategic Partnerships		February 2022	N/A	N/A	\$121,734	

7. If all recommendations in this report for the Community Infrastructure grants are approved, \$288,964 of the grants budget will be remaining. These funds will be expended through delivery of Strategic Partnerships, Community Impact Grants Round Two and Community Impact Quick Response Grants in the remainder of 2021/22 financial year.
8. The first round of Community Impact Grants received applications totalling \$397,012. To date, \$235,302 total funding has been granted to Community Impact and Quick Response Grants, and approximately \$128,266 is expected to be allocated to Strategic Partnerships, in addition to the \$121,734 pre-committed.
9. This was the first time Council has offered a Community Infrastructure grant round. The following reflections are worth noting:
 - 9.1. Recognising the significant cost that infrastructure projects can attract, the maximum of \$100,000 was offered to provide the opportunity to fund either a single larger-scale project, or several smaller projects.
 - 9.2. A total of ten applications were received. More worthy applications were received for high value infrastructure projects than anticipated, reaffirming the need for this fund. Four of the ten applications requested the maximum \$100,000 funding amount.
 - 9.3. All of the ten applications received were considered by the panel to be of high quality and the round was highly competitive, again reaffirming the need for this fund.
 - 9.4. The panel has made the difficult decision to recommend funding three smaller projects rather than one signature project.
 - 9.5. Administration will continue to investigate other funding options for the worthwhile unsuccessful applications that were not able to be funded from this grant.
 - 9.6. At the end of the 2021/22 Financial Year, the City Lifestyle team will review the breakdown of the funding across the Community Impact Grants and Strategic Partnerships program and if necessary, provide some recommendations to review allocations.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 - Community Impact Grants & Strategic Partnerships Guidelines

Link 2 - Summary of Applications not recommended for Funding

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – 2021/22 Community Infrastructure Grant recommendations for Council endorsement.

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