


Community Development Report

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Executive Summary

This item seeks Council's endorsement of the Dalkeith Tennis Club's (DTC) Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) application to the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) for funds towards an upgrade of floodlights. Submissions to DSR's 2016 CSRFF Small grant round close on 31 March 2016. All CSRFF applications to DSR must be accompanied by a formal Council resolution.

Recommendation to Committee

Council:

1. **Advises the Department of Sport and Recreation that it endorses the Dalkeith Tennis Club's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund small grant application for \$49,024 (ex GST) towards an upgrade of floodlights;**
2. **Rates the Club's application as A – well planned and needed by the sport;**
3. **Approves a grant of \$49,024 to Dalkeith Tennis Club towards its floodlight upgrade, subject to the following conditions:**
 - a) **Funding approval for the project is also provided by the Department of Sport and Recreation; and**
 - b) **The Club obtains all necessary building and planning approvals required.**

Strategic Plan

KFA: Community Development

This report contributes to the Community Development key focus area based on the principles of building community partnerships, supporting community organisations and sporting clubs and encouraging sport and recreation within the City.

City of Nedlands Recreation Plan 2010 - 2015

The City's Recreation Plan rates all sport types as Low, Medium or High priority, in relation to allocating funding to facilities. This rating is determined by considering:

- demand for the sport (current membership and membership trends); and
- supply (what facilities already exist within the City for this sport type).

The Recreation Plan identifies that tennis facilities within the City are of relatively good quality and that the sport is well catered for. Therefore tennis attracted a relative rating of "Low" priority within the Recreation Plan in 2010. (This priority rating is not intended to reflect the *value* of the sport; rather, the Recreation Plan ratings are intended to provide Council with a way of prioritising funding applications from clubs if multiple applications for facility funding are received for one CSRFF funding round).

However, the Club's application is the only CSRFF application for this round. Therefore there is no requirement to rank competing applications. Additionally, the "low" priority rating allocated by the Recreation Plan is only relative, in relation to the City's stock of aging facilities. It does not mean that the tennis facilities do not need to be upgraded.

Background

Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

DSR administers the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to sporting clubs, community groups and local government authorities to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. The program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation, with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of sustainable, good quality, well designed and well utilised facilities.

This fund has three categories, shown below:

Table 1: CSRFF Grant Categories

Grant Category	Total Project Cost Range	Standard DSR Contribution	Frequency
Small Grant	≤ \$200,000	\$2,500 – \$66,666	Bi-annual
Annual Grant	\$200,001 - \$500,000	\$66,667 - \$166,666	Annual

Forward Planning Grant	≥ \$500,000	\$166,667 - \$1,000,000	Annual
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For applications to be supported by DSR, they must firstly be endorsed by the relevant Local Government Authority. For approved projects, DSR will provide a grant of a maximum of 1/3 of the total project costs.

Ranking: the City is by required by DSR to rank in priority order the applications received for each CSRFF round.

Rating: the City is required by DSR to rate each application against the categories below:

- A Well planned and needed by sport
- B Well planned and needed by applicant
- C Needed by sport, more planning required
- D Needed by applicant, more planning required
- E Idea has merit, more preliminary work needed
- F Not recommended

Small grant round occurs annually, with the current financial year’s applications to DSR closing on 31 March 2016.

Dalkeith Tennis Club

DTC is located on the corner of Beatrice Road and Victoria Avenue in Dalkeith. It leases this building and the surrounding fenced tennis court area from the City. DTC has 29 courts with a mix of hard, grass and clay courts available. The Club and its facilities are used all year round.

DTC has a membership of 340 with 295 being City of Nedlands residents and another 100 residents using the facilities paying visitors fees.

DTC last received a CSRFF grant of \$144,000 from Council in 2011. This grant was for installation of 3 clay courts, fencing and a retaining wall. The project was completed and acquitted in March 2014.

Key Relevant Previous Council Decisions:

N/A

Consultation

Required by legislation: Yes No
 Required by City of Nedlands policy: Yes No

The funding application has been submitted by the Club and there has been detailed consultation with them throughout the process of preparing the application. The Club has completed a CSRFF grant application, which is available to Councillors on request from the CEO’s office.

Legislation / Policy

Council Policy “Capital Grants to Sporting Clubs” states that:

To ensure the financial support it provides to sporting clubs is effectively targeted to achieve maximum community benefit, Council will consider the following key priorities:

1. *Multi-use: priority will be given to developing facilities that will be used by more than one sporting club or type, particularly where such clubs are not yet sharing facilities. This is to facilitate the intent of maximising efficiencies and encouraging clubs to share some facilities while still retaining each club’s separate management and identity.*
2. *Recreation Plan rating: priority will be given to supporting sports identified as a high priority in the City’s Strategic Recreation Plan. The Strategic Recreation Plan provides a rating for each sport type, based on two factors: the demand to play that sport type and the facilities already provided for that sport type. These two factors result in a rating for each sport type as high, medium or low priority for facility development. Sport types with a high level of demand (growing membership) and a low level of existing facilities receive the highest rating.*
3. *Other funding: priority will be given to projects that are eligible for funding for other government bodies such as the Department of Recreation’s Community Sport and Recreation Development Fund (CSRFF) or LotteryWest funding. This is to facilitate the overall financial viability of the project and contribute most effectively to the upgrade of community facilities.*
4. *Level of community benefit: priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a high level of benefit to the local City of Nedlands community. This will include, but is not limited to, City of Nedlands resident membership of the applicant sporting club (total and proportional), support for junior sport and the level of community access (i.e. by non-club members and by community groups and organisations).*

In general, DSR will fund up to 1/3 of the total cost of an approved project, with the remaining 2/3 to be funded by either the applicant sporting club or a combination of the applicant sporting club and the relevant local government authority.

Discussion

Table 2: Club Membership

Total membership	340
# members that are CoN residents	295 (87%)

DTC is seeking a CSRFF small grant to assist in funding an upgrade of floodlights on four courts. DTC has identified the need for adequate floodlighting to ensure the needs of all players and members of the local community are met. This project will improve the quality of lights allowing for competition and social tennis to be played 7 days a week.

The project will see the removal of existing lighting on courts 1 through 4 (Attachment 1 – Courts 1 – 4, Dalkeith Tennis Club). These lights are over 30 years old. They have come to the end of their useful life and now represent a safety hazard due to their lack of structural integrity. Their low lux levels do not comply with Australian Standards. 15 break-back poles with lighting will be installed, including cabling for power supply and control. A new site main switchboard will also be installed as part of the upgrade.

Table 3: Project Funding

Organisation	Amount
Dalkeith Tennis Club	\$49,024
Department of Sport and Recreation	\$49,024
Council	\$49,024
TOTAL	\$147,072 (ex GST)

The overall cost of the proposed project is \$147,072. The proposed works are within the club's leased area. The Club is requesting a grant of \$49,024 from Council and the same from DSR, with the Club itself providing the remaining 1/3.

The upgrade will have a high level of community benefit as approximately 87% of the Clubs members are City residents. Other community members also access the facilities at the Club by paying visitor fees.

This is not a shared facility because of the nature of tennis as a sport, which requires sport specific courts (unlike sports such as football which can share ovals with other sports). The David Cruickshank Masterplan investigated the possibility of moving 3 clubs into a single shared use building. However the master planning process determined that renovating the tennis and bowling clubs was a more cost effective option than developing a new facility for all three clubs on the reserve.

Budget/Financial Implications

Within current approved budget: Yes No
 Requires further budget consideration: Yes No

Table 4: 2015/16 Budget Allocation for CSRFF Grants to Sporting Clubs

<i>Total CSRFF Funds in 2015/16 Budget</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Less Funds Already Allocated, being</i>	<i>- \$ 3,991</i>
<i>Unallocated Funds Remaining in CSRFF account</i>	<i>= \$ 96,009</i>
<i>Less Grant to DTC of</i>	<i>- \$ 49,024</i>
<i>Funds Remaining if DTC grant approved</i>	<i>= \$ 46,985</i>

Council allocated \$100,000 for expenditure on CSRFF grants to sporting clubs in the 2015/16 budget. This is the first CSRFF application received by the City this financial year. \$96,009 remains available for Council to allocate towards CSRFF grants to sporting clubs in the 2015/16 financial year. If this grant to the DTC is approved, \$46,985 will remain in the CSRFF account. This is the last CSRFF grant round for the 2015/16 financial year.

While the Council grant to the DTC will not be provided to the Club until completion of their project in the 2016/17 financial year, if this grant is approved by Council the funds can be allocated against the current financial year's approved budget and carried forward to the 2016/17 financial year.

Risk Management

Funding available to DSR for distribution throughout the state under the CSRFF program has been cut from \$20 million in the 2014/15 financial year to \$7 million in the current financial year. Therefore it is anticipated that this round of CSRFF funding will be highly competitive, increasing the risk of the Club not receiving funding approval from DSR. To mitigate this risk, it is recommended that Council rate the Club's application at the highest priority of "well planned and needed by the sport".

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Dalkeith Tennis Club's CSRFF application is endorsed by Council to DSR, with Council providing 1/3 of the funding. This project will improve the quality of lights allowing for competition and social tennis to be played 7 days a week.

Council's financial support for this project will strengthen the likelihood of the club receiving funding from the DSR. It will also reinforce Council's position that supporting and developing sport and recreation infrastructure is essential for creating healthy communities

Attachments

1. Courts 1 – 4, Dalkeith Tennis Club