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L.1 COMMUNITY SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program funding has been made available by the State Government following the economic downturn brought on by COVID-19.

The deadline for the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program is 19 June 2020.

There are strict criteria for any application towards this grant with the essential ones being:

- Provide evidence of community engagement and support for the project.
- Minimum 10% of the project cost must be supported through Council funding.
- A project plan demonstrating timeframe, and the ability to move from design to construct within 6 months.
- Maximum of three projects between \$1M and \$10M

Council officers have assessed the grant criteria and identified three projects that meet all the relevant criteria to maximise the success of these applications.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Endorse the following projects to be submitted under the Community Support Infrastructure Stimulus Program:
 - a. Olympic Park Stage 3 & 4.
 - b. Banyule NETs Stadium Outdoor Courts.
 - c. Darebin Creek Trail Stage 3.
2. Fund 10% of the cost of the project for any successful project.

COUNCIL PLAN

This report is in line with Banyule's Council Plan key direction to "Renew and maintain Banyule's public assets and infrastructure".

BACKGROUND

COVID 19 has greatly affected the Australian economy. State and Federal Governments have previously invested in construction projects in an effort to stimulate the economy when economic disruption occurs such as COVID 19.

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Since this time there has been various stimulus funding grants which has provided various options that Banyule City Council could benefit from.

This report will focus on funding provisions under the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

The program is part of the Victorian Government's Building Works package, designed to support shovel-ready projects to get thousands of people back to work. This program will:

- Provide stimulus to local economy for new or redeveloped significant community sport and active recreation infrastructure.
- Respond to demand for new participation opportunities.
- Improve diversity and inclusion by increasing participation.

There are strict criteria for any application towards this grant. Key criteria that must be addressed when proposing projects is:

- The project estimates must be current or no greater than 12 months old.
- Must provide evidence of plans and any additional funding sources that may contribute towards to project (e.g. club contribution).
- Provide evidence of community engagement and support.
- Project supported by Council resolution is favourable.
- Minimum 10% of the project cost must be supported through Council funding.
- A project plan demonstrating timeframe, and the ability to move from design to construct within 6 months.
- The deadline for submissions is the 19 June 2020.
- Maximum three projects between \$1M and \$10M

LEGAL CONSIDERATION

There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation contained in this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

CURRENT SITUATION

Council officers have reviewed the four year capital works budget to overlay the strict criteria to identify suitable projects. From the review there are three projects that have been identified that meet the criteria and will position Council for success in the grant application.

The following three projects have been identified and are proposed to be submitted for this grant.

- Olympic Park Stage 3. Project estimated costs is \$4M. This would involve the upgrade of the existing park which includes the construction of:

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- Two National Premier League soccer pitches
 - One cricket pitch and cricket nets
 - Cricket change rooms
 - Car parking
 - Multi use hard court area
- Olympic Park Stage 4. Project estimated costs is \$3M. This would involve the upgrade of the existing park which includes the construction of:
 - Soccer pitch
 - Cricket pitch
 - Cricket pavilion and social space

This above proposal could be easily split and be constructed independently of each other, depending on stimulus funding award

- Banyule NETs Stadium. Project estimated costs is \$1.1M. This would involve the upgrade of the existing outdoor infrastructure which includes the construction of:
 - Four additional outdoor multisport courts
 - Fencing and lighting
 - Warm up area
 - Implementation of a car drop off zone
- Darebin Creek Trail Stage 3. Project estimated costs is \$1.2M. This would involve the upgrade of the existing shared trail which includes the construction of:
 - New concrete shared path between Southern Road Heidelberg West to Gona Street Heidelberg West
 - Associated retaining walls along alignment of shared path

Construction of a second hockey pitch at Cyril Cummins Reserve and redevelopment of the Macleod recreation Centre were identified as a possible projects, however it was considered that these projects would not meet the mandatory requirements of the stimulus grant given the following:

- No finalised detailed designs.
- No planning permits in place and in the case of the hockey pitch there is no Cultural Heritage Management Plan prepared.
- Further community consultation would be required.

FUNDING IMPLICATIONS

Should Council be awarded funding for any of the identified projects, a minimum 10% contribution from Council will be required for each project. As these projects are funded in the future years of the four year program there may be a requirement to reallocate funding from future years to year one if Council is successful.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with all relevant Directors and Managers have been completed with regards to project considerations and final recommendation of proposed projects.

All projects nominated have gone through community consultation and have demonstrated support from the community and potential users of the infrastructure.

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TIMELINES

Project submissions must be submitted no later than 19 June 2020.

OFFICER DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

CONCLUSION

This is a great opportunity for Council to attract funding for key sports infrastructure projects under the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

It is recommended that Council endorse the following projects to be submitted under the Community Support Infrastructure Stimulus Program:

- a. Olympic Park Stage 3 & 4
- b. Banyule NETs Stadium Outdoor Courts
- c. Darebin Creek Trail Stage 3

ATTACHMENTS

Nil