

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, 22 January, 2024

Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra

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SB23.16 Sports Grants Program 2023 / 24 - Funding Determinations

HPERM Ref: D23/325693

Department: Recreation Projects - Planning & Delivery
Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

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Reason for Report

The purpose of this report is to advise the Shoalhaven Sports Board on funding applications for the Sports Grants Program 2023 / 24 and to seek the Boards approval for allocation of funding to the recommended projects outlined in this report to be submitted to Council for adoption.

Recommendation

That the Shoalhaven Sports Board:

1. Endorse the following four applications for the 2023 / 24 Sports Grants Program:
 - a. Milton Ulladulla District Tennis Association – Synthetic grass resurfacing of two tennis courts - \$50,000.
 - b. Shoalhaven District Football Association – Improve pathway network – \$6,617.
 - c. Shoalhaven Hockey Incorporated – Wall rebuild – \$35,666.67.
 - d. Shoalhaven Dog Training Club – Kitchen refurbishment - \$6,906.

To be determined by Council.

Options

1. Adopt the recommendation as written.

Implications: This will allow Sports Grants Program funds to be allocated and projects to proceed in line with sporting club plans throughout the Shoalhaven and appropriate utilisation of remaining funds.

2. Provide an alternative recommendation.

Implications: Unknown until advice received – This may delay the Sports Grants Program and may result in funding not being spent.

Background

The Sports Grants Program's purpose is to assist Shoalhaven sporting groups to undertake new works or improvements to existing fixed assets at sporting facilities on Council managed land. This grant is not intended for maintenance activities.

Sports Grants Program – Applications 2023 / 24

Applications to the Sports Grants Program are invited annually, as outlined by the Sports Grants Policy (*Attachment 1*). This year, information was distributed to all sporting clubs on

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Council's database, advising clubs of the scheme and requesting that clubs make an application prior to 30 June 2023.

The total 2023 / 24 Sports Grants Program budget is \$100,000. 16 applications for funding were received, with a total requested funding of \$309,574.43.

Applications were assessed against the criteria and provisions as outlined in the Sports Grants Policy (*Attachment 1*). Assessment scores are recorded in the Weighted Score Evaluation (*Attachment 2*).

The four top ranking applications total funding requests amount to \$99,189.67. There are insufficient funds to support further applications.

Table 1 – Successful applications recommended to be endorsed.

Club	Facility	Project	Cost GST Inc (\$) (ex-in-kind labour)	Funds Requested (\$)	Club / Other Contribution (\$)
Milton Ulladulla District Tennis Association	Ulladulla Tennis Centre	Resurfacing of two tennis Courts.	\$107,873	\$50,000	\$57,873.15
Shoalhaven District Football Association	Ison Park - South Nowra	Improve pathway network between seating and toilets.	\$9,926	\$6,617	\$3,308
Shoalhaven Hockey Inc	Bernie Reagan Sporting Complex	Wall rebuild.	\$53,500	\$35,666.67	\$17,833.33
Shoalhaven Dog Training Club	Nowra Showground	Install new kitchen in SDTC rooms.	\$10,359	\$6,906	\$3,453

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Table 2 – Unsuccessful applications.

Club	Facility	Project	Cost GST Inc (\$) (ex-in-kind labour)	Funds Requested (\$)	Club / Other Contribution (\$)
Shoalhaven United Football Club	Lyrebird Park - Nowra	Fencing and minor works - Field 4.	\$31,060	\$20,040	\$10,020
Berry Riding Club	Berry Equestrian Centre	Construct two watercourse crossings.	\$29,844.10	\$19,844.10	\$10,000
Illaroo Football Club	Sharman Park - North Nowra	Install boundary fence.	\$19,772.94	\$13,181.96	\$6,590.98
Shoalhaven	Rugby Park -	Construct	\$96,910	\$50,000	\$38,000

Club	Facility	Project	Cost GST Inc (\$) (ex-in-kind labour)	Funds Requested (\$)	Club / Other Contribution (\$)
Rugby Football Club	South Nowra	storage shed and gym.			
Kangaroo Valley Tennis Club	Kangaroo Valley Tennis Club	Floodlighting upgrade.	\$25,200	\$16,800	\$8,400
Sussex Inlet Cricket Club	Thomson St Sporting Complex	Construct equipment shed.	\$49,961	\$33,307.33	\$16,653.66
Huskisson Vincentia Football Club	Huskisson Sportsground	Goal posts and fencing upgrade.	\$19,722.56	\$13,148.37	\$6,574.19
Milton Ulladulla JRLFC	Ulladulla Sports Park - Field 1	Construct Team and Scorekeeper's Shelters.	\$6,600	\$4,400	\$2,200
Sussex Inlet & District RLFC Inc	Finkernagel Oval - Sussex Inlet	Install Player Dugouts (first priority).	\$16,728	\$11,128	\$5,600
Sussex Inlet & District RLFC Inc	Finkernagel Oval - Sussex Inlet	Extend Covered area of Canteen (second priority).	\$28,785	\$18,785	\$10,000
Bay & Basin Cricket Club	Sanctuary Point Oval	Repair, replace and paint picket fence.	\$3,100	\$2,050	\$1,050
Milton Ulladulla RLFC	Bill Andriske Oval - Mollymook	Minor works.	\$17,000	\$7,700	\$3,300

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Community Engagement

The 2023 / 24 Sports Grants Program was opened for applications from all sporting groups and peak bodies on 3 April 2023. Reminder notifications were sent to these contacts on 1 May 2023 and 1 June 2023 to encourage a healthy uptake of the grant. The Sports Grants Program was also promoted on Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness website and social pages to provide further outreach to potential applicants.

Initial Review of Applications

Applications are assessed against the weighting criteria to determine the application's alignment with the policy. This includes Council's compliance requirements, strategic plans, project readiness, club funding and in-kind contribution and project benefits to the community.

The below table demonstrates applications which have either been assessed as ineligible for funding or have been withdrawn by the applicant. These projects have not been included in the Weighted Score Evaluation. See Table 2 below.

Table 2 – Ineligible Applications.

Note, the below applications were determined ineligible and therefore are not included in Attachment 2.

Applicant	Reason for Ineligibility	Value of Funding Request
Milton Ulladulla Rugby League Football Club	Late Submission.	\$7,700
Kangaroo Valley Tennis Club	Does not meet Policy.	\$16,800
Sussex Inlet & District RLFC	Second priority. Application withdrawn by club.	\$18,785
Bay and Basin Cricket Club	Maintenance Project. Does not meet Policy.	\$2,050

Policy Implications

The following projects did not adhere to the Sports Grants Policy (*Attachment 1*).

1. Milton Ulladulla Rugby League Football Club – Late submission.
2. Kangaroo Valley Tennis Club – Club funding source ineligible.
3. Bay and Basin Cricket Club – Maintenance request.

Financial Implications

2023 / 24 Sports Grants Program allocated budget.	\$100,000
Total funding requested under the 2023 / 24 Sports Grants Program, for 16 projects identified in this report.	\$309,574.43
Total funding request of four recommended projects.	\$99,189.67
Funding request that will not be supported if the four recommended projects are approved.	\$210,384.76

Risk Implications

There are no foreseen risk implications with the four nominated applications.

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Sports Grants Program (Capital Works)

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