

6.1 C-6SRF01 – Sport and Recreation Funding

PART A- Policy

Objective

The objective of this Policy is to set out how the Shire of Dandaragan (Shire) will provide assistance to sporting and recreational groups for funding:

1. capital infrastructure for sporting and recreational facilities; and
2. non-consumable sporting and recreational equipment.

Policy Statement

Council recognises and values the important part that excellent sporting and recreational facilities and equipment play in the community. It is committed to ensuring that adequate funding is provided to assist in the provision and maintenance of these facilities and the groups that utilise them.

In order to meet this objective, the Shire has established the following two funds through which annual grants will be made available:

1. Sporting and Recreational Capital Works Fund; and
2. Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

The Shire will also provide in-kind site works to provide a level site for the construction of buildings and other infrastructure by community groups on reserves vested within the Shire at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

PART B - Management Procedures

Detail

1. Sporting and Recreational Capital Works Fund

1.1 Funding and Purpose

The Shire will in its annual budget allocate 1% of total budgeted rates to assist sporting and recreational groups with the replacement, renewal and improvement of capital infrastructure.

1.2 Funding cycle

Applications to the program will be received and considered in accordance with the following timeframes:

Funding round advertised: April

Funding round closes: Mid- May

Applications considered by Council: June / July

Sporting and recreational groups are encouraged to discuss their projects with Shire staff as early as possible to facilitate the greatest chance of funding success.

1.3 Eligible Applications.

To be eligible for funding under this program applicants must have;

- (i) Submitted a Community Sport Recreation Facilities Fund Application (CSRFF) to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' or submitted an application to another funding source for the project.
- (ii) An own source contribution comprising a minimum of 1/6th of the total project cost in cash.
- (iii) In determining applications to this fund the Council will give priority to applications that;
 - have successfully sourced CSRFF funds or other source of funding;
 - can demonstrate that their organisation has a strong membership base and is financially sustainable;
 - can demonstrate strong demand for the proposed infrastructure; and
 - can deliver projects without the organisation requiring loan funds.
- (iv) Applicants that have been unsuccessful in a CSRFF application, or other major funding process, remain eligible for funding under this program, however Council's total commitment will not exceed 50% of the approved project budget or the maximum annual funding allocation in a given year.
- (v) Requests must be for a total project cost of greater than \$40,000 (exc GST).

1.4 Funding of Projects

Where more than one request is received in any year, projects will be prioritised by Council. Council may allocate the full funding allocation or part thereof to the requests for funding received.

1.5 Unallocated Fund Monies.

Unless specifically determined by Council any unallocated funds from a given year will be transferred to the Sport and Recreation Reserve for reallocation in a subsequent year.

2. Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund

2.1 Funding and Purpose.

The Shire will, in its annual budget, allocate at least \$15,000 to be matched by Tronox, to fund the Tronox Management and Shire of Dandaragan Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund.

The purpose of the program is to assist community-based organisations to purchase non-consumable equipment and provide small grants to undertake projects.

2.2 Funding cycle.

Funding round advertised: April

Funding round closes: End of May

Staff review and assist applicants to ensure eligibility and completeness: June

Applications considered by committee: July

Applications considered by Council: August

2.3 Eligible Applications.

To be eligible for funding applicants must meet the Assessment Criteria as determined by the committee in accordance with this policy.

2.4 Assessment of Applications.

A committee comprising of two representatives from each of the Shire's community ratepayer groups,, a representative from Tronox Management, the Shire President and a non-voting staff member shall be established on an annual basis to make recommendations to Council in relation to the funding of the applications.

In making its recommendation to Council the committee shall take into consideration the Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund assessment criteria including the following items:

- (i) The membership base of the applicant's organisation.
- (ii) The demonstrated need for the equipment/project.
- (iii) The financial sustainability of the applicant's organisation.

- (iv) The extent of previous funding under this program to the applicant organisation over the past 5 years.
- (v) The extent to which the applicant has attempted to seek funding from alternative sources.
- (vi) All large applications (total grant request of \$5,000 or more) must provide written evidence that at least one application to another funding body has been made.

2.5 Determination of Applications

In determining the applications the Council will give consideration to;

- (i) The recommendations of the Committee.
- (ii) Whether or not applications are consistent with the strategic direction of the Shire.

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