

6.2.2 Growing Suburbs Fund 20/21 Rounds 2 Grant Applications

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Recommendation(s)

That Council endorse the following list of Growing Suburbs Fund 20/21 Round 2 applications in priority order:

1. Brunt Road Integrated Child and Family Centre
2. Pakenham Main Street improvements
3. Garfield North Community Centre
4. Alma Treloar Masterplan Implementation -Stage 2
5. KWR Bowls and community facility
6. Linking Cardinia (shared path links)
7. Beaconsfield War memorial and streetscape project

Attachments

Nil

Executive Summary

The Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) 2020/21 Round 2 is current open for grant applications. This report presents the seven proposed grant applications under this grant program.

Councillors are is requested to review the proposed GSF and BBRF grant applications, make any changes, and support the proposed applications.

Background

Round 2 of the Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) 2020/21 program opened on 27 January 2021 and closes 10 March 2021. There is \$50M available in this round of funding to be spread across the 10 interface and 6 peri-urban councils. The fund will prioritise “shovel-ready” projects that will have immediate economic and social impact.

The program will support projects which direct benefit to communities and surrounding catchment areas across the following broad infrastructure categories:

- community health and well-being
- early education, libraries, learning and training
- sport, recreation, and leisure facilities that have dedicated community space and support multiuse purposes
- environmental and climate change resilience
- placemaking, civic amenity, and community connecting

Councils must submit a Project Plan that outlines the timelines for the project(s) which demonstrates projects will start construction within 18 months of the grant being announced. Funded projects must be completed with 24 months of the commencement of construction.

There is no limit to the number of projects a council can submit. A Council resolution supporting each application and a priority order of projects is mandatory. LGV (Local Government Victoria) advise

Council can give evidence of the resolution after 15 March Council meeting. For further information about the GSF 2020/21 Round 2 grant program visit:

<https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/growing-suburbs-fund>

A draft list of suitable projects is provided after reviewing the GSF 2020/21 Round 2 grant program criteria and Council's draft Capital Works Program. This draft list was then discussed at length with a GSF program officer. The GSF Program Officer emphasised that projects which are likely to be considered for funding and be higher priority will:

- Create jobs,
- Be proven multi use,
- Increase community use,
- Be places of connection
- and access for all abilities etc.

The following table shows the projects proposed to apply for funding prioritised from highest to lowest priority after extensive discussion amongst Council officers and consultation with the GSF Program Officer. This priority order is also based on the criteria outlined above.

PROJECT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TOTAL PROJECT COST	Draft COUNCIL BUDGET ALLOCATION *	GSF GRANT REQUEST
Brunt Road Integrated Child and Family Centre	Kindergarten, MCH and allied health consulting suites and a community space for parenting support and other community activities. (project may also be eligible for a further \$2M of funding through the DET (Department of Education and Training) (Department of Education and Training) Children's Capital grant program).	\$6.4M	\$4.6M DCP	\$1.5M
Pakenham Main Street improvements	Streetscape upgrade for Main Street between John Street and Station Street	\$2M	\$1M	\$1M
Garfield North Community Centre	New community centre in Cannibal Creek Reserve as part of the Bushfire Recovery	\$1.7M	\$1,250,000	\$850K
Alma Treloar Masterplan Implementation - Stage 2	New amphitheatre and stage (with shade sail), new picnic BBQ area, seats, tables, and landscaping	\$360k	\$180k	\$180k
KWR Bowls and community facility	New bowls clubhouse and community room	\$3.3M*	\$1.65M	\$1.65M
Linking Cardinia (shared path links)	350 m long shared path between Station St and Beaconsfield Railway station and Aqueduct Trail -from existing path to Dickie Road.	\$1.4M	No sufficient matching funding available	\$700k

Beaconsfield War memorial and streetscape project	Design and deliver a solution that improves the public area next to Princes Highway, north of Woods Street.	\$850k	\$425k	\$425k
TOTAL:				\$6.305M

Please note a revised cost estimate for the KWR Bowls and community facility has been obtained based on the revised concept plan. The GSF grant request amount has therefore been increased accordingly to 50% of the total project cost.

Policy Implications

This proposal is consistent with Council existing policy and the draft Capital Works Program

Relevance to Council Plan

1.4 Our People - Improved health and wellbeing for all

1.4.4 Support children, young people, families, older adults and people of all abilities by providing a range of accessible services and facilities.

1.5 Our People - Variety of recreation and leisure opportunities

1.5.1 Provide active and passive recreation facilities to meet the needs of residents.

1.5.2 Increase opportunities for residents to participate in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

2.4 Our Community - Improved health and wellbeing of our residents

2.4.4 Support the provision of services by Council or others for people of all abilities.

3.1 Our Environment - Provision and maintenance of assets on a life-cycle basis

3.1.2 Develop new and maintain existing parks, gardens and reserves in a sustainable way.

3.1.3 Provide accessible facilities to meet identified community needs.

3.2 Our Environment - Transport linkages connecting towns

3.2.4 Prioritise multi-use pathways, where practicable, to create networks that connect destinations.

Climate Emergency Consideration

The projects will all be developed to contribute to Council Climate Emergency and sustainability targets.

Consultation/Communication

Council's normal consultation and communication process for capital works projects will be followed for the implementation of these projects.

Any approved grant applications will be promoted, and the respective funding body recognised accordingly.

Financial and Resource Implications

Council's draft Capital Works Program is the basis for the list of projects selected.

Conclusion

Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF) 2020/21 Round 2 are open for applications. This report presents the proposed seven grant applications from Cardinia Shire Council for this round of grant applications in priority order from highest to lowest. Councillors are requested to review the proposed GSF grant applications, make any required changes, and then endorse the applications list in order from highest to lowest.