

**ORDINARY COUNCIL
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SECTION OF COMMITTEE

4.	COMMUNITY FACILITY FUNDING (SPORT AND RECREATION) PROGRAM 2010/2011
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers the Department of Community Planning and Development's (DPCD) Community Facility Funding Program for 2010/2011, nominates the projects to be submitted in the Major Facilities and Planning Categories and outlines the application process for the Minor Facilities Category.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 2.1 Submits an application for a Major Facilities Grant for the 'South Melbourne and Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club' project.
- 2.2 Submits an application for a Planning Grant for development of a 'Playground Strategy', incorporating a strategic review of the needs of children and the provision of recreation equipment for adults.
- 2.3 Writes to all community sporting groups within the City of Port Phillip and advise of the Minor Facilities Grant and seek applications.
- 2.4 Receive a report at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 14 September 2009 to consider the applications from community sporting clubs.

3. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Department of Planning and Community Development operates the Community Facility Funding Program on an annual basis and has just released the Program for 2010/2011.
- 3.2 Council is eligible to apply for one grant in either the Major Facilities or Aquatic Access/Better Pools categories. These grants are available on a

DPCD \$1 to Council \$3 basis up to \$500,000. Applications in these categories must be submitted by 17 August 2009.

- 3.3 Council is eligible to apply for one grant in the Planning Category on a \$1 for \$1 basis to a maximum grant of \$30,000. Applications must be submitted by 28 October 2009.
- 3.4 Council is also eligible to apply for three Minor Facilities Grants on a \$1 for \$1 basis. Two of these grants can be for projects of up to \$200,000 and grants of up to \$60,000, the third can be for a project with a total cost of up to \$60,000 with a maximum grant of \$30,000. Applications must be submitted by 17 September 2009.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation has been undertaken internally with departments that undertake projects that could fit the criteria of the funding program. This includes Youth and Recreation, Parks and Open Space, Asset Services and Building Services.
- 4.2 Community Sporting Clubs will be invited to submit applications to Council for consideration under the Minor Facilities Category.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1 OPTIONS

- 5.1.1 Council does not own or manage a pool so will not apply under the Aquatic Access/Better Pools Category.
- 5.1.2 For projects to qualify for a Major Facilities Grant they need to:
 - have catchments of more than one municipality;
 - attract users who are more likely to travel some distance to participate; and
 - be identified as regionally significant by the State Sporting Association; and
 - provide facilities for regional and/or state level training or competition.
- 5.1.3 Projects currently identified that fit the Major Facilities Category are:
 - Lifesaving Pavilion for South Melbourne and Port Melbourne Lifesaving Clubs – construction of a new lifesaving pavilion. This project is currently undergoing concept design and a Council contribution for construction is incorporated into the Council's Strategic Resource Plan and appears to meet the grant criteria.
 - Redevelopment of North Port Oval – this project to create new change rooms and social facilities potentially meets the criteria

but has already attracted significant external funding support, including funds from DPCD.

- Redevelopment of Alma Park Change Rooms – incorporating new change rooms suitable for female sport. Alma Park is a local sporting facility with a small catchment area, is not regionally significant and does not provide for regional or state level training or competition.
- Redevelopment of Clarke Shields Pavilion – including new change areas and social facilities. An application was made for this project through the same fund last year but was unsuccessful.

5.1.4 Projects identified at present that may be suitable for an application in the Planning Category are:

- revision of Council's Playground Strategy – this project would provide a strong application for this grant program as it would consider the development of playgrounds to attract a variety of users across all age groups and abilities
- scoping study for the redevelopment of Peanut farm Reserve Facility/Clubrooms – this single facility project would not present as strong an application as the Playground Strategy

5.1.5 Applications for the Minor Facilities Category will be sought from community sporting organisations.

5.1.6 Applications from clubs will be considered against the criteria set by the Department of Planning and Community Development and the outcome of this assessment presented to Council for endorsement on 14 September 2009.

5.2 ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN

The Council Plan contains the following relevant actions:

- Build an Active and Creative Community (Strategy 3.2.1)
- Ensure Open Spaces support active communities through integrated planning and sustainable management (Strategy 4.1.3)

5.3 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.3.1 The proposed applications are in accordance with existing Council policy, specifically the Sport and Recreation Strategy 2008 and the Open Space Strategy 2006.

5.4 FINANCE / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.4.1 Should any of the applications be successful Council will need to allocate its contribution to the projects through the 2010/2011 budget process.

- In the case of the Planning Category this would be \$30,000.
- In the case of the Minor Facilities Category this is to be determined by the applications to be submitted but would be a maximum of \$150,000 and could be supplemented by club contributions.
- In the case of the Major Facilities Category this has been identified in Council's Strategic Resource Plan at up to \$2.5 M. Preliminary costing of the South Melbourne Port Melbourne Lifesaving Club is for a total construction cost of \$5M. Additional sources of funding will be needed for the project to proceed.

5.5 LEGAL & RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.5.1 There are no risks or legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

6. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

6.1 TIMELINE

Category	Task	Due Date
Major Facilities	Submit an application for a Major Facilities Grant for 'South Melbourne/Port Melbourne Lifesaving Pavilion'.	18 August '09
Minor Facilities	Write to all sporting clubs and request applications.	24 July '09
	Sporting Club applications to Council close.	17 August '09
	Officers assess submissions.	20/21 August '09
	Recommendation to Council.	14 September '09
	Submit to DPCD the Council endorsed applications.	17 September '09
Planning Grant	Submit application for a Planning Grant for development of a 'CoPP Playground Strategy'.	28 October '09

6.2 COMMUNICATION

- 6.2.1 All sporting clubs within CoPP will be written to and advised of the potential to submit for the Minor Facilities funding and the criteria.
- 6.2.2 All applicants under the Minor Facilities Category will be advised of the outcomes of their application via direct mail including the reasons for the decision.
- 6.2.3 Key messages are that the City of Port Phillip is an Active and Creative City and that the provision and development of good facilities is important in encouraging participation and ensuring a positive experience.

7. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

- 7.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.