

Parks Reserves and Public Halls

12.4 Dollar for Dollar Grants for Section 355 Sporting, Cultural and Recreational Facilities Policy

a. Applications for \$ for \$ Grants

Applications for \$ for \$ grants be forwarded to all Section 355 Committees for the development of sporting, cultural and recreational facilities, in February of each year, with the closing date being 30th April. Applications to be considered at the Estimates meeting.

b. Quotes

All projects over \$1,000 will require detailed quote/s to accompany the application.

c. Completed Projects

No funds be allocated to projects retrospectively.

d. Application Priorities

The following priorities will be considered when allocating dollar for dollar grant funds

i. Community Use and Need for Facility

This information is to be based on knowledge of the area, number of users of the facility. All applications be considered on their merits having regard to the opportunities to increase participation in sport, cultural and recreational activities by the local community.

ii. Condition of Current Facilities

Consideration be given to the current condition of the assets, and future plans for any capital improvements or major maintenance projects.

iii. Historical Data

Historical data to be used in conjunction with the allocation of funding priorities.

e. Allocation of Funds

All applications are to be presented to Council for consideration with a recommendation of priorities as discussed in MANEX.

If a Council consensus cannot be reached on the allocation of grant funds then a ranking voting system will be used.

f Funding Priorities

Priority will be given to maintenance and upgrading works on existing infrastructure over funding for new infrastructure.

g In kind Contributions

In kind labour from a qualified trades person be allocated on a dollar for dollar basis. (i.e. one (1) Council dollar for every one (1) in kind trade person dollar). In kind contributions will only be allocated for trade persons carrying out their trade work. An account detailing trade persons hours and cost must be supplied before allowance is made.

Funds will be allocated for voluntary labour from non-trade person on a one to two basis (i.e. one (1) Council dollar for every two (2) in kind voluntary labour dollar).

Voluntary hourly rate will be set at \$10 per hour (adjusted according to changes in CPI figures) and the hours taken to complete the project are not to exceed a professional quote. (quotes may be requested if costs seem unreasonable)

h Major Projects - over \$15,000

Consideration be given to interest free loan funds being made available for organisations with projects over \$15,000.

i Unspent Grant Funds

Unspent grant funds in any one year to be transferred to a Section 355 Committee Reserve Fund for use on future projects.

j Unsuccessful Projects

Unsuccessful projects to be included in Council's rolling works program for future consideration.

k Borrowing Funds

Consideration could be given for Council to borrow funds, to be allocated to Committees on a dollar for dollar basis on large projects.

l Insurance Claims

In the case of an insurance claim, Council will pay all costs up to a maximum of 50% of insurance policy excess plus \$ for \$ for any amount above that maximum amount.

	Example 1	Example 2
Insurance Excess	\$1,000	\$1,000
Cost of Claim	\$ 750	\$ 350
Council – Maximum 50% of Insurance Excess	\$ 500	\$ 350
Council - \$ for \$ in excess of maximum amount	\$ 125	Nil
Total paid by Council	\$ 625	\$ 350
Total paid by Committee	\$ 125	Nil
Total Cost of Claim	\$ 750	\$ 350

m Essential Services for Public Buildings

Council will contribute the full cost of upgrading or maintenance legislative required essential services for public halls eg:

- Fire Fighting Services
- Exit Lights
- Emergency lights

n Maintenance of Infrastructure

Committees must obtain approval for maintenance of infrastructure such as public roads, sewerage mains, water mains and public toilets. Council will meet the full costs of infrastructure maintenance for authorised works only.

Projects will be subject to available funds in budget

o Routine/Minor Maintenance Projects

Council will contribute on a dollar for dollar basis to approved routine/minor maintenance projects up to a maximum of \$2,000 per project - (approval to be granted by Council's staff).

All projects above \$2,000 will require approval by resolution of Council.

Projects will be subject to available funds in budget

p Eradication/Control of Pests

Council will contribute on a dollar for dollar basis to approved programs on the eradication or control of pests from structures and grounds managed by section 355 Committees.

Approval of programs will be subject to available funds in the budget and the merit of the request.