

FACT SHEET (Sport and Recreation)

Annual Grants Program

Sport and Recreation Funding Stream

Council recognises the value of sport, physical activity and recreation participation to the health of the community and the individual. Through the Sport and Recreation Funding Stream it seeks to support the creation of a local environment that provides a wide range of accessible recreation, sport and physical activity opportunities catering for the diverse and changing needs of the Yarra community.

In addition, Council seeks to support the valuable work undertaken by not-for-profit sport, recreation and community organisations in Yarra, and to support individuals wishing to participate in sport and recreation activities.

Stream Objectives

The Sport and Recreation Funding Stream has the following objectives relating to a number of Council's strategic commitments. To meet the criteria for this category projects need to address at least two of these program objectives:

- increase sport and recreation participation levels amongst residents in Yarra (especially amongst those groups who have least opportunity to participate)
- increase diversity of sport and active recreation opportunities available within the municipality
- Pilot programs which aim to develop pathways and opportunities to integrate people with disability into mainstream programs and activities
- improve safety and risk management practices as they relate to local sporting clubs
- increase local physical activity opportunities
- improve the sustainability of local sporting and active recreational programs
- enhance partnerships between sporting clubs, schools and community organisation
- support individual athletes to participate at a higher level of sporting competition.

Priority Areas

Initiatives that seek to increase participation in local sport and recreation programs. Priority will be given to activities that target the following groups:

- Youth and children
- Residents of social housing
- Older Adults
- People living with a disability

- Women
- Homeless
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- Low income families

Participation Programs

Priority will be given to initiatives that seek to provide new opportunities for local sport and physical activity participation and or increase the diversity and range of sports opportunities that are available within the municipality

Examples of activities that may be funded:

- Programs that will increase local sport and recreation participation levels i.e. “Come and Try” days, skill development clinics and or the development of new sports programs.
- Programs that reduce isolation amongst community members.
- Programs that improve health through increasing levels of physical activity.
- Programs developed to bridge gaps in sport and recreation opportunities for specified disabilities

Sports Club Sustainability and Improvement

Priority will be given to training and capacity building activities that enhance an organisations ability to run and deliver sport, recreation and physical activity programs. This category seeks to fund projects as follows:

Examples of activities that may be funded:

- Training programs for administrators, coaches and volunteers which directly enhance a club or organisation's capacity to deliver sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities to the local community;
- Strategic planning in response to local needs/issues and in accordance with identified priorities within the Yarra Sports Plan 2008-2012
- Initiatives which increase and enhance opportunities for women and people with a disability to participate in the management of local sports clubs and community organisations
- Initiatives which aim to increase the percentage of people with disability actively participating in an activity
- Initiatives that seek to improve participant safety

Sport and Recreation – Equipment Grants

- Grants may be given towards the costs of equipment needed for sport and physical activity programs:

Examples of projects that may be funded:

- Equipment required to meet Sporting Code Regulations which impact upon local sporting clubs (maximum grant up to 50% of cost).
- Modified equipment for use by people living with a disability. (Maximum grant up to 50% cost of equipment)