

Summary of Applications – Large Community Grants Round 1 Assessment Sheet											
	Applicant	PROJECT	SUMMARY OF PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT \$	Requested \$	Recom'd \$	Matrix Ranking /96	Matrix Ranking TOTAL	Project Eligibility & Justification Yes - No	Other Funding Secured Yes - No - NA	Comments/Rationale/Recommendation
1	Baynton West Primary School (BWPS) P&C	BWPS Playground Upgrade – Stage 3 – Inclusion and Accessibility Focus	Seeking funds to purchase and install accessible swings, play equipment and inclusive seating. The new playground infrastructure will create an inclusive space where every child - regardless of ability - can participate meaningfully in play and social interaction.	118,160	50,000	50,000	57	59%	Yes	Yes	<p>Funding: This project can progress without City funding with an adjusted timeline to align with available resources and increased fundraising. They have confirmed contribution from themselves and have received in-kind support in time, resources and consultation. They have also applied for a \$10,000 grant from Mineral Resources which they are still waiting for the outcome of. The recommended amount is 42% of the total project.</p> <p>Rationale: This project has strong strategic alignment with Goal 3 Everyone is included, Objective 3.1 Improve accessibility of the City of Karratha's facilities, places, spaces, events and infrastructure for all abilities, and 3.5 Promote safety, equal opportunity, and appreciation of all diverse groups in the community. The project has secured additional funding sources, effectively leveraging the large community grant investment. The project plan is well presented and includes clear success measures. The playground has been co-designed with students and will provide ongoing benefits for future students, the onsite after-school care program, and Clontarf, who will all have access to the inclusive play spaces. BWPS also hopes that introducing an inclusive play space will inspire other schools within the City of Karratha to follow suit. Contractors have been engaged, and they have demonstrated a strong capacity to deliver the project.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend a large grant of \$50,000 to Baynton West Primary School P&C for the purchase and installation of accessible swings, play equipment and inclusive seating at Baynton West Primary School.</p>
2	Karratha Basketball Association (KBA)	"Head in the game" Coach the coaches and Mental Wellbeing and Resilience for Development players, coaches and referees	KBA is seeking funds for three specific focused programs; 'Coach the Coaches', 'Beyond the Court', and 'Lead the Game'. These programs focus on upskilling coaches, building mental skills and increasing the knowledge and skills of referees.	40,446.66	40,446.66	23,760	49	51%	Yes	No	<p>Funding: The programs will not run without the City funding. They have not proposed to seek additional funding.</p> <p>Rationale: The applicant has requested 100% funding for the Head in the Game project, which consists of three facilitated education programs: Coach the Coaches, Beyond the Court – Building Mental Skills, and Lead the Game – Referee Education for Stronger Competitions. As no external funding sources or participant co-contributions have been identified, the proposal does not demonstrate financial sustainability or leverage the City's Large Community Grant investment. Full reliance on City funding also limits the program's capacity to build longer-term financial resilience.</p> <p>The Beyond the Court – Building Mental Skills program demonstrates the strongest strategic alignment with Goal 2: Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe. Delivered by a local provider, the program contributes to strengthening the local economy and building local capacity. While it primarily targets basketball athletes, officials, and volunteers, the program provides broader community benefits by supporting youth psychological wellbeing and resilience, both in sport and in everyday life. The engagement of local facilitators further enhances program sustainability and demonstrates proven capacity to deliver.</p> <p>In contrast, Coach the Coaches and Lead the Game offer a more limited community reach and do not demonstrate the same level of broader community benefit. Without diversified funding, these components are not considered to represent value for money within the Large Community Grant framework.</p> <p>Given the limited reach of these components and the absence of funding diversification, it is recommended that the City support only the Beyond the Court – Building Mental Skills program. The applicant should be encouraged to leverage the confirmed City contribution to secure additional funding from alternative sources to support the remaining workshop components.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend a large grant of \$23,760 to Karratha Basketball Association for the purpose of 'Beyond the Courts'</p>
3	Karratha Kangaroos Junior Rugby League	Karratha Kangaroos Junior Rugby League Gala Day & ANZAC Match	Seeking funds to support the event they are hosting, for the second year, this event celebrates the ANZAC spirit through sport, remembrance, and community connection. It brings together players, families, and supporters from across the Pilbara. The funding will strengthen the event through a temporary grandstand, Welcome to Country, portable toilets, field hire and entertainment such as face painting, jumping castle and a DJ.	75,072	30,814	26,339	63	65%	Yes	Yes	<p>Funding: The event will run without City funding but at a reduced capacity, limiting the number of visiting teams, the entertainment, cultural elements and additional seating. They have confirmed contributions from their organisation, NRL WA and In-Kind donations. The recommended amount is 35% of the total event.</p> <p>Rationale: This event has strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe, objective 2.1 Increase events, arts and cultural activities. It not only enhances the local sporting calendar but also contributes to a sense of community pride, connection and wellbeing. The event has secured additional funding sources, effectively leveraging the large community grant investment. With previous experience of delivering this event last year, the event is highly achievable with strong success measures. The event will benefit more than 1,000 participants and spectators, also providing opportunities for youth engagement, skill development and community connection. With a broader positive economic impact, as visiting and supporters from across the region increase demand for local accommodation, hospitality and retail services. Local contractors and businesses have been engaged and demonstrated a strong capacity to support and deliver this event.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend a large grant of \$26,339 to support the delivery of the Karratha Kangaroos Junior Rugby League Gala Day & ANZAC Match. The recommended funding covers essential event components, including the temporary grandstand, engineering certification, Welcome to Country, portable toilets, and field hire. These items are critical to ensuring the event is delivered safely, respectfully and to an appropriate standard for participants, spectators and the broader community. Officers recommend not funding the following items as they are not essential to the successful delivery of the event. These include a jumping castle, face painter, PA System and fence banner. While these additions may enhance the event experience, they do not directly contribute to the operational requirements of hosting the event.</p>
4	Northern Swimming Association	2026 Belt Up Country Pennants	The Northen Swimming Association is requesting funding for the 2026 Belt Up Country Pennants. This competition is an annual event for WA's country regions. The funding request will support the event through venue hire and entry, medals, technical experts and event programs with the weekend's schedule.	70,000	50,000	43,000	63	65%	Yes	Yes	<p>Funding: This event will run without City funding but costs will be passed onto participants. Northwest Swimming Association have confirmed contributions from their organisation, Insurance Commission WA Sponsorship and in-kind via volunteer hours. The Association also have a potnetial income from Athlete Entry Fees and Canteen takings. The recommended amount is 61% of the total event.</p> <p>Rationale: This event demonstrates strong strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe. As a major regional sporting event, it contributes to community connection, promotes healthy lifestyles, and supports opportunities for participation, development and social engagement across a wide demographic. The event has secured some additional funding with the potential for additional contributions, leveraging the large community grant investment. The event plan is well considered, supported by its annual delivery across various towns throughout Western Australia. This consistent track record highlights the event's feasibility and demonstrates that the hosts are well-positioned to deliver a successful and professionally run competition. This event will benefit local and other regional swimmers, coaches, technical officers and volunteers through experience and development. With a large committee and string backing from local clubs, volunteers and community members, the capacity to deliver this event is high.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend funding \$43,000 to support the essential components required for the successful delievery of the event. This recommended funding allocation covers KLP Venue Hire & Entry Fee, REAP Venue Hire, flights & accommodation for technical experts, the production of event programs outlining the event's schedule. Officers are recommending to not fund several requested items as they are not considered essential to the running of the event. This includes the Recovery Zone, noting that the organisers are not engaging local suppliers for this component; printing and office supplies, as the request includes a printer, ink and various general-use items not specific to event delivery; and costs associated with a photographer and officials' meals, which are considered supplementary rather than critical to the event's core function.</p>
5	RSPCA	RSPCA WA Community Action Day	The RSPCA Community Action Day is a free, inclusive event held in Wickham for all of community, to provide access to information and advice, free resources such as food and treatments for all pets, free health and microchipping for dogs with the aim to ease the pressure on pet owners that are struggling financially. The funding will go towards pet food, treatments, venue hire, advertising and staff travel costs from Perth to Karratha.	21,286.22	12,616.33	12,616.33	58	60%	Yes	Yes	<p>Funding: This event will not run without City funding. RSPCA will be contributing from their organisation, including in-kind support. The recommended amout is 59% of the total event.</p> <p>Rationale: This event strategically aligns with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe and Objective 2.5 Promote community safety and public health. The event has potential in-kind support and other contributions. Through the support of the City's rangers and SAFE, this event is in a strong position to succeed. The primary beneficiaries will be pet owners; however, the broader community will also experience improved safety and enhanced street amenity. RSPCA will be bringing staff up to run this event therefore they have capacity for delievery.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend funding the full requested amount \$12,616.33 which will go towards pet food and treatments, venue hire, advertising and staff travel costs from Perth to Karratha including accomodation and a hire car.</p>

6	Swimming WA	Tri-Series 2026	The Tri-Series 2026, ran by Swimming WA will be hosting teams of 20x athletes aged 14-18, from WA, Vic and New Zealand. This event provides athletes learning opportunities for future elite competitions and develop skills. The funding will go towards venue hire, extra-curricular and Aboriginal immersion activities, and staff travel from Perth to Karratha and on the ground staff costs.	243,960	50,000	39,900	61	63%	Yes	Yes	<p>Funding: This event will run without City funding but will not have any extra-curricular activities. They have confirmed funding from their organisation and athlete team entry fees and have applied for Tourism WA funding. The recommended amount is 16% of the total event.</p> <p>Rationale: This event demonstrates strong strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe and Goal 1 We respect Aboriginal peoples' cultural authority and connection to Ngurra (Country), Objective 1.4. This event has confirmed other income channels from their organisation and registrations as well other potential options. The combination of a comprehensive event plan and strong backing from local organisations and community clubs ensures the project's viability. The main benefit will be for the swimming community, with an extended benefit for local business and local Aboriginal organisations from international and national visiting teams' expenditure. Local contractors and venues have been engaged, and they have demonstrated a strong capacity to support the event. However, despite these strengths, the budget submitted does not justify a recommendation for full funding. The applicant has not provided quotes or supporting documentation for the value of the funding sought. In addition to facility hire and competition delivery cost, and Extra-curricular and Aboriginal immersion activities, the applicant has requested City support for 22% of staff and external provider travel, delivery, and on-ground costs, totalling \$46,180. As no quotes or cost breakdowns have been provided, it is unclear how these figures were determined or how they directly contribute to the delivery of the event.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend fund \$39,900 towards Facility Hire and Competition Delivery Costs and Extra-curricular and Aboriginal Immersion Activities. As the event will proceed irrespective of the level of City funding provided, a reduced funding amount will not negatively impact the feasibility or delivery of the event.</p>
		Total Amount Recommended		\$568,925	\$233,877	\$195,615					
	PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED										
1	Karratha Community House	Pam Buchanan Safety & Comfort Upgrade X KCH	Karratha Community House is undertaking comprehensive governance upgrade to bring their operations in line with the standards of a licensed venue, which will strengthen long term sustainability and service delivery. The funding if secured will go towards, new flooring and installation, new furniture and other appliances.	50,000	16,073	0	48	50%	No	Yes	<p>Funding: Karratha Community House has applied for other grants and have confirmed contributions from their organisation and RDA.</p> <p>Rationale: The Project Details and Impact outlined in the application do not align with the proposed expenditure in the Project Budget. The project details focuses on governance policies and procedures, a website revamp and HR support whereas the allocation of City money is for new flooring, tables and chairs and various other furniture items. This inconsistency makes it unclear how the requested funding will directly support the project's stated objectives. Furthermore, the applicant does not currently have the required approvals to undertake the proposed upgrades within the leased facility. Without the necessary permissions in place, the feasibility of delivering the proposed works cannot be confirmed.</p> <p>Recommendation: Officers recommend to decline. Officers will provide applicant support for other funding avenues and grant application writing.</p>
2	Hindu Association of Pilbara Inc	The HAP Arts & Culture Festival 2026	The Hindu Association of Pilbara Inc is organising a three day Arts & Cultural Festival which will celebrate the history of Indian arts. The grant funding will go towards performance fees, venue hire and advertising.	96,357	49,987	0	48	50%	Yes	No	<p>Funding: This event will not go ahead without City funding as they have requested over 50% of the event cost and no other funding has been confirmed. The Hindu Association of Pilbara Inc is in the process of applying for other grants.</p> <p>Rationale: There are currently no confirmed or identified external funding sources to support the event, resulting in a significant budget shortfall of \$41,370.80. This level of unfunded expenditure represents a substantial financial risk and does not demonstrate the financial viability expected. In addition, the organisation has not demonstrated prior experience in delivering an event of this scale. Without a proven track record or evidence of operational planning for large-scale event management, the feasibility of successful delivery remains uncertain. The proposal relies heavily on volunteer involvement and international support, both of which introduce uncertainty regarding availability, reliability, and continuity. This reliance raises concerns about whether the organisation can meet the logistical, safety, and coordination requirements associated with an event of this size.</p> <p>Recommendation: Given the combination of an unresolved budget deficit, limited organisational capacity, and the absence of demonstrated experience in managing comparable events, officers do not recommend awarding any City funding. Officers will provide applicant with support to build capacity for a future grant application.</p>
		Total Amount Not Recommended		\$146,357	\$66,060	\$0.00					

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Total Amount Recommended		\$568,925	\$233,877	\$195,615
Total Amount Not Recommended		\$146,357	\$66,060	\$0
Total (ALL)		\$715,282	\$299,936	\$195,615

Percentage of Total Requested Amount Awarded: