2.1 ACTIVE MONASH GRANTS

Responsible Director: Julie Salomon

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorses an allocation of Mount Waverley Bowls Club Term 4 Youth Program \$900 for a one-off cash allocation under the Active Monash Grant Program.
- 2. Notes that from 2018/19 onwards, the Active Monash Grants
 Program will be integrated into the Monash Community Grants
 Program under a Sports and Recreation category.

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support to fund one project in the 2017/18 Active Monash Grants Program.

BACKGROUND

The Active Monash Grants provide support for Monash based sporting clubs, recreational groups or incorporated community organisations to introduce innovative and inclusive participation based programs. The program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation, targeting those members of the community who are currently not active. The grants area financial resource to facilitate this outcome, thus contributing to a healthy and active Monash community.

To be eligible for funding, clubs must adhere to the following criteria:

- The Club/organisation is incorporated and Monash based;
- The Club/organisation can demonstrate a need for the proposed program and how the program will be inclusive of community groups (i.e. Seniors, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities, female participants, people with disabilities etc.)
- The Club/organisation can demonstrate how the new program will promote an inclusive environment for members and the community.
- These grants exclude equipment replacement, capital works projects, fundraising, or programs that require ongoing funding.

DISCUSSION

Active Monash Grants

All clubs and recreation groups in Monash were given the opportunity to apply for up to \$1,000 Active Monash Grant funding. Clubs and recreation groups were notified of the program and invited to apply via email and promotion on Council's website. Submissions were received online (via weblink to Council's website). Applications opened 24 April and closed 31 May.

All applicants were encouraged to discuss their application with Council Officers, as well as representatives from their relevant State Sporting Organisation where applicable.

Grant Recommendations

A total of eight (8) applications were received from the following organisations:

Applicants	Project Proposal		
Mount Waverley Bowls Club	Mount Waverley Bowls Club Term 4 Youth Program		
Oakleigh District Football Club	Installation of Baby Change Area		
Waverley Park Hawks Football Club	Girls Football Shorts		
Victorian Sikh Association	Veteran and Ladies Soccer		
Monash Warriors Gridiron Club	New Uniforms for Women's Team		
Saints Monarchs Ice Hockey	Saints Junior Academy		
Chadstone Calisthenics Club	PanPacs Tournament Entry Fees		
Monash University Underwater Club	Parks Victoria Volunteering Opportunities		

Officers from the Recreation team assessed all applications against the grant criteria (refer to Attachment 1) and only one application (Mount Waverley Bowls Club) was deemed eligible for funding.

Applicant	Project Summary	Requested Amount	Recommended Amount
Mount Waverley Bowls Club	Term 4 Youth Program	\$900	\$900

Details of the assessment are included as Attachment 2 to this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Active Monash Grants are aligned with objectives from the Council Plan and other strategic Council documents, such as A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-21.

The program supports community connectivity, physical activity and participation, as well as targeting groups who may face participation barriers to engaging and sport and recreation.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Active Monash Grants program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation, targeting those members of the community who are currently not that active.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The Active Monash Grant program addresses the four key themes: freedom, respect, equality and dignity of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Active Monash Grants program has a total budget of \$8,000 in 2017/18. The total allocation recommended for this round of applications is \$900.

These grants are one off allocations and are not recurrent in nature.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council award the Mount Waverley Bowls Club a \$900 Active Monash Grant.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Active Monash Grants Program Guidelines