

Large Community Grant 2025/2026 - April 2026 Assessment Sheet											
	Applicant	PROJECT	SUMMARY OF PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT \$	Requested \$	Recom'd \$	Matrix Ranking /150	Matrix Ranking TOTAL	Project Eligibility & Justification Yes - No	Other Funding Secured Yes - No - NA	Comments/Rationale/Recommendation
1	Dampier Sharks Football Club	Dampier Sharks Football Club - Upgrades	This project is to improve the facilities at the Dampier Sports Club by painting the interior walls including a feature wall and purchasing new high bar tables. The club is also wanting to purchase an ice machine for player welfare and injury management	\$ 15,089.20	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,089.20	105	70%	Yes	No	<p><b>Funding:</b> The proposed upgrades will not proceed without City funding. The applicant has requested 100% of the project costs from the City, with no confirmed financial contribution from the club or external funding sources. The club has indicated that additional fundraising would be required to support the purchase of the new ice machine. The recommended amount is 67% of the total project cost.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This project demonstrates strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe. The proposed upgrades, particularly the installation of a new ice machine, will support player welfare and injury management for sporting teams using the Dampier Sports Club facilities. The addition of high bar tables will also improve the usability of the space during games and community events, benefiting a broad range of users. However, the application does not demonstrate financial sustainability or leverage the City's Large Community Grant investment, as no external funding sources or organisational co-contributions have been identified. Full reliance on City funding limits the project's capacity to demonstrate shared investment and longer-term resilience. Further, supporting documentation for all proposed works was incomplete. Quotes were not provided for the repainting of the change rooms or the feature wall, and written owner approval for the proposed painting modifications was not included. The application also proposes a mural specific to the Dampier Sharks, however, the club rooms are used by multiple sporting clubs. As not all user groups are represented, the mural does not demonstrate inclusivity across all facility users. Given the community benefit associated with improved player welfare infrastructure, partial funding to support the purchase of the ice machine and high bar tables and seating is recommended. This approach supports the most impactful elements of the project while encouraging the applicant to seek additional funding, and address inclusivity and documentation requirements prior to progressing the remaining works.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers recommend a large grant of \$10,089.20 for Dampier Sharks Football Club to go towards to purchase of a new ice machine and high bar tables. Officers are recommending to not fund the painting contractor as a quote or owner approval was not provided and the design is not inclusive of all groups using that space.</p>
2	Nickol Bay Speedway	Nickol Bay Speedway 2026 FeNaCING Event	This project is to support the delivery of their event through security, ambulance attendance and flights and accomodation for officials to ensure that it is safe, inclusive and high quality	\$ 33,975.25	\$ 10,395.10	\$ 10,395.10	108	72%	Yes	Yes - Own Organisation	<p><b>Funding:</b> The event will proceed without City funding at a reduced capacity and would rely on sponsorship from local businesses to meet essential safety and operational requirements. The applicant has confirmed contributions from their own organisation, including projected ticket sales, and has identified potential additional funding through local business sponsorships. The recommended amount is 31% of the total event cost.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This event demonstrates strong strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe and Goal 6 The local economy is diverse and thriving, with opportunities for all. The event attracts participants and spectators from across Western Australia, creating opportunities for new social connections and providing young people with positive, pro-social engagement through sport and community participation. In addition to social benefits, the event supports the local economy by contributing to tourism and visitor activity, with travelling participants and spectators increasing demand for local accommodation, hospitality and retail services. The event will be delivered by the club's experienced volunteer base and executive committee, who have demonstrated proven capacity by successfully delivering this event in previous years. The applicant has identified multiple income streams, including organisational contributions, ticket sales and potential sponsorships, which effectively leverage the City's Large Community Grant investment while supporting the event's overall viability and sustainability.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers recommend funding the full requested amount of \$10,395.10 towards security, ambulance attendance and accomodation and flights for officials.</p>
3	North Pilbara Football League	North Pilbara Football League - HUDL Package	This project is to purchase the digital platform HUDL and cameras for each football oval within the City of Karratha to allow clubs to livestream games and record training sessions for analysis, performance tracking and athlete development.	\$ 34,100.00	\$ 19,250.00	\$ 12,400.00	93	62%	Yes	Yes - Own Organisation & In Kind	<p><b>Funding:</b> The project will proceed without City funding, however, costs would be absorbed by individual clubs, resulting in increased player fees. The applicant has confirmed contributions from their own organisation and in-kind support through volunteer involvement. The recommended amount is 36% of the total project cost.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This project demonstrates strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe and Goal 3 Everyone is included. The initiative is expected to deliver broad community benefit, both directly and indirectly, with an anticipated reach of 600 to 800 senior players, approximately 60 coaches and support staff, and the wider community. The project will improve accessibility to live game streaming, performance analysis and feedback tools, enhancing participation, engagement and skill development across clubs. These improvements support inclusive access to sport, particularly for community members who may be unable to attend games in person, and contribute to a more connected and engaged sporting community. While the project demonstrates strong community outcomes, the reliance on clubs absorbing costs without external funding may impact affordability for participants. Partial City funding would reduce pressure on player fees and support equitable access across clubs, while recognising the applicant's organisational and volunteer contributions.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers recommend funding \$12,400 towards the cameras for the ovals within the City of Karratha. It is recommended that the cameras intended to be purchased for ovals in the Town of Port Hedland not be funded, and that funding for the shared software used by both the City of Karratha and the Town of Port Hedland also not proceed.</p>
4	Pilbara Disability Network	International Day of People With Disability 2026	This project is to support the delievery of the International Day of People with Disability (IDPWD) Pilbara Community Celebration 2026 though venue hire, event equipment and maintenance costs, marketing & promotional materials, catering, inclusion & accessibilty supports, photography/videography, speaker/facilitators travel and accomodation costs	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 17,666.00	94	63%	Yes	Yes - Own Organisation	<p><b>Funding:</b> The event will proceed without funding from the City of Karratha, however, it will be delivered at a reduced capacity, limiting its overall impact on community engagement and accessibility. The applicant has confirmed financial contributions from their own organisation, with additional potential funding identified through sponsorships and partnerships. The recommended amount is 32% of the total event budget.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This event demonstrates strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe and Goal 3 Everyone is included. The event is expected to benefit more than 200 people from across the Pilbara, including people living with disability, their support networks and local businesses and service providers. The initiative provides important opportunities for inclusive participation, connection and visibility for people with disability, contributing to broader community awareness and social inclusion outcomes. The flow-on benefits to local businesses and service providers further support local economic participation. However, the application contains significant inconsistencies between the quotes provided and the amounts requested in the project budget table. These discrepancies reduce confidence in the accuracy of the overall budget and require clarification to ensure appropriate use of City funds. Partial funding is therefore recommended to support delivery of the core event components while managing financial risk and encouraging improved budget consistency in future applications.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Given the lack of quotes and significant difference in amount requested and quotes provided, officers recommend funding \$17,666 towards the venue hire &amp; AV tech support and speakers, presenters, activity facilitators + travel/accommodation associated costs. The recommendation is to not fund marketing and promotional materials, catering, event equipment and maintenance costs and teleconferencing, photography/videography.</p>

5	Pilbara Mesquite Management Committee Inc	Pull out a Weed - Plant a Seed	This project supports the educational events held within the City of Karratha to celebrate the groups 25 years of operation through graphic design, printing, marketing and merchandise, seed picking and packing, media and other equipment.	\$99,867.78	\$36,139.78	\$25,682.80	115	77%	Yes	Yes	<p><b>Funding:</b> One of the three proposed events under this initiative will proceed without City funding and will be delivered at a reduced capacity. The organisation has confirmed financial contributions from its own resources and from the Weed Society WA, with additional funding support pending from Horizon Power, Rio Tinto and the Northern Hub. The recommended amount is 26% of the total project budget.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This initiative demonstrates strong strategic alignment with Goal 5 We respect and care for the natural environment by raising awareness and providing education about declared weeds to protect and enhance the natural environment. The project has secured additional funding sources, effectively leveraging the City's Large Community Grant investment and demonstrating shared financial responsibility. Across the proposed events, the initiative is expected to directly benefit more than 3,500 attendees through education, awareness and community engagement outcomes. Indirect benefits will also flow to local businesses, as visiting participants contribute to the local economy. The staged delivery of multiple events increases overall reach and impact, while partial City funding supports the viability of the initiative and encourages continued partnerships with external stakeholders. It is noted that supplied quotes included redesign of the branding logo, which does not form part of the project scope.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers recommend funding \$25,682.80 towards seed picking and packing, and marketing and merchandise. The recommendation excludes funding for graphic design, printing, freight, KTA Media and equipment.</p>
6	Reef Sisters	Reef Sisters Ocean Safety, Skills and Community Initiative	The group is seeking funding to deliever a series of free, accessible workshops, information sessions and community events that improve safety, participation and inclsruin in ocean based activites for women across the Pilbara. The funding will go towards venue hire, catering, workshop materials and equipment and workshop costs	\$30,102.00	\$9,660.00	\$9,660.00	94	63%	Yes	Yes	<p><b>Funding:</b> City funding will enable ocean safety sessions to be delivered to a larger cohort and significantly improve inclusivity by reducing financial barriers to participation. Without City funding, Reef Sister intends to proceed with the workshops, however, they would be requires to increase cost to the particpans, limiting accessibility and overall community impact. The applicant has confirmed financial contributions from their own organisation and Recfishwest. The recommended amount is 32% of the total project cost.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This initiative demonstrates strong strategic alignment with Goal 2 Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy and safe, Goal 3 Everyone is included, and Goal 5 We respect and care for the natural environment. The project has secured additional funding sources, effectively leveraging the City's Large Community Grant investment and demonstrating shared financial responsibility. The initiative is targeted to benefit women within the City of Karratha, with an anticipated 50 to 100 participants per session. The workshops promote inclusive participation, skill development and connection to the natural environment, supporting both social wellbeing and environmental stewardship outcomes. City funding will increase reach and accessibility, ensuring broader community benefit while supporting the sustainability of the program.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers recommend funding the full requested amount of \$9,660 to go towards venue hire, catering, workshop materials and subsidised participation costs.</p>
7	Royal Life Saving Society WA	Karratha Swimming and Water Safety Project: Multicultural and Disability Inclusion	This project will deliver culturally appropriate swimming and water safety lessons to multicultural youth and adults, as well as one-on-one lessons for children with disabilities and first aid sessions for parents/caregivers and water safety talks for children. The funding will be put towards travel and accomodation, marketing and promotion, workshop and lesson costs and worker costs.	\$85,414.00	\$50,000.00	\$48,000.00	110	73%	Yes	Yes - Own Organisation	<p><b>Funding:</b> The initiative will run at a decreased scale without the City's funding which would significantly reduce the imapct. This application has confirmed budget from their own organisation. The recommended amount is 56% of the total budget.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This initiative aligns with Goal 2 - Our community is welcoming, connected, vibrant, healthy, and safe, Goal 3 - Everyone is included as well as the City's Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2024-2029. Having run a pilot project in Term 1 2026, the organisation was able to see the demand for these lessons and have the understanding of what our community wants. Along with the pilot session in early 2026, in 2024/25, RLSSWA delivered 115 multicultural programs and 74 Aboriginal programs, and engaged more than 500 people with disabilities over WA, demonstrating strong capability and reach. The Swimming and Water Safety Project will support 150 CaLD participants, including children, women, and men, and 50 children with disabilities (aged 5–17 years) across the City of Karratha. As well as, up to 100 young people in water safety talks and 30 adults (parents/carers) in Heart Beat Club (basic first aid) sessions.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> The Officers' recommendation is to fund \$48,000 towards this initiative, this funding will go towards a project officer, a centre supervisor, swimming instructors, lane hire, water safety talks, Heart Beat Club sessions (basic first aid), specialised Access and Inclusion lessons and travel and accomodation. The recommendation is to not fund marketing and promotion as this can be supported by our internal team.</p>
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	PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED										
1	Dampier Squash Club	Dampier Squash Club Air Conditioning Upgrade	This project is to support the purchasing and installation of three 14kW Ceiling Cassette Air Conditioning units to improve the safety, functionality, sustainability and overall comfort of their courts and clubhouse	\$61,060.76	\$50,000.00	\$-	N/A	N/A	No	Yes - Own Organisation	<p><b>Funding:</b> This project will not proceed without City funding.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The Dampier Squash Club building is a privately owned Rio Tinto assest and as such is not eligible for the City's Large Community Grant Funding.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers recommend to not award any City funding towards this application as the building is a Rio Tinto asset and is therefore not eligible for Community Grant funding.</p>
2	Dampier Primary School P&C	Dampier Primary School Playground	This project is to develop a dedicated playground space for the Year 1-4 students focusing on physical activity, cognitive development and regulation by including sensory friendly water and imaginitaive play.	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$-	83	55%	Yes	Yes - In Kind	<p><b>Funding:</b> Without City funding, the project would proceed on a significantly adjusted timeline, with delivery staged over several years. There is limited external in-kind support identified, with the majority of the project costs reliant on grant funding. The application does not demonstrate diversified funding sources, increasing reliance on the City's contribution for project delivery.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> Officers consider that the works outlined in the application do not demonstrate a broad community benefit. Student enrolments for 2026 are approximately 190 students across all year levels, with the proposed playground limited to use by Years 1 to 4 students only. No information has been provided regarding broader community access or shared use outside of school hours. The application also demonstrates limited external support or financial contribution from the applicant organisation, and therefore does not effectively leverage the City's Large Community Grant investment. This reliance on grant funding increases the risk to project completion should additional or unforeseen costs arise. The Principal has received support from the Department of Education Infrastructure Delivery and Maintenance team to use school funds for the project. This indicates the availability of alternative funding pathways and reduces the demonstrated need for City funding under the Large Community Grant program.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It is the Officers' recommendation to not fund this application</p>

3	Karratha SES	Resus	This project is to support the purchase of new first aid CPR and AED training devices to improve the quality of training for their members as well as other volunteer services in the Karratha area and their Youth Emergency Services (YES) Cadets	\$14,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$-	104	69%	Yes	Yes - Own Organisation	<p><b>Funding:</b> The project relies heavily on securing City grant funding, with consumables required to support the use of equipment purchased through other fundraising activities by Karratha SES. Without City funding, the project would still proceed, however, delivery would occur on an adjusted timeline.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The proposed purchase of training aids is eligible for funding through the annual Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS), which is funded by the Emergency Services Levy and administered by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). However, these items were not included in the group's 2026–27 LGGS budget planning. The City will work with the group to support future budget planning and ensure that all essential equipment and training requirements are appropriately identified and included in future LGGS submissions. This approach will strengthen long-term planning, reduce reliance on ad hoc grant funding, and support the sustainable delivery of essential training and operational capability for the unit.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> The recommendation is to not fund this application as funding for the equipment is available through the DFES Local Government Grants Scheme.</p>
4	Karratha RSL	Facility upgrades	This project is to improve the facilities at the Karratha RSL by purchasing and installing new outdoor furniture, outdoor fans and a deep fryer with the aim of increasing safety, comfort and service for their members and visitors.	\$14,824.00	\$14,824.00	\$-	71	47%	Yes	No	<p><b>Funding:</b> The proposed upgrades will not proceed without City funding. The applicant has not identified any additional funding sources and has not proposed to seek external funding. No financial or in-kind contribution from the organisation has been confirmed, resulting in full reliance on the City's grant funding for project delivery.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The application provides limited information to support assessment of the proposal. No external funding sources, partnerships or in-kind support have been identified, and the application does not demonstrate any organisational contribution towards the project. This lack of detail limits the ability to assess project viability, value for money and broader community benefit. The absence of co-contribution or funding diversification means the proposal does not leverage the City's Large Community Grant investment and presents an increased risk should costs escalate or project scope change.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers do not recommend awarding any City funding. Officers will provide the applicant with support for other funding avenues and grant application writing.</p>
5	One Tree Community Services - Gurlu Gurlu Maya	Allied Health Support for Roebourne	This project is to support the delievery of allied health support to the Gurlu Gurlu Maya Playgroup in Roebourne through visits from physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists.	\$54,334.16	\$46,124.16	\$-	73	49%	Yes	Yes	<p><b>Funding:</b> If City funding is not approved, the organisation has indicated it would seek alternative funding from industry partners and other corporate sources. No confirmed external funding contributions have been secured at the time of application, and the proposal is currently reliant on City support to proceed as outlined.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> The application seeks City funding to support the delivery of a health service program in a community where established health services already operate and provide allied health referrals, supported through existing State and Federal Government funding streams. The application does not clearly demonstrate how the proposed program addresses a service gap, complements existing providers, or avoids duplication of services already available within the community. While the application references supporting evidence and data on multiple occasions, this information has not been submitted for assessment. The absence of supporting documentation limits the ability to assess demonstrated need, anticipated outcomes, and value for money. Without clear evidence of unmet demand or differentiation from existing services, the proposal does not sufficiently justify City investment under the Large Community Grant framework.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Officers do not recommend funding this project.</p>
6	Pilbara Health Network	Community Health Infrastructure – Karratha GP Superclinic Façade Repaint	This project is to assist with the external building painting part of the upgrades on the community health hub which trades as Karratha Central Healthcare.	\$426,105.23	\$50,000.00	\$-	76	50%	Yes	Yes - Own Organisation	<p><b>Funding:</b> Without City funding, the project would still proceed, however, delivery of some components would be delayed. The organisation has identified potential alternative funding through industry partners and has confirmed a financial contribution from its own organisation. City funding would support timely completion of the project as proposed.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> While the overall project demonstrates a broad community benefit, the application for external painting is considered non-essential. The proposed works do not contribute to the structural integrity, safety or core function of the facility, and therefore do not represent a priority investment under the Large Community Grant framework. Given the availability of alternative funding pathways and the discretionary nature of the external painting component, City funding is not considered critical to achieving the primary community outcomes of the project.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> The officers do not recommend funding this application.</p>
7	Wickham Equestrian Centre	Stage 1 Upgrade – Existing structure works and new paddocks	This project will aid with the upgrades to their site leased from the City of Karratha. The upgrades include the removal of six dongas and testing them for asbestos as well as building two new paddocks.	\$30,288.56	\$22,837.19	\$-	65	43%	Yes	Yes	<p><b>Funding:</b> The project will proceed without City funding, however, delivery would occur at a significantly slower pace, with completion staged over several years. The applicant has secured funding through a Rio Tinto Community Grant, reducing reliance on City funding for project delivery.</p> <p><b>Rationale:</b> This project demonstrates limited community benefit, with direct impact restricted to approximately 12 horse owners located within the eastern corridors. The application does not sufficiently demonstrate broader community access or benefit beyond this small user group. Additionally, the application lacks detail across several key assessment areas, including project delivery, strategic alignment, organisational capacity and quantified evidence of community need. The absence of supporting data limits the ability to assess value for money and the overall merit of the project within the Large Community Grant framework.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> It is the officers recommendation that the City does not fund this application. The City will work with the organisation to ensure they have correct details and evidence for future applications.</p>
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		TOTAL PROJECT \$	Requested	Recom'd	Percentage of Total Requested Amount Awarded:
Total Amount Recommended		\$353,548.23	\$190,444.88	\$133,893.10	
Total Amount Not Recommended		\$651,112.71	\$245,785.35	\$-	
Total (ALL)		\$1,004,660.94	\$436,230.23	\$133,893.10	