

Attachment One: Urban Forest Grants 2024 Evaluation Summaries

Urban Forest Grant Applications - Recommended:

1. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Urban Forest grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/100)	Requested funding
SwanCare Group	Community Forest Project	74	\$8,547.70
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SwanCare's residents and environmental committee are keen to increase the planting on their site. This project will have additional planting placed around an unused turfed sump area that will improve the outlook of the area greatly, along with encouraging birds to the area. This project will provide another space within our site for social engagement with all our residents, both within the village and from our residential care centres and their visitors. Our Vision is to enrich the lives of everyone in our community. Our Purpose is to provide a caring community where every person feels safe and has the freedom and choice to live the life they desire. This project aims to provide a destination for residents, visitors, and staff to visit within the site. It is a quiet space for people to get away from it all and relax. This is particularly important for those who are dealing with health issues or other things going on in their lives. <p>The project aims to deliver on the following Urban Forest actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% tree canopy - the project will increase planting within our site, including planting trees to compliment existing trees Community Involvement - our residents and staff will be involved in the project and we are also planning to work with Boronia Pre-release centre to have some of their residents assist Increase tree diversity - our project will select trees specifically suitable for the area and to attract birds to the site Vegetation Health - trees and plants selected have been done in collaboration with our onsite gardening team to ensure the most appropriate plants are chosen to thrive. Improve urban ecosystems - our project is hoping to include a bird watering station to attract more birds to the site. 			

Panel Assessment:

- SwanCare engaged with the Town prior to submission of the application and has shown through the quality of application received, aligning to the goals and criteria of the grant.
- The level of community engagement and involvement from planning to delivery of the project is well supported.
- The ecological value of the project is supported as it provides an increase of quality habitat to the area for local fauna and provides a water source for birds.

The panel recommends project funding of \$8,547.70.

2. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Urban Forest grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/100)	Requested funding
Montessori School Inc,	Growing and Greening Our Future	77	\$3,900.00
<p>The Growing Our Love for Trees (Part B) will carry on from the grant awarded in to the 2023 round. Montessori School's built environment will transform a grassy play area into a shaded play space by planting one mature tree.</p> <p>The goal of this project is to increase the shaded play space within the school by planting a hardy mature tree in a suitable location which the children and community can enjoy.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to increase the canopy cover on campus and deliver both environmental and community benefits. It will improve native habitat for local fauna and to aid in combatting the urban heat island effect on our School and our street.</p>			

Panel Assessment:

- To support the town's delivery of 20% canopy cover, the project aims to deliver the installation of a tree into a shade denuded grassy play space.
- The project to be installed by a reputable landscaper with quality stock with provision made for ongoing adequate watering to the trees through the establishment period ensuring successful maturation.
- This project provides the opportunity for community engagement and collaboration to fund the remaining portion of works.
- This project was highly recommended as the landscape preparation works have been undertaken by the school with the school only seeking funding for the supply, delivery and installation of the tree.

The panel recommends project funding of \$3,900.00.

Urban Forest Grant Applications - Recommended:

3. Project details and panel scoring are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Funding requested What will the Urban Forest grant be used for?	Panel score Total (x/100)	Requested funding
Perth Street Hockey League Inc	SRHL/ Victoria Park Carlisle Bowling Club Greening	68	\$10,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project will install 12 new trees and some hardscaping elements to a disused area of the bowling club adjacent to the roller hockey rink (installed last year), in an effort to make the space more inviting and green the area. It will also offset the effect of the concrete sport rink, and provide some much needed shade. The intent of this project is to be the first steps in a larger plan to incorporate more plantings in the same area in future years. 			

- This project works towards Strategic Outcome 1a, by adding additional trees to help meet the 20% canopy deliverable. More generally, this project also works towards Strategic Outcome 2 (community involvement) as the Street Roller Hockey League is made up of members of the community, many of whom will volunteer to help execute the landscaping.
- This project will significantly improve the look and feel of a very underutilised area and will provide shade to the roller hockey players on the rink, as well as a pleasant place to sit afterwards. It will also improve access for other users of the site (Tool Shed Collective).

Panel Assessment:

- The project aims to deliver a significant amount of canopy adding canopy and habitat to the area.
- The design of the project considers how the community group can better utilize the space creating an environment for members to hangout and spend time in building their network and relationships.
- The project engages the club and community to undertake the delivery of the works.
- Benefit by association to Vic Park Tool Shed Collective, which is located on the same site.

The panel recommends project funding of \$10,000.00.

SUMMARY: Urban Forest Grant Funding Recommendations:

Applicants:	Project	Amount
SwanCare Group	SwanCare Community Forest Project	\$8,547.70
Perth Montessori School Inc.	Growing and Greening our Future	\$3,900.00
Perth Street Hockey League Inc.	SRHL/Victoria Park Carlisle Bowling Club Greening	\$10,000.00
Total		\$22,447.70

Urban Forest Grant Applications – Not Recommended:

- *All applications submitted are supported for funding.

***Please note: Funding for these projects is dependent on:**

Montessori - Conditions of funding:

- This application pends acquittal from the 2023 urban forest grant.

Perth Street Hockey League Inc – Conditions of funding:

- Preferred size of trees stock is 35ltr stock.