

# Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **When do Expressions of Interest (EOIs) need to be lodged by?**

Expressions of Interest must be lodged by 5pm on 20 September 2019 via the Office of Sports grants online system.

### **Are only projects identified in the Future Needs of Sport Infrastructure Study eligible?**

No.

### **Does a Statement of Support need to be included for projects costing less than \$2 million?**

No. However, letters of support can be provided by Councils and sports where available.

### **How do I load multiple letters of support in the document upload section of grants online?**

Scan all the letters into one PDF document and upload that document.

Can I use letters of support from 2018 or must they be updated?

At the EOI stage, 2018 letters of support from key stakeholders (SSO/NSO) will be sufficient. If an application proceeds to the next stage, you will be required to have up-to-date letters of support.

### **Are educational organisations including schools, TAFEs and universities eligible for a grant?**

No. The focus of the Fund is on facility projects that provide benefits to the community, not solely school students.

Whilst educational organisations such as schools, TAFEs and universities are not eligible applicants, we encourage partnerships with these organisations to provide the community with access to sporting facilities.

A project between a council and a public school using the Joint Use Facility Agreement developed by the NSW Department of Education would be an eligible project. Council would need to be the applicant under the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund.

### **Are Parents & Citizens Associations eligible to apply for a grant?**

No. The statutory functions P & C Associations are aimed at assisting the school with which they are associated and promoting the welfare of the students of that school.

### **If our project cost is \$500,000 and the applicant contributes \$100,000, making the funding amount \$400,000, are we still eligible?**

No. The Guidelines state that the minimum grant amount is \$500,000. Therefore, the project cost must be at least \$500,000.

### **Can funding be used to buy back private equity in an existing facility or used to purchase land for the project?**

No. The Fund aims to support the capital construction costs of a project.

**If part of the \$33 million available per year is not committed, will the balance be rolled over?**

We expect the amount requested will exceed the funds available per annum and that the available funds will be fully committed.

**Where a financial co-contribution is required for a large project, can its source be a different grant from another NSW Government agency?**

Yes. However, the grant must be for a different component of the project.

**Can the co-contribution be in kind?**

No. The co-contribution must be a financial contribution.

**Do you have to have Development Approval prior to submitting the EOI and business case?**

At the EOI stage, a Development Application is not required. A letter of support from a Council would be beneficial. At the business case stage, a Development Application would be required as it demonstrates the shovel readiness of a project.

**Is there an EOI template available to be downloaded to help prepare one?**

Yes. A template EOI is available our website.

EOIs must be submitted via the Office of Sport's grants online system.

**Do EOIs submitted in 2018 carry over into 2019?**

No. An applicant would need to lodge the project as a new EOI.

**Will local government be consulted if multiple projects are submitted within their area by community organisations or private providers?**

No. As Councils are expected to also apply, they cannot have access to information on other applications.

**Do organisations require land owner consent for projects that will be built on land owned by a public authority?**

Yes.

**Can you put in more than one EOI as long as they are different projects?**

Yes.

**When will successful projects need to be delivered by?**

Projects are expected to be completed within three years of the signing of a Funding Agreement.



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