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# **REGIONAL SPORT FACILITY FUND 2020/2021**

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# REGIONAL SPORT FACILITY FUND

- ▶ The NSW Government has established the Greater Cities and Regional Sport Facility Fund (GCRSFF).
- ▶ The Office of Sport is administering the GCRSFF as two streams:
  - ❑ Regional Sport Facility Fund
  - ❑ Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund.
- ▶ This information session relates to the Regional Sport Facility Fund.
- ▶ The Fund will assist eligible organisations to develop quality sport infrastructure that will meet the current and future needs of their community.
- ▶ The Fund will support the development of well-designed and utilised new or improved sport infrastructure that can directly impact and support participation and performance opportunities in sports at all levels.

# REGIONAL SPORT FACILITY FUND



## Fund amount:

- ▶ The NSW Government has committed \$50 million to the Regional Sport Facility Fund over two-years, commencing in 2020/2021.
- ▶ The NSW Government is allocating \$25 million in 2020/2021 (Round 1).
- ▶ The minimum grant is \$100,000 and the maximum grant is \$1 million.

## Opening and Closing Dates:

- ▶ The Fund opened on 21 December 2020.
- ▶ The closing date for applications is **5pm on 26 February 2021**.

# FUND OBJECTIVES, AIMS, FOCUS

## Objectives:

- Increase the number and type of sporting facilities
- Improve the standard of existing sporting facilities
- Increase participation in sport

## Aims:

- To increase participation in sport, through provision of universally designed, innovative and aspirational facilities
- To design and construct quality new sport facilities and upgrade and expand existing sport facilities for people and communities that need it most

## Focus:

- Universally designed and functional facilities for women and girls and removing barriers for people with disability.
- On increasing capacity at well-utilised sport facilities and developing multi-purpose facilities that incorporate environmentally sustainable design.





## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are:

- Local Government Authorities in Regional NSW, Lord Howe Island and the Unincorporated Far West
- NSW State Sporting Organisations, State Sporting Organisations for People with Disability or the National Sporting Organisation where the state body is part of a unitary governance model
- Incorporated, community-based, not-for-profit sporting organisations (clubs and associations whose primary purpose is to organise sporting activities/ deliver sport programs) and organisations providing sport and recreation programs that benefit the community, such as PCYCs, YMCA and YWCA
- Organisations that own and administer public parklands
- Private enterprises (for-profit organisations).



## ELIGIBLE LAND TYPES

For a project to be eligible, it must be one of the following and as part of the application the applicant must provide a signed letter of consent from the landowner for the project on the land on which the facility is to be developed:

- Crown reserve land
- land owned by a public authority (for example municipal property)
- land held for public purposes by trustees under a valid lease, title or trust deed that adequately protects the interests of the public
- land vested in NSW Aboriginal Land Councils under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
- private land that benefits the community's interests in sport and active recreation.

Applicants need to provide evidence of their tenure and lease arrangements.

For projects located on public land, a signed letter of consent from the landowner must be provided. For example, for projects located on public school land, a letter of support must be provided from School Infrastructure NSW as part of the application.

# ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- ▶ For a list of **eligible** projects refer to the Program Guidelines

Projects must have an approved Development Application as part of their application or demonstrate that a Development Application is not required (projects must be “shovel ready”).

Applications that do not demonstrate Development Application approval or that a Development Application is not required may be set aside from further consideration.

**It is expected that funding will be spent within two-years of signing the funding agreement.**

For a list of **ineligible** projects and project components, refer to the Program Guidelines

# KEY POINTS



For projects costing more than \$1 million, a 25 percent financial co-contribution of the grant amount requested will be required. For all other projects, a financial co-contribution will be considered favourably.

Projects must commence in 2021 and be completed within the timeframe specified in the funding agreement. **It is expected that funding will be spent within two-years of signing the funding agreement.**

For projects over \$5 million, a statement of support from the relevant State/National Sporting Organisation is required.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

To make an application under the Fund, you will need to complete either a detailed project plan or a business case:

- a detailed project plan for projects with a total cost under \$5 million
- a business case for projects with a total cost of \$5 million or more.

To prepare and submit your application, you will need to:

- register or search for your organisation through the Office of Sport's grants online website
- register your project
- complete the application by filling in each of the sections including the detailed project plan or business case and provide supporting documentation
- submit the application by uploading the project plan or business case and supporting documents by 5pm, Friday 26 February 2021.





## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND PROCESS

All applications will undergo an initial eligibility check.

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Strategic justification
- Project scope and inclusive design
- Project affordability
- Project deliverability.

The eligibility and assessment criteria are detailed in the Fact Sheet, which is available on the web page.

An eligibility checklist is also available on the web page.

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Documents available on the Fund web page to assist your application include:

- Program Guidelines
- Fact Sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Eligible local government area
- Application Eligibility Checklist
- State/National Sporting Organisation Statement of Support Form
- Project Plan template
- Business Case template
- Simplified Business Case Guidelines
- Facility Usage Schedule
- Funding Agreement template.

# SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS

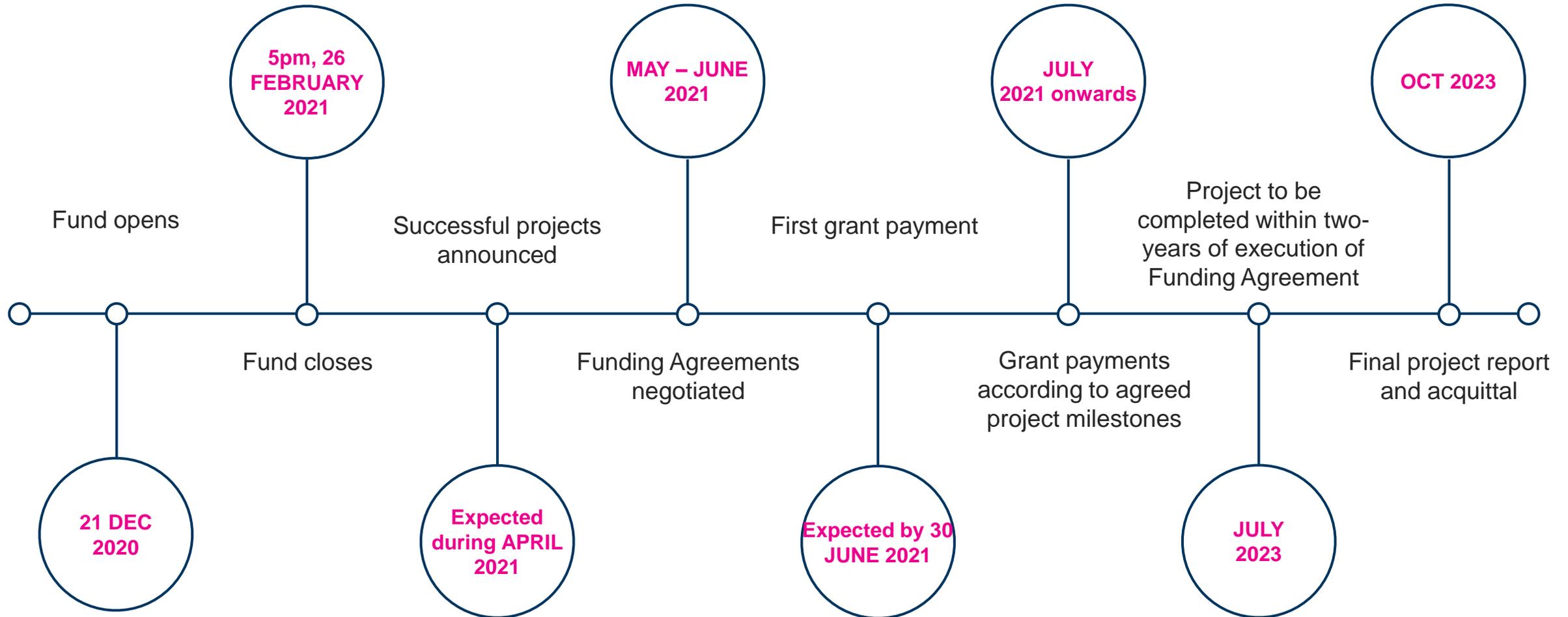
Regional Sport Facility Fund applicants are able to receive support from designated Office of Sport staff.

Please contact [grantsunit@sport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:grantsunit@sport.nsw.gov.au) for assistance and include your name, role title, organisation, contact number and the name of your local government area.

An Office of Sport staff member will contact you in relation to your queries.



# TIMELINES





## QUESTIONS

The Office of Sport has received some early questions regarding the Fund.

### **Can a Council submit more than one application?**

Yes. Any applicant can submit up to three applications, with each requesting up to \$1 million per round. It is up to the applicant if they would like to advise project priorities. As part of the assessment process projects will then be assessed in line with the Guidelines.

### **Can a Council submit an application on behalf of a sporting club?**

Yes. A council may submit an application on behalf of a sporting club or association, however Council will be the grant recipient and responsible for project delivery.



## QUESTIONS (CONT.)

### **Can the Office of Sport review my draft application?**

Yes. Designated staff can provide information that is publicly available and provide advice to potential applicants that best assists them to submit a competitive application which addresses the assessment criteria.

Advice will be focused on:

- where key information may be missing e.g. eligibility requirement
- details to be included in the application and specifically relate to the Fund Guidelines. Personal comments or opinions will not be provided.

The Office of Sport will update the Frequently Asked Questions on its web page to incorporate new questions and answers.



## QUESTIONS (CONT.)

### **What is the purpose of the facility use schedule?**

The facility use schedule provides key information on current and projected use of the facility. One of the aims of the Fund is to maximise usage of the facility, so we are keen to know about increased usage of the facility – number of days and hours per week – as a result of the Government’s investment. Another aim of the Fund is to support the participation of women and girls in sport. The facility use schedule captures information on facility usage by males and females.

### **Do I need to make a financial contribution towards the project?**

For projects costing more than \$1 million, a 25 percent financial co-contribution of the grant amount requested will be required.

For all other projects, a financial co-contribution will be considered favourably.



## QUESTIONS (CONT.)

### **When do I need to provide a National/State Sporting Organisation Statement of Support?**

Projects with a capital cost equal to or greater than \$5 million must have a letter of support from the relevant State/National Sporting Organisation.

Where the facility provides for a number of sports, a letter from each State/National Sporting Organisation is required.

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