



GREATER SYDNEY SPORTS FACILITY FUND 2019 FEEDBACK ON EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your organisation's Expression of Interest under the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund.

We acknowledge the commitment, effort and time that your organisation contributed to the preparation of the Expression of Interest.

The application process was highly competitive and, unfortunately, not all projects could progress to stage 2.

2019 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund 2019,

- 118 Expressions of Interest were received
- 23 Expressions of Interest were invited to stage 2 of the application process
- A highly competitive application process.

ELIGIBILITY CHECK

The first step in the assessment process is to undertake an eligibility check. All applications were required to meet the mandatory eligibility criteria. The criteria were provided in the Expression of Interest Checklist & Guidelines available on the website.

Unfortunately, a number of applications did not meet the mandatory eligibility criteria and the Grant Assessment Panel had to set these applications aside.

ELIGIBILITY

- Grant requested must be between \$500,000 - \$5 million
- Applicant is an eligible organisation
- Project is in an eligible location
- Minimum 25% financial co-contribution of grant amount requested for projects costing over \$1 million
- Statement of support from National/State sporting organisations for projects costing over \$2 million
- Evidence of land ownership/tenure
- Eligible type of land
- Eligible project type

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Funding available to all local government areas of Greater Sydney from eligible applicants:

- ▶ 33 Local Government authorities in Greater Sydney
- ▶ NSW state sporting organisations or national sporting organisations 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)
- ▶ 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.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Types of projects that are the focus of the Fund:

- ▶ New or upgraded facilities to provide for the increased participation of women and girls
- ▶ Facilities that promote inclusion in sport, and especially remove barriers to participation for people with disability
- ▶ The development and construction of new sport facilities or the upgrade and/or expansion of existing sport facilities
- ▶ Multi-sport, multi-purpose facilities
- ▶ Environmentally sustainable facilities through installing drainage or water tanks, or upgrading lighting
- ▶ Amenity buildings such as storage, kiosks, club rooms, change rooms and grandstands
- ▶ High performance centres/centres of excellence
- ▶ Facilities classified as Tier 3 stadia (capacity up to 20,000) with limited or no corporate facilities, but capable of hosting state/national level competitions etc.
- ▶ Multi-use facilities primarily intended to be used for sport and which can also be used for other events that contribute to the local community.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

During the assessment of eligible applications by the Grant Assessment Panel, the Expressions of Interest generally fell into four categories: basic, good, strong, and very strong applications.

The Grant Assessment Panel found that many applications were strong on 1, 2 or 3 of the assessment criteria but not on all criteria. The strongest applications were highly competitive on all three assessment criteria.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Criteria 1: Strategic alignment

The strategic assessment considers alignment of the project with a range of strategic priorities for sport and recreation, including NSW Government priorities, state/national sporting organisation and local council strategic plans. The project's capacity to increase participation in sport and the use of sporting facilities will also be assessed.

The assessment also considers the urgency and continuing need for the project to be delivered.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

A very strong application addressed alignment with government priorities and sport priorities. These applications considered:

- Federal Government priorities
 - Sport Australia
- NSW Government priorities
 - Premier's Priorities
 - Office of Sport priorities – strategic plan, Her Sport Her Way
 - Other Government agencies' priorities e.g. Health, Education
 - Greater Sydney Commission District Plans
- Council priorities – Community Strategic Plan, Recreation Strategy, Sportsground Strategy, Social Plan.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT (CONT.)

- National sporting organisation/State sporting organisation plans – strategic, participation, facility
 - letters of support from all SSOs whose clubs use the facility
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- Use of facility – current and projected
- Participation – current and projected
- Events – current, secured and projected
- Partners identified – what is their role? MoU signed ?
- Urgency and need – the case for investment now!

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Criteria 2: Affordability

All proposals must demonstrate affordability of the project relative to the available funding, considering net lifecycle costs, allowing for ongoing operating and maintenance requirements.

This includes an assessment of project planning requirements with a focus on the robustness of project cost planning, how detailed and realistic the budget is, if other funding is secured, and if there is an existing plan and budget in place to manage project costs.

The organisation must also have the capacity and financial sustainability to fund and manage ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure over its lifetime.

For projects over \$1 million, only applicants with a minimum financial co-contribution of 25% of the total grant amount will be considered. For other projects, a financial co-contribution will be viewed favourably.

AFFORDABILITY

- Life cycle costs – what are they and who will fund?
- Ongoing operational costs – what are they and who will fund?
- Rigorous cost analysis – income and expenditure
 - Basis of costing: quote/cost estimator/quantity surveyor
- Is funding only being sought for eligible project costs?
- Minimum 25% financial co-contribution of grant amount requested for projects costing over \$1 million
- Financial co-contribution is viewed favourably for projects under \$1 million
- Has other grant funding been confirmed (need a letter as evidence)?

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Criteria 3: Deliverability

All applicants need to demonstrate they can deliver the project through robust strategies for procurement, project management and risk management.

Applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how any partnership model (including asset management) would be administered to deliver the project.

DELIVERABILITY

- Implementation timetable, milestone dates (provide a Project GANNT Chart) – within 3 years
- Status of the project re: the planning approval process - Development Application or other requirements
- Governance arrangements
- Risk analysis – risk management policy and enterprise risk register
- Procurement management approach and plan
- Stakeholder engagement plan – with whom and when will you consult or inform?
- Evidence of land ownership and land owner's consent
- Capacity and capability to deliver the project

REVIEWING EOI

Please take the opportunity to re-read your application in light of the feedback to identify areas where it could be strengthened for the 2020 program.

Consider asking someone who is not familiar with the application to also read it.

Work closely with project partners and stakeholders to further develop the project proposal.

RESOURCES

Take the opportunity to revisit resource materials.

- ▶ Guidelines
- ▶ Fact Sheet
- ▶ FAQs
- ▶ Expression of Interest Checklist
- ▶ Expression of Interest Template
- ▶ State/National Organisation Statement of Support Form

Stage 2

- ▶ Project Plan & Budget template
- ▶ Business Case template



Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund
2019 Expression of Interest Checklist

Before submitting your Expression of Interest (EOI) to the Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund (GSSFF), please use this checklist. You need to make sure your project is eligible for funding and you've including everything required for your project's assessment.

Please review the current GSSFF guidelines, fact sheet and FAQs before preparing an EOI. If your EOI progresses to the next stage of assessment, you will be asked to provide a detailed application with a project plan and budget, or a business case.

Requirement	Advice	Yes	No
My project is in an eligible area — that is, one of the 33 local government areas in Greater Sydney.	Check the list of eligible locations on the GSSFF web page. If the project is located outside these areas, it is not eligible for GSSFF funding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My organisation is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a local government authority in Greater Sydney • a state sporting organisation or the national sporting organisation where the state body is part of a unitary governance model • an incorporated, community-based, not-for-profit sporting organisation (clubs and associations whose primary purpose is to organise sporting activities/deliver sport programs) • an incorporated, community-based, not-for-profit organisation providing sport and recreation programs that benefit the community, such as PCYCs, YMCA and YWCA • one that owns and administers public parklands • a private enterprise. 	If your organisation is not one of those listed, you are not eligible to apply for GSSFF funding.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

FURTHER INFORMATION

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/grants/greater-sydney-sports-facility-fund>

