

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GRASSROOTS SPORT FUND



GENERAL INFORMATION

What is the Grassroots Sport Fund?

The Grassroots Sport Fund is part of the NSW Government's Community Sport Recovery Package – helping support the sector to get back on its feet.

The Grassroots Sport Fund will provide a one-off grant of up to \$1,000 to around 12,500 eligible local clubs and associations across the State to assist them when community sport resumes from 1 July 2020.

ELIGIBILITY

Which Clubs and Associations are eligible for the Grassroots Sport Fund?

The local club or association must be a legal entity and affiliated with a State Sporting Organisation (SSO) or State Sporting Organisation for People with Disability (SSOD) that is recognised by the Office of Sport.

A list of recognised SSOs and SSODs can be found on the Office of Sport website.

- The local club or association must have been affiliated with an SSO or SSOD before 11 June 2020;
- The local club or association must be registered or incorporated in NSW or have a registered business address in NSW;
- The local club or association must have registered members and participants;
- If the local club or association is a school it must offer programs to the public;
- The local club or association was financially impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions between the period of March – June 2020; and
- The local club or association will use the payment for an [approved purpose](#) and has not already received assistance with this expense from local, state or Commonwealth government or others.

My club/association is incorporated or registered as a legal entity in another state/territory but our teams compete in a competition sanctioned by a NSW-based SSO/SSOD – am I eligible?

No, only organisations registered or incorporated in NSW are eligible, regardless of where the teams participate in activities.

My club/association is based in NSW but is affiliated to an SSO/SSOD in another jurisdiction (e.g. Football Victoria, Hockey ACT) – am I eligible?

No, the organisation must be affiliated with one of the NSW-based SSOs/SSODS recognised by the Office of Sport.

Are referees / umpires associations eligible?

If your referees / umpires association is an organisation that meets the eligibility requirements detailed above, it is eligible.

Should you have any questions, please contact your SSO/SSOD directly to discuss.

My organisation was not affiliated with an SSO or SSOD as at 11 June 2020. If I become affiliated now will I be eligible for the Grassroots Sport Fund?

No. Only clubs and associations affiliated with an SSO or SSOD as at 11 June 2020 are eligible for payments under the Fund.

If the payment of your affiliation / registration fees with the SSO/SSOD was delayed beyond 11 June 2020 due to COVID-19, this will be addressed by your SSO/SSOD during the assessment process.

My organisation was not operating between March-June 2020 and was not financially impacted – am I eligible?

The purpose of the Grassroots Sport Fund is to support clubs and associations that were impacted due to the restrictions placed on community sport between March and June 2020. If there was no financial impact to your organisation during this time, it will not be eligible.

Your organisation should consider whether its previous season was impacted due to these restrictions. For example, were competition or presentation events affected or cancelled during this period, resulting in a financial impact to the organisation.

Our sporting club is combined for multiple sports (e.g. a Netball and AFL Club) – does this mean we are eligible for two payments? Which SSO/SSOD should we apply to?

Each legal entity is only eligible for one payment, regardless of the number of sports or teams it supports.

It does not matter which SSO/SSOD you apply through, as long as you are affiliated with them.

My club/association is a 'sub-club' of a licensed premises (e.g. a Bowling Club, Leagues Club, Sports Club etc.) – are we eligible?

Licensed clubs are eligible to receive one Grassroots Sport Fund payment providing the 'sub-club' meets other eligibility criteria and the payment is used to benefit the sport.

If sporting clubs/associations are incorporated or registered in their own right and have a separate ABN/Incorporation number to their licensed premises, they are eligible to apply

Are Sole Traders eligible if recognised as an affiliated club / association by an SSO/SSOD?

Sole traders are eligible for payments under the Grassroots Sport Fund provided they meet other eligibility criteria.

Our club is administered by an SSO/SSOD and is not a separate legal entity – are we eligible for the Grassroots Sport Fund?

If your organisation is not a separate legal entity to the SSO/SSOD, it will not be eligible.

HOW TO APPLY

How do Clubs and Associations apply for the Grassroots Sport Fund?

Each SSO / SSOD will administer the Grassroots Sport Fund for their clubs and associations, with support from the Office of Sport.

The SSO/SSOD is required to verify the [eligibility](#) of affiliated clubs and associations before making payments. The SSO/SSOD will contact clubs to confirm how this will happen.

What information will I be required to provide?

Clubs and associations will be required to provide the following information to their SSO/SSOD:

- Organisation (club/association) Name (Legal Name)
- Organisation ABN / ACN / Incorporation Number
- Organisation Address
- Organisation Key Contact Details, including email and phone number (i.e. the person submitting the application)
- Organisation Bank Details (Account Name, BSB, Account Number)
- Confirmation that your organisation meets the eligibility criteria detailed above, and
- A declaration that the information provided is true and correct.

Clubs and associations may be required to provide an invoice to their SSO/SSOD for payment once eligibility is verified.

What if I don't know my organisation's ABN / I / Incorporation Number?

You can search for Incorporation Numbers via the [NSW Incorporated Associations Register](#)

You can search for ABNs and ACNs via the [Australian Business Register](#)

How long will it take for my SSO/SSOD to process my application?

The time will vary depending on the size and capacity of the SSO/SSOD and the number of affiliated clubs. However, SSOs and SSODs are expected to complete eligibility assessments and make payments to local clubs and associations by 31 July 2020.

As a local club, can I apply direct to the Office of Sport?

No. Each SSO/SSOD will administer the Grassroots Sport Fund for their clubs and associations, with support from the Office of Sport.

FUNDING AMOUNTS AND USE

How much will my organisation receive?

The maximum amount each eligible club and association can receive will be up to \$1,000, provided it can demonstrate the payment can be used for an approved purpose.

What can I use the Grassroots Sport Fund payment for?

Grassroots Sport Fund payments to clubs and associations can be used for the fixed costs such as:

- insurances;
- power;
- telephone and internet;
- fixed vehicle or equipment costs (leases, registration); and
- other base operating costs including:
 - affiliation fees;
 - EFTPOS and banking fees;
 - IT support arrangements; and
 - essential equipment.

What is classified as ‘Essential Equipment’?

Essential equipment includes any equipment that is essential to the delivery of your club or association’s competition and training activities in a COVIDsafe environment. This may include additional equipment required to implement your COVID-19 Safety Plan, or other essential equipment required to deliver activities and administration requirements.

For equestrian-based sports, essential costs may include costs associated with stabling and vet costs for animals that are used for community sport activities and competition.

If a club/association has received the \$10,000 Small Business Grant, are they eligible for the Grassroots Sport Fund?


Yes, so long as the funding received from the Grassroots Sport Fund is spent on an approved purpose that has not already been covered by the funds provided in the Small Business Grant.

Does a club or association have to acquit a Grassroots Sport Fund payment to the Office of Sport?

No. However the Office of Sport will audit some payments made as part of the Grassroots Sport Fund, including checking that local clubs and associations have used payments for an approved purpose.



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