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Guidelines for Cricket Clubs & Indoor Cricket Centres



FUND OVERVIEW

The Grassroots Cricket Fund (GCF) has been established by Australia's professional cricketers to strengthen grassroots cricket for generations to come. The GCF ensures the cricket community throughout Australia gets the investment it needs to support those who help drive grassroots cricket and bring communities together.

Each season, the GCF will fund specific priority areas in grassroots cricket throughout Australia. The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) and Cricket Australia (CA) will work in partnership to deliver this vital program to strengthen and grow grassroots cricket in this country over the coming years.

These guidelines outline how Cricket Clubs and Indoor Cricket Centres can apply for funding, and provide the relevant conditions, eligibility and the assessment process.

The GCF Grant Program has two funding streams available this season, with two grant options available in each of the categories. All eligible clubs and centres can apply for grants under both the Community Impact and Running the Game streams. However, they cannot apply for both a Category A and Category B Grant within the same stream.

1. COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

CATEGORY A: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PACKAGE – supporting the provision of portable AED's (valued at \$2000) that are a vital link in the 'chain of survival' in increasing survival rates of people going into sudden cardiac arrest. An opportunity in ensuring the safety of your players, volunteers, coaches and umpires is prioritised.

CATEGORY B: HARDSHIP PACKAGE – up to \$2,000 to support costs of participating in WWCB or Junior programs that aren't covered by active kids vouchers or government offers. The aim is to provide funding to clubs and centres who can then subsidise registration fees, equipment and travel costs for individual and families facing financial hardship.

2. RUNNING THE GAME GRANT

CATEGORY A: EQUIPMENT - \$1,500 for the provision of much need playing, training, administrative equipment and other operating requirements.

CATEGORY B: VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONAL CAPACITY – up to \$5,000 for initiatives that ensures our volunteers have the skills and support to continue to deliver the game. Whether it be building core administrative capacity around managing finances and strategic planning, or equipping volunteers with critical skills through the provision of training we want to ensure that clubs and centres have the financial backing to explore all options.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the GCF grants are to ensure Cricket Clubs and Indoor Cricket Centres around Australia:

- Remain a strong pillar for local community development;
- Can access funds to support the development of their volunteers, to purchase a defibrillator or equipment to support playing, training and other operating requirements;
- Can support a participant facing financial hardship, allowing access to funds to cover costs of playing;
- Are supported to improve and grow;
- Can provide safe, inclusive and accessible environments for cricket participants and the broader community.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

Submissions made to the GCF must meet the following conditions:

To be eligible to apply for a Grant:

- Clubs and centres must fall under the affiliation umbrella of a State/Territory Association.
- Club and Centre must be located in Australia;
- Clubs must properly constituted and registered as an Incorporated Association under their relevant State/Territory legislation;
- Centres must have a current public liability insurance policy in place that satisfies any requirements of any applicable governing body;
- Clubs and centres must have satisfactorily met reporting requirements on any Grants previously received from the Grassroots Cricket Fund;
- Clubs and centres must have adopted and endorsed the Australian Cricket Framework for Safeguarding Children & Young People this season (2022/23)*

*To adopt and endorse the framework a club and indoor centre must:

- Appoint a Child Safety Officer
- Endorse / re-endorse the Policy, Code of Behaviour and Statement of Commitment at your next committee meeting.
- Ensure the documents are publicly available and accessible to current and potential members on your website and / or social media pages.
- Inform local Cricket Manager (or equivalent) the above has been completed.

Please refer to the **Cricket Australia website** for further information or speak with your local Cricket Manager/ Premier Cricket Manager.

ELIGIBILITY

Who can apply:

- All Community Cricket Clubs,
- Associations that 'act' as clubs in regional areas
- Premier Cricket Clubs
- Indoor Cricket centres

The following entities are not eligible for funding in this round:

- Associations (we acknowledge that some associations act as 'clubs' in some regional areas, and they will be eligible to apply)
- Regional boards which oversee associations
- Schools & Colleges, and Umpire Associations

FUNDING CRITERIA

To be eligible for funding, a Cricket Club or Indoor Cricket Centre must have been involved in at least **one** of the following initiatives in the 2021-22 season:

- a. Delivered or participated in a Woolworths Cricket Blast program (activated a Junior or Master Blaster Program, School Holiday program or Pop Up centre in MyCricket); or
- b. Fielded at least one junior girls' team in an affiliated girls' competition; or
- c. Had a total of 10 or more girls registered in or across Woolworths Cricket Blast and Junior Cricket

If your club / centre was not aligned to the above, they are not eligible for funding.

Please note: All successful 2021/22 applicants are eligible to apply this season if they meet the criteria.

FUNDING INFORMATION

What will be funded and acquittal processes:

COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT

CATEGORY A: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PACKAGE

Clubs & centres which choose this option will receive a portable defibrillator package (valued at \$2,000 directly through the support of the GCF via our key partner 'Heart of the Nation'. This will be directly sent to your chosen delivery address.

Each AED package will include:

- 1 x 360P HeartSine Defibrillator
- 1 x AED Resus Pack – Red Pouch containing Scissors, Razor, Wipes, Gloves and CPR Mask
- 1 x Waterproof Carry Case
- 1 x AED Awareness Video
- 1 x DRSABCD/AED Chart

Application process: form completed by club / centre & coordinated internally with Heart of the Nation. Item sent directly to applicant.

Conditions:

- Any venue which receives an AED, would be expected to register (and be supported with this) their device so that it can be accessed by any member of the public
- Clubs who successfully apply would also be expected to have at least complete free AED / Sudden Cardiac Arrest education course/module. Further information will be provided once you receive your AED from Defibrillators Australia.

CATEGORY B: HARDSHIP PACKAGE

Grant of up to \$2,000 to:

- Support costs to playing WWCB or Junior Programs in areas such as equipment and registrations
- Maximum \$400 per junior participant – clubs and centres to identify who is best to receive financial assistance
- Each application will also be reviewed and backed by local Cricket Manager or equivalent

ACQUITTAL

Club official will be required to complete an attestation that participant was suffering financial hardship and provide MyCricket Id / Play HQ ID of each participant no later than 31 March 2023.

RUNNING THE GAME GRANT

CATEGORY A: EQUIPMENT

Grant of \$1,500 to purchase:

- Discounted Junior Flicx Pitch through our partnership with Flicx (refer to the website [grassrootscricketfund.com.au] or application form for further information)
- Technology hardware and software to support club operations - e.g. Frog Box, tablets, laptops;
- Coaching & training equipment - e.g. catching nets, bowling machines;
- Playing equipment for juniors - e.g. stumps, playing kits for junior participants;
- Equipment for junior participants - e.g. helmets, stem guards, pads, gloves, thigh guards, bats
- Maintenance equipment - e.g. rollers, sprinklers, mowers
- Facilities equipment - e.g. temporary nets, covers; storage shed; temporary scoreboards
- Club equipment - e.g. temporary shade, BBQs; white goods, first aid kits
- COVID Safe materials - e.g. signage, cleaning costs & hygiene stations

[Please note: Costs incurred prior to 1 July 2022 are not considered eligible]

Equipment that **will not be** funded through the GCF:

- Professional coaching, player payments or administration salaries
- Capital building works including renovations and extensions
- Canteen items such as soft drink, food and alcohol
- Rental costs associated with the annual or seasonal hire of facilities
- Leasing of vehicles, trailers and accessories
- Ongoing operational costs such as salaries for ongoing positions, rent, electricity and other utilities

ACQUITTAL

You are not required to submit an acquittal for this grant, however the GCF Joint Committee may request a copy of your receipts and statement of funding use at any time over the next 18 months.

CATEGORY B: VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT & OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

Grant of up to \$5,000 for initiatives as per the below:

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

- For initiatives, such as recognised training courses, that improve the skills of volunteers, coaches and committee members. e.g. coaching courses, mental health first aid training, first aid training, cultural awareness training, child safety officer training, umpire training, financial or risk management training, governance, social media training, volunteer management. Leadership courses for junior participants will also be accepted.

BUILDING OPERATIONAL CAPACITY

- Initiatives that explore and drive new participation opportunities in Woolworths Cricket Blast and Junior programs and plan for future growth to ensure long term success, e.g. a recruitment drive to boost participation for a club, come and try days, initiatives with a focus on inclusion, school to club initiatives, marketing and promotional activities, website development, social media advertising costs.
- Projects to support clubs and centres to operate more effectively and efficiently – e.g. managing financial or strategic planning.

ACQUITTAL

All successful applicants are required to send through a written submission detailing outcome of the initiative/s, impact and receipts as proof of spend no later than 31 March 2023.

APPLICATION DATES

Applications Open – 5 September 2022 (12PM AEST)

Applications Close – 2 October 2022 (11:59 AEDT)

Notification of Outcomes – by 30 November 2022

HOW TO APPLY

From 5 September 2022 (12pm AEDT), clubs and centres will be able to apply for funding via an online form at grassrootscricketfund.com.au

Grant applications will be accepted up until the closing date of 2 October 2022 (11:59 AEDT).

ASSESSMENT

The fund is administered by a joint committee of representatives from the ACA and CA. The committee has been formed to make decisions on the allocation of the funds, on behalf of the players.

The Running the Game Category A and Community Impact Category A Grants will be processed on a first come first served basis (subject to club and centre applicants satisfying the applicable funding criteria).

The Running the Game Category B and Community Impact Category B Grants will be allocated to clubs and centres by the Joint Committee, in its absolute discretion, on a merit and needs based assessment of the application (again, subject to club and centre applicants satisfying the applicable funding criteria).

The assessment may take 4 – 6 weeks from the closing date. All applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of the assessment process.

FACILITIES

The players also understand the importance of high quality and inclusive facilities for players, officials, volunteers and fans. For this reason, the players and the ACA will support community cricket facilities by partnering with CA and State and Territory Cricket Associations to implement the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund. To apply for both minor and major infrastructure grants please see the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund application form.

CONTACT

For further information about the Grassroots Cricket Fund Club grants please contact:

CA Customer Support Team

1800 CRICKET (274 2538), or visit www.grassrootscricketfund.com.au

OR alternatively contact your Local Cricket Manager / Premier Cricket Manager.