

# SPORTS RECOVERY GRANT FAQ

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## WHAT PROJECTS WILL THE SPORTS RECOVERY GRANT FUND?

The Sports Recovery Grant will fund projects that plan to replace equipment, kit, uniforms or small infrastructure items such as canteen equipment, provided they have been damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster in 2019-2020 and access to sport has been impacted. It can also be utilised to provide fee relief, replacement kit uniforms or sporting goods for members affected by these bushfires.

## WHAT DOES 'ACCESS TO SPORT' REFER TO?

If a natural disaster has prevented your club from accessing safe sporting facilities and damaged or destroyed equipment, kit or uniforms then your access to sport has been impacted. Members financial capacity to pay membership fees is also considered 'access to sport'.

## WHAT IS CONSIDERED A NATURAL DISASTER?

A natural disaster is any catastrophic event that is caused by nature or the natural processes of the earth. Examples include earthquakes, bushfires, landslides, hurricanes, floods, heat waves, severe hailstorms and droughts. The current Covid-19 pandemic is not a "natural disaster" for these purposes, and a separate response is being planned to address this crisis.

## WHEN DOES THE SPORTS RECOVERY GRANT OPEN AND CLOSE?

The Sports Recovery Grant opens on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020** at 9am AEST and closes on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020** at 5pm AEST.

## **WHEN WILL I HEAR BACK ABOUT MY APPLICATION?**

All applicants will be notified of the results of their application via email. We anticipate applicants will be notified by the **5<sup>th</sup> of June**.

## **WHEN WILL SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS RECEIVE THEIR GRANT?**

Successful applicants who have completed the requirements should receive their grant by the **30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020**.

## **CAN I APPLY FOR THIS GRANT AS AN INDIVIDUAL?**

No, all applicants must be applying on behalf of a club or organisation. However, the club or organisation can apply for funds to provide fee relief or replacement uniforms/kit to individual members that have been affected by the bushfires.

## **CAN I PUT IN MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION?**

We will only accept one application per organisation, although we accept that some individuals may submit applications on behalf of more than one organisation. I.e. The Toolern Vale Pony Club may only submit one application. However the individual who submits the application for Toolern Vale Pony Club may also submit an application for another organisation that they are affiliated with.

## **DOES MY ORGANISATION NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FOUNDATION (ASF) TO APPLY?**

Yes, if your organisation has not previously registered with Australian Sports Foundation they will need to do so before applying for this grant. You will need to provide your organisation's six-digit ASF number to proceed with the application. To register with the ASF for free please [click here](#).

## **DOES MY ORGANISATION HAVE TO BE VOLUNTEER RUN?**

No, but priority will be given to applications from volunteer run organisations.

## **HOW MUCH CAN I APPLY FOR?**

Suggested grant values are up to \$20,000 with no minimum amount.

## **DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF NEED?**

Yes, all applicants will be required to attach a minimum of one supporting document specific to the application, this can include but is not limited to:

- Photos and videos of the fire or disaster-damaged equipment or facilities. They can be taken from a phone and don't need to be high quality, provided the content is clear. *E.g. Requests for equipment replacement should include photo or video evidence of damage to the equipment or where the equipment was kept.*
- A letter of support from the local council.
- News articles about bushfire or disaster-damage to the club, or the area the club or its members reside in.

The process to attach documents is very straightforward and simple, but the applicant needs to ensure they have the relevant documents saved on the computer they're using to submit the application.

*Applications that show strong evidence of need specific to the application will be highly regarded.*

## **CAN I EDIT MY APPLICATION ONCE IT'S BEEN SUBMITTED?**

No, once an application has been submitted it can still be viewed by the applicant but it cannot be edited. You can however edit any section of the application right up until you press the final submit button.

## **I'VE ALREADY SUBMITTED MY APPLICATION BUT I NEED TO CHANGE IT. WHAT DO I DO?**

Please send an email to [grants@sportsfoundation.org.au](mailto:grants@sportsfoundation.org.au) and request your application to be reopened. This can only be done before the closing date and time at 5pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2020.

## **WILL ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVE FUNDING?**

No, it is possible that the number of applications will exceed the funding available. Applications are therefore more likely to be successful if they demonstrate strong evidence of need and show a clear plan to restore sport to their community.

## **HOW ARE THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS CHOSEN?**

Applications are assessed according to how well their proposed project aligns with the intended outcomes of this grant (to restore sport to communities affected by natural disasters), using a bias free and robust reviewing process. The number of successful applications will depend on the funds available.