

# COMMUNITY CRICKET GRANTS PROGRAM

## 2018-19 GUIDELINES

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The Community Cricket Grants Program is a joint initiative of Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia.

Victorian cricket clubs and associations can apply for grants that aim to assist with the maintenance of cricket facilities, support participation growth and develop the growing base of volunteers and administrators that manage clubs and associations across Victoria.

There are two streams of funding within the Community Cricket Grants Program. In this round clubs are encouraged to apply for projects that support the growth of female and junior participation.

### **Funding Stream One – Minor Facilities**

Minor improvements to cricket facilities, for example, a synthetic pitch replacement or practice nets upgrades.

### **Funding Stream Two – Club & Association Capacity Building**

Activities aimed at supporting cricket administrators, volunteers, coaches, umpires, volunteer boards, club development, association development projects and strategic planning.

Activities that support the increase of participation in club cricket, cricket programs for girls and women and junior cricket activities. Projects that align with Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria participation growth objectives will be well received.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

This opportunity is open to all clubs and associations affiliated with the following bodies:

- Women's Community Cricket Competition
- Victorian Sub District Cricket Association (VSDCA)
- Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union (VMCU)
- Victorian Country Cricket League (VCCL)
- Premier Cricket Clubs\*

Clubs and associations must be based in Victoria, and be properly constituted and registered as an incorporated body. Clubs must be able to provide a copy of their constitution if requested.

Requests for funding of facilities located at schools and universities must be linked to and submitted by a cricket club/association and be accompanied by details of current tenure agreements.

\*Clubs that have teams participating in Victorian Premier Cricket competitions should contact the Premier Cricket Management Team at Cricket Victoria before applying.

## CLUB AND ASSOCIATION ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, clubs must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed Victorian Cricket Registration and National Club Risk Protection Programme for the upcoming 2018-19 and previous 2017-18 cricket season. (If you are unsure of your club's compliance, please contact Cricket Victoria on 03 9085 4000)
2. The club or association does not have any outstanding debts to Cricket Victoria or Cricket Australia including National Club Risk Protection Insurance
3. The club or association has adopted and endorsed Australian Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and Young People, Australian Cricket's Looking After Our Kids Code of Behaviour for Affiliated Clubs and Associations and signed the Commitment Statement for Safeguarding Children and Young People to be eligible for the Community Cricket Grants program.
4. The club or association has adopted the Woolworths Cricket Blast program (Junior Blasters / Master Blasters) or is requesting funding in relation to the establishment or re-establishment of a junior section of the club.

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS: FUNDING STREAM ONE – MINOR FACILITIES

The following areas are eligible for funding under the Funding Stream One - Minor Facilities.

- Minor facilities upgrades including practice facility:
  - Turf and synthetic pitch surface installation and replacement
  - Concrete slab installation and replacement
  - Erection of practice facility netting
  - Maintenance of bowling run-ups
- Turf and synthetic match playing facilities.
  - Oval upgrades
  - Portable shade structures

## ELIGIBLE PROJECT: FUNDING STREAM TWO – CLUB & ASSOCIATION CAPACITY BUILDING

The following areas are eligible for funding under the Funding Stream Two - Club & Association Capacity Building.

- Sports safety education
  - First aid training
  - Responsible serving of alcohol
  - Safe food handling courses
- Programs that support workforce development including;
  - Strategic Planning
  - Member Protection Information Officer Training
  - Safeguarding Children & Young People Education
  - Umpiring courses
  - Coaching courses
  - Administrator and volunteer education
  - Governance training
  - Volunteer curator courses
- Equipment to support the establishment of Junior Formats
  - Portable pitches (eg. Flicx Pitches)
  - Spray Paint
  - Measuring tools
- Equipment for supporting female participation programs
  - Bats, pads and gloves
  - Cones
  - Equipment bags
- Injury prevention equipment
  - Helmets
- Cricket coaching equipment
- Cricket facility maintenance equipment
  - Rollers
  - Mowers
  - Covers

## INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- For Funding Stream One - Projects commenced prior to 1 January, 2018.
- For Funding Stream Two – Activities commenced prior to 1 October, 2018.
- For Funding Stream One and Two – Projects / Activities scheduled for completion after 31 December, 2019.
- Professional coaching or player payments.
- Clubs that are applying for junior girls’ program support that have received a grant from the *Growing Cricket for Girls Fund in 2018*.
- Furniture and fittings.
- Uniforms and material/s from which sporting uniforms will be made.
- Non-playing participation equipment such as trophies, honor boards and GPS equipment.
- Purchase of land.
- Capital building works including renovations and extensions to clubrooms, scoreboards, electricity outlets, permanent fencing, fixed lighting and ramps.
- Canteen items such as microwaves, cooking utensils, soft drink, food and alcohol.
- Rental costs associated with the annual or seasonal hire of facilities.
- Purchase or leasing of vehicles, trailers and accessories.
- Ongoing operational costs such as salaries for ongoing positions, rent, electricity and other utilities.
- Electronic scoreboards & sight screens.
- Concrete bowling run-ups/landings without appropriate shock absorption.
- Requests that are in excess of 33% of the total cost of the project under Funding Stream One – Minor Facilities.
- Requests that are in excess of 50% of the total cost of the project under Funding Stream Two – Club & Association Capacity.
- The development or repair of turf wicket facilities in areas where water restrictions are in place and the source of water has not been identified in the application.
- Facilities projects that do not meet [Cricket Australia’s Community Cricket Facilities Guidelines](#).
- Facilities projects that are not aligned to the [Victorian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy](#).

## HOW WILL APPLICATIONS BE ASSESSED?

Eligible applications will be assessed based on responses provided in the application form, including required attachments.

- Recent bank statements
- Previous seasons’ Financial Report
- Breakdown of payment contributions towards project (% from Cricket Victoria, % from Club & % from any third parties where applicable)
- Letters of support if appropriate

Eligibility does not guarantee success. It is expected that more applications will be received than can be funded.

The assessment may take between six to eight weeks from the closing date. All applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of the assessment process.

Priority will be given to clubs that are engaged in women & girls cricket, clubs embarking on or currently participating in the recommended Junior Formats and the new Woolworths Cricket Blast programs.

Cricket Victoria will assess all applications and determine the successful applicants and the amounts awarded, in consultation with Cricket Australia.

## FUNDING LEVELS

- One club can submit one application, with dual funding streams.

*As an example, Citizen Cricket Club can submit one, and only one application. That application can request;*

- *\$3,000.00 to upgrade a synthetic centre wicket under Funding Stream One – Minor Facilities,*
  - *Another \$2,000.00 for coaching courses and equipment for female cricket, under Funding Stream Two – Club & Association Capacity Building.*
  - *That is a total of \$5,000.00 across all three funding streams.*
- The maximum award is \$5,000.00 per application. Only one application per club is permitted.
  - Sports clubs, leagues or associations who are grant recipients must adhere to the Codes of Behaviour as set out in Australian Cricket's Looking After Our Kids Codes of Behaviour for Affiliated Associations and Clubs and the Cricket Victoria Member Protection By-Law. Grant recipients must adhere to these Codes of Behaviour during the life of the project and agree to carry out its requirements.
  - Applications for Funding Stream One – Minor Facilities, a funding contribution of 33% maximum of the total cost of the project is available.
  - Applications for Funding Stream One – Minor Facilities projects, with substantiated Local Council financial support will be looked upon favourably (for example, a letter of support from council or a financial commitment to the project).
  - Applications for Funding Stream Two – Club & Association Capacity Building, a funding contribution of 50% maximum of the total cost of the project is available.
  - Individual grant amounts are subject to the size of the funding pool and the number of eligible applications.
  - Cricket Victoria reserves the right to determine the grants distribution amounts in partnership with Cricket Australia.

## ACKNOWLEDGING CRICKET VICTORIA AND CRICKET AUSTRALIA'S SUPPORT AND PROMOTING SUCCESS

Successful applicants need to acknowledge the support of Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia support through the provision of a grant from the *Community Cricket Grants Program*. Promotional guidelines form part of the funding agreement and include the requirement that all activities acknowledge Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia support through logo presentation on any activity-related publications, media releases and promotional material.

Successful applicants may be required to contribute information on activity outcomes for use in program evaluation reviews or marketing materials.

## SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

- Applications must use the official application form online via the Cricket Victoria website (*Formsite*) at <http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/support/grants>
- The declaration must be signed by a member authorised to sign club documents in the presence of and co-signed by a person authorised to sign statutory declarations (doctor, bank manager, as per the *Evidence Act*).
- Please read the application form and guidelines carefully.
- Applications without the required paperwork attached, will be deemed ineligible.
- Only **ONE** application may be submitted per Club or Association.
- Applications must be received by Cricket Victoria no later than **11:30pm, Sunday, 30 September 2018**.
- All figures used in the application including amount requested and project budgets must be **GST EXCLUSIVE**.
- Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.

## TIMELINES

**Thursday 16 August, 2018** – Applications open.

**11:30pm Sunday 30 September, 2018** – Applications close.

**Successful applications announced** – Cricket Victoria will immediately consult with Cricket Australia to process applications.

**Payment of grants** - Please note that successful applicants will be required to sign a formal Cricket Victorian funding agreement, provide an invoice, appropriate financials and a final outcomes report.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE at 11:30pm  
Sunday, 30 September 2018**  
Apply online at  
<http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/support/grants>  
**For general enquiries, please contact  
Cricket Victoria on 03 9085 4000.**