

Office of Sport – Local Sport Grant Program

The Office of Sport has recently opened applications for their Local Sport Grant Program 2025, which aims to support grassroots sporting clubs to increase participation, host events, improve access and enhance sport and recreation facilities.

Up to \$4.65M in grants is available for sporting clubs and associations in NSW- with each organisation eligible to apply for \$2,000 - \$20,000.

Be sure to get started on your application soon, as applications close **1pm Monday 18 August**. Grants will be awarded in March 2026.

Who can apply?

Incorporated, not-for-profit grassroots sport club or association whose primary focus is to:

- Organise sporting activities and;
- Deliver on-going sporting programs and/or;
- Develop member's skills

What could you spend your grant on? (This list is not exhaustive)

- Court resurfacing
- Storage shed
- Upgraded lighting
- Re-paint clubrooms or courts
- New PA system
- Equipment
- Canteen upgrades
- Technology upgrades
- TV or projector
- First Aid upgrades

How to Apply?

1. Check your eligibility

- Read the Eligible Applicants section of the guidelines on the [Local Sport Grant Program 2025 webpage](#) to see which organisations can apply for funding.
- If you are not eligible, you can partner with an eligible organisation, although they will need to be the applicant organisation and submit the application.

2. Understand the requirements

- Before you apply, please read [the guidelines](#) and related materials including the application checklist to make sure you understand all relevant requirements.

3. Prepare your application

- Gather your evidence including letters of support, funding commitments, development approvals/exemptions, landowners' consent, images/plans, quotes, participation data etc.
- SmartyGrants offers a tool SmartyFile that allows organisations with an ABN to collaborate with team members, pre-fill information into forms and manage, view, search and sort submissions across multiple funders in one spot.

4. Submit your application

- Applying for a grant is a simple process using the [SmartyGrants platform](#).
- Familiarise yourself with the online application form ahead of preparing the application and plan to submit ahead of the closing date to reduce the risk of missing the deadline.

More information and the link to apply can be found here:

www.sport.nsw.gov.au/local-sport-grant-program

Please see the Netball NSW Funding & Grants webpage, including a grant writing toolkit:

<https://nsw.netball.com.au/funding-grants>

Netball NSW are always here to support. If you need help in preparing your grant application, do not hesitate to contact the below email and we will do our best to assist you.

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