

EMERGENCY SPORTING EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Application Guidelines



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Message from the Minister for Community Sport, Ros Spence



*The Hon
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Community Sport

Nothing brings communities together like grassroots sport and recreation, but in recent times many clubs have faced a number of challenges.

That's why the Victorian Government is working harder than ever to ensure more Victorian clubs get the help they need when they need it most.

The Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program is doing just that.

Each year, the Victorian Government provides funding through the program to help clubs get back to business after being affected by natural disaster or criminal activity.

It provides swift, practical support to get clubs up and running again in their time of need.

Previous rounds of the program have seen more than 464 clubs benefit from more than \$396,000 in funding to replace items from soccer nets to baseball catchers gear lost through fires, theft and range of other setbacks.

The program aims to help clubs get back on their feet, so they can continue doing what they do best, bringing communities together to play the sports they love.

And that's what it's all about. Encouraging more Victorians of diverse backgrounds and abilities to sign up to their local clubs, get active in club and community environments and lead a more healthy lifestyle.

I look forward to seeing the positive impact this investment will provide to local clubs and communities.



WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY SPORTING EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM?

The *Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program* helps local sport and active recreation clubs and organisations replace **essential sports equipment** that has been lost or destroyed as a consequence of unpreventable and exceptional events such as fire, flood, significant storms, theft or criminal damage.

A maximum grant of up to \$2000 (excluding GST) will be provided to successful applicants to go towards the replacement cost of the lost or damaged equipment.

1.1 Why is the Victorian Government funding these grants?

Sporting and active recreation clubs and organisations are expected to take appropriate measures to protect their equipment against loss and damage. However, it is recognised that due to circumstances outside of their control, such as natural disasters or criminal activity, clubs can suffer the loss of equipment essential to continue participation.

1.2 Who can apply?

Applications are accepted from local Victorian community-based clubs or organisations involved in the delivery of sporting and active recreation opportunities. The club or organisation must:

- be non-government and not-for-profit
- be registered as an incorporated body. If the club or organisation is not incorporated it must arrange for a legally constituted organisation to manage the funds
- possess an Australian Business Number (ABN) or provide written advice from the Australian Tax Office that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment
- participate in an activity governed by a sport or active recreation organisation recognised by Sport and Recreation Victoria. A list of Sport and Recreation Victoria recognised sport and active recreation organisations is also available at www.sport.vic.gov.au/our-work/industry-development/find-sport-and-recreation-organisations
- adhere to and enforce the *Fair Play Code* (or) their relevant state sporting association code of conduct/member protection policy, which incorporates the *Fair Play Code*. Further information about this code can be found at www.sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-play-code
- comply with the expectations of the *Victorian Anti-doping Policy 2012*. Further information about this can be found at www.sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/integrity-sport/anti-doping
- have satisfactorily met reporting requirements on any grants received from Sport and Recreation Victoria
- be aware that it is a requirement of this grant that if an institution has been named in an application or receives a Notice of Redress Liability, they must join or intend to join the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme). For more information on the Scheme please visit the NRS website at <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/about>

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WHAT TYPES OF ACTIVITIES MIGHT BE FUNDED?

Grants are available towards the replacement cost of essential equipment owned by the club or organisation.

Essential equipment is:

- **equipment that is required for ongoing participation in an activity that is transferable to other participants and remains the property of the club/organisation (for example, bats, match balls, helmets, equestrian jumps, racquets, gymnastic mats, team equipment kits, gloves and badminton nets)**
- **injury prevention equipment that is transferable (for example, goal post padding, batting pads, gloves, goalie gear, helmets, catcher's gear)**
- **first aid equipment which is necessary for immediate attention to injury that may occur during participation in sport or active recreation.**

2.1 What will not be funded?

The Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program will not fund:

- applications for replacement of equipment lost or destroyed as a consequence of theft or criminal damage without a police report
- fixed playing surfaces and structures (for example, synthetic pitch, goal posts)
- capital works (for example, permanent shade structures, permanent fencing, fixed lighting, permanent practice wickets, ramps and other permanent structures)
- repair of equipment, structures and playing surfaces (for example, golf course, turf wicket pitch)
- non-playing/participation equipment (for example, public address systems, banners, trophies, videos, sunshades, carpet/lino, clubroom items, wicket covers, GPS)
- equipment left out, overlooked and unattended after use/events/matches, and not safely secured in appropriate accommodation
- canteen items (for example, microwave ovens, soft drink, food, alcohol, cooking utensils)
- maintenance equipment (for example, lawn mowers, rollers, line marker, hose, compressors)
- equipment damaged through wear and tear
- equipment not owned by the applicant but by another organisation or individual
- personal items of equipment (for example, mouthguards, drink bottles, shoes, boots)
- sports clothing and uniforms (for example, bibs)
- training equipment that is not essential to participation (for example, tackle bags, agility ladder, witches hats, tennis ball machines)
- vehicles (for example, boats, bikes, golf carts, jet-ski, go-kart), trailers and accessories
- firearms (for example, rifles, pistols), scopes and ammunition
- funding will not be provided to an organisation that has been notified by the National Redress Scheme Operator that it was named in an application prior to 1 July 2020, and does not join or intend to join the Scheme by 31 December 2020
- funding will not be provided to an organisation named in an application in National Redress Scheme for the first time and receives a Notice of Redress Liability after 1 July 2020, and does not join the Scheme within six months from the date of the Notice of Redress Liability

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WHAT ARE THE FUNDING DETAILS?

The following conditions will apply to projects that receive a grant:

- the grant recipient (or funds manager) must enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions which sets out the conditions and reporting requirements
- sports clubs, leagues or associations who are grant recipients must adhere to and enforce the *Fair Play Code* (or) their relevant state sporting association code of conduct/member protection policy, which incorporates the *Fair Play Code*. Grant recipients must adhere to and enforce the code during the life of the project and agree to carry out its requirements. Further information about this code can be found at www.sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-play-code
- it is a requirement of this grant that if an institution has been named in an application or receives a Notice of Redress Liability, they must join or intend to join the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme). For more information on the Scheme please visit the NRS website at <https://www.nationalredress.gov.au/about>
- the project must be completed within 12 months of receipt of the grant funds. Any unspent funds must be returned to Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions
- funds must be spent on the project as described in the application. Any proposed variation to the approved project must be submitted to Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions for approval prior to implementation
- grant recipients (or fund managers) without an Australian Business Number (ABN) must provide a completed Statement by a Supplier form so that no tax is withheld from any grant payment
- grants to recipients (or fund managers) not registered for GST will be made exclusive of GST

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HOW WILL APPLICATIONS BE ASSESSED?

Applications will be assessed according to eligibility, the nature of the loss/damage, adequate evidence supporting the application and the response to questions **How?** **Why?** and **What?** as detailed in Section 4.2.

Eligibility does not guarantee success of your application. The assessment process will be conducted as soon as possible after the submission of the application complete with all necessary documentation. Applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of the assessment process.

4.1 Information you will need to provide as part of your application

Applications can be made at any time. Applications lodged more than six months after the loss will not be considered unless there are special circumstances for the delay.

Applications must be submitted with:

- a quote from a supplier for the replacement cost of the equipment
- evidence of the loss or damage such as a police report, photographs, and newspaper articles

Note: applications for replacement of equipment lost or destroyed as a consequence of theft or criminal damage **must** be accompanied by a police report.

In the instance that Victoria Police does not supply a **written** copy of the police report, you must submit the Report Incident number. Also include the police station name, phone number and contact name of the police officer who completed the police report in your application.

4.2 What are the assessment criteria?

How?

How was the equipment protected? What measures had you taken to prevent loss or damage to the equipment?

Why?

Why do you need funding? Was your equipment insured? If yes, please provide written evidence from your insurance provider of the outcome of your insurance claim. If no, provide a reason why your equipment was not insured.

Note: Applications will not be assessed until after the insurance claim process has been finalised.

What?

What essential equipment needs to be replaced under this grant? What specific outcomes will be achieved from replacement of the equipment?

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WHAT IS THE APPLICATIONS PROCESS?

There are some important steps to consider before submitting an application to the *Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program*.

Step 1: Check your eligibility

Check the detailed information contained in this guide to see if your organisation and your proposed activity is eligible. Other important information about this grant program and the application process can be found at the Sport and Recreation website www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/emergency-sporting-and-recreational-equipment

Step 2: Apply online using My Grants

To apply, go to the Sport and Recreation website www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/emergency-sporting-and-recreational-equipment

Make sure you have the information you need on hand including required documents, and click on 'Start new application' to submit your application through Grants Online. You will receive an Application Number when you submit an application online. Please quote your Application Number in all correspondence relating to your application.

Advantages of applying online

Submitting your application online through Grants Online ensures it is received by the department immediately and can be processed in the most efficient way. If you need assistance with applying online, please call the Sport and Recreation call centre on 1800 325 206 between 9am – 5pm weekdays.

Attaching required information

You can attach documents to your online application as long as they are in an acceptable file type (eg Word, Excel, PDF, or JPEG) and don't exceed the maximum file size. Remember these tips:

- Attached files must not be larger than 5MB in size
- When you submit your application online check carefully to ensure all your attachments have been uploaded

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CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING

6.1 Funding agreements

Successful applicants must enter into a funding agreement with Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. Funding agreements establish the parties and their commitments and obligations to each other and set out as the general terms and conditions of funding.

Different terms and conditions apply to different types of grants and grant recipients. These terms and conditions are not negotiable.

6.2 Acknowledging the government's support and promoting successes

Successful applicants need to acknowledge the Victorian Government's support through the provision of a grant from the *Emergency Sporting Equipment Grant Program*. Promotional guidelines form part of the funding agreement and include the requirement that all activities acknowledge Victorian Government support through logo presentation on any activity related publications, media releases and promotional material; and/or placing a Victorian Government endorsed sign at the site of infrastructure activities.

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

6.3 Payments

Payments will be made as long as:

- the funding agreement has been signed by both parties
- grant recipients provide reports as required, or otherwise demonstrate that the activity is progressing as expected
- other terms and conditions of funding continue to be met

6.4 Privacy

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions is committed to protecting your privacy. We collect and handle any personal or health information about you or a third party in your application, for the purpose of administering your grant application and informing the public of successful applications.

In order for us to administer your grant application effectively and efficiently, we may need to disclose your personal or health information with others for the purpose of assessment, consultation, and reporting. This can include departmental staff, Members of Parliament and their staff, external experts, such as members of assessment panels, or other government departments. If you intend to include personal information about third parties in your application, please ensure that they are aware of the contents of this privacy statement.

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be collected, held, managed, used, disclosed or transferred in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy and *Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic)* and other applicable laws.

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For information about how to access information about you held by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, please email **privacy@ecodev.vic.gov.au**.

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RESOURCES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For preliminary information on this or any other grant program please contact the Sport and Recreation call centre on 1800 325 206 for the cost of a local call (except from a mobile phone) on any weekday between 9am and 5pm (except for public holidays).



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