

Greater Sydney

Sports Facility

Fund

Fact Sheet

Overview

The Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund will improve the quality and quantity of sport participation for communities in Greater Sydney and will invest in new and existing venues.

The NSW Government is determined to ensure the communities in metropolitan Sydney remain vibrant and liveable. The Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund will ensure there is a network of spaces and places that enable quality sport and active recreation participation, and performance at all levels.

The Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund provides grants between \$500,000 and \$5 million.

Purpose of funds

The Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund will give priority to proposals that strongly meet the program objectives.

Proposals aligned with a state/national sporting organisation's facility strategies and which aim to improve participation in sport also will be given priority.

Eligibility

Funding is available for projects in all 33 Greater Sydney local government areas, from eligible applicants.

Eligible applicants are:

- 33 local government authorities in Greater Sydney;
- NSW state sporting organisations or the national sporting organisation where the state body is part of a unitary governance model;
- Incorporated, community-based, not-for-profit sporting organisations (clubs and associations whose primary purpose is to organise sporting activities/deliver sport programs) and organisations providing sport and recreation programs that benefit the community, such as PCYCs, YMCA and YWCA;
- Organisations that own and administer public parklands; and
- Private enterprises.

Project applications involving partnerships of eligible groups are encouraged.

Eligibility (cont'd)

For a proposal to be eligible, the land on which the facility will be developed must be one of the following and this must be substantiated with evidence (e.g. of land ownership and tenure, lease arrangements):

- Crown reserve land;
- Land owned by a public authority (for example, municipal property);
- Land held for public purposes by trustees under a valid lease, title or trust deed that adequately protects the interests of the public;
- Land vested in NSW Aboriginal Land Councils under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983; and
- Private land that benefits the community's interests in sport and active recreation.

Assessment

Eligible projects will be assessed against the fund's objectives, project types, eligibility criteria and three assessment criteria.

Criteria 1: Strategic alignment

The strategic assessment considers alignment of the project with a range of strategic priorities for sport and recreation, including NSW Government priorities, state/national sporting organisation and local council strategic plans. The project's capacity to increase participation in sport and the use of sporting facilities will also be assessed.

The assessment also considers the urgency and continuing need for the project to be delivered.

Criteria 2: Affordability

All proposals must demonstrate affordability of the project relative to the available funding, considering net lifecycle costs, and allowing for ongoing operating and maintenance requirements.

This also includes an assessment of a range of fundamental project planning requirements.

The assessment focuses on the robustness of the project cost planning, including if the funding is for a new or existing asset, how detailed and realistic the budget is, if other funding has been secured, and if the nominating organisation has an existing plan and budget in place to manage project costs.

The organisation must also have the capacity and financial sustainability to fund and manage ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure over its lifetime.

For projects over \$1 million, only applicants with a minimum financial co-contribution of 25 per cent of the total grant amount will be considered. For other projects, a financial co-contribution will be viewed favourably.

Criteria 3: Deliverability

All applicants will need to demonstrate they have the capacity to deliver the project through robust strategies for procurement, project management and risk management.

Additionally, applicants will need to clearly demonstrate how any partnership model (including asset management) would be administered to deliver the project.

How to apply

Applicants are required to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) by 5pm on 31 August 2018. Once the EOIs have been assessed, successful applicants will progress to the next stage, where they will be required to submit a detailed application (project plan and budget) or a business case.

The Office of Sport may provide support for the preparation of a business case, including advice on technical studies, concept plans, designs and initial approvals.

2018 Key Dates

1 June 2018 - Program opens

31 August 2018 - EOIs must be submitted by 5pm

For more information

Questions about the fund can be emailed to grantsunit@sport.nsw.gov.au or visit sport.nsw.gov.au/greater-sydney-sports-facility-fund

