

# SPORTING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLUBS

Maintaining your facilities and buildings can be a heavy financial burden for community clubs, however there are many federal/state/local government and industry organisation grants that are available to assist.

These grants provide club support in various ways. Be it making your venue more accessible or updating your equipment, the goal is often to improve the local community through involvement and participation and to stimulate local economic activity. We have some real-world examples of how these grants might benefit your club, from some of our members who have been successful recipients.

[The Maldon Golf Club](#) has made its clubhouse more accessible to more people as part of a \$15,000 'Dollar for Dollar' grant from the Federal Government Stronger Communities Grant Programme. The club is one of 20 central Victorian organisations to share in \$150,000 from the programme, which funds small capital projects with the aim to improve local community participation. Part of the conditions of this grant, is that the grant recipient must match

the granted sum, so overall the club was able to access around \$30,000. They achieved this through the support of members, local community, volunteer contributions, donations of building expertise and materials - including bobcats and diggers.

The club was able to update their facilities as well as improve their accessibility. Club secretary Bob Briggs explained that creating user friendly doorways and upgraded ramping to provide safer and more practical access

for the aged and the disabled, was a cornerstone of the project. Bob hopes that the venue will be able to function as more than just a sporting club "We hope to develop our facilities and amenities as a community venue... we have a very good multimedia system that lends itself to conferences, business workshops and other functions". Bob also noted that grants should be "... part of any clubs funding focus, especially for small, volunteer run clubs, access to the grants are so important to us".

## **MALDON GOLF CLUB'S APPLICATION TIP FOR CLUBS:**

- Put a lot of hard work in preparing your application and make sure that you are meeting the brief of the grant.
- Support your application with as many 'Letters of Support' as possible, from community and industry.





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Many of the grants for this year have closed but we've listed a few that are still open for applications.

#### GRANTS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

[Community Sports](#)  
[Infrastructure Loans Scheme](#)

Loans scheme applications open - 1 October 2020

Loans scheme applications close - 1 December 2020

Providing organisations access to low interest rate loans between \$500,000 and \$10 million to deliver community sport and recreation infrastructure.

This successful first round grants in 2018-19 saw 19 organisations awarded loans to support the delivery of over \$282 million in community sport and recreation infrastructure.

The objectives of the loans scheme include:

- Support the delivery of community sporting infrastructure that will increase participation opportunities for Victorians, placing a focus on areas of disadvantage and underrepresented groups.

Another club that has benefited from a Grant is the [Officer Tennis Club](#) who were successful applicants for the Capital Works Grant from the [Cardinia Shire Council](#). This was also a dollar for dollar grant and the club worked hard to save the funds to match the granted amount. They were partially funded by donations from the club's members, local community and also used the Australian Sports Foundation to [fundraise](#).

Officer Tennis Club's secretary Karina Clark said of the planned improvements "We have hard plexipave courts in need of repair and are getting 2 out of our 6 courts in new synthetic grass. It will aid coaches and competitions to play more often with less washouts and bring a lot of our adult clientele back to the club who can't play on the hard courts. Exciting times." She continued, "Applying for a Grant is so worthwhile as the benefits to the members and wider community are so rewarding."

#### OFFICER TENNIS CLUB'S APPLICATION TIP FOR CLUBS:

- Spend time to research the grants and the club's plans, also get quotes.
- Seek assistance from the grant provider, usually they have 'helpful hints' or 'frequently asked questions' pages available or you may be able to call and speak to someone.
- Do a grant workshop prior to applying – Cardinia Shire offers this and it's very worthwhile.



- Increase opportunities for investment in the delivery of community sport and recreation infrastructure.
- Support a range of organisations that can demonstrate the capability and capacity to deliver the Victorian Government's objectives as outlined in the Active Victoria Strategic Framework.
- Encourage a collaborative approach to the delivery of community sport and recreation infrastructure.

#### Outcomes of successful projects may include:

- Increase in sport and recreation participation opportunities by addressing gaps in community sport and recreation infrastructure provision.
- Provide increased access to sport and recreation participation for underrepresented groups.
- Facilitate the upgrade and development of significant metropolitan and regional community sport and recreation infrastructure.
- Stimulate local economic activity through the planning, building, maintenance, management and activation of redeveloped or new infrastructure.



#### Projects that may be supported under the scheme include, but are not limited to:

- New or redeveloped indoor sports stadiums
- New or upgraded multi-sport precincts that include the delivery of sports fields, sports courts and pavilion/s
- New or redeveloped sporting pavilions
- Sporting surface upgrades and developments

#### Significant Sporting Events Program

The Significant Sporting Events Program helps sporting, community, and event organisations to deliver significant sporting events in Victoria. The fund supports events that are national or international in focus or have regional significance and are recognised by a relevant sporting body.

Under the program, there are 3 types of grants available, Event assistance, Event development and Strategic event planning.



**Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing in traditionally disadvantaged communities.**



For a full list of eligibility criteria or more information about applying, check out [Significant Sporting Events Program](#) page or contact the Events Unit on 9096 9918 or [events@sport.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@sport.vic.gov.au).