

# GRASSROOTS CRICKET FUND

## VOLUNTEER & EQUIPMENT SUPPORT GRANTS

- Community Cricket Clubs & Indoor Cricket Centres
- Premier Clubs



# FUND OVERVIEW

Australian cricketers love playing cricket and are just as passionate about giving back to the game that has given them so much. That's why they're giving \$30 million of their own money to support grassroots cricket through the establishment of the Grassroots Cricket Fund (GCF).

The GCF ensures the cricket community throughout Australia gets the investment it needs to support its position as a local community pillar and continue to produce the next generation of the game's stars. We know the past 18-months have been challenging, and this season we are extending our support to include Indoor Cricket Centres and Premier Clubs.

Each year, the GCF will fund specific priority areas in grassroots cricket throughout Australia. This season, the fund is here to help ensure clubs and centres are supported to enable the development of their volunteers and the purchase of equipment to support playing, training and other operating requirements. The fund is also helping cricket play a role in maintaining the health and wellbeing of local communities during the global pandemic.

These guidelines outline how clubs and centres can apply for funding, and provide the relevant conditions, eligibility and the assessment process.

The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) and Cricket Australia (CA) will work in partnership to deliver this vital program to strengthen and support grassroots cricket in this country over coming years.

# OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the GCF grants are to ensure Cricket Clubs and Indoor Cricket Centres around Australia:

- Remain a strong pillar for local community development;
- Can access funds to support the development of their volunteers and to purchase equipment to support playing, training and other operating requirements;
- Are supported to improve and grow; and
- Can provide inclusive and accessible environments for cricket participants and the broader community.

# FUNDING CONDITIONS

Submissions made to the GCF must meet the following conditions:

To be eligible to apply for a grant:

- Clubs and centres must fall under the affiliation umbrella of a State/Territory Association and/or local Cricket Association;
- Clubs must be located in Australia, properly constituted and registered as an Incorporated Association under your relevant State/Territory legislation;
- Centres must be located in Australia and have a current public liability insurance policy in place;
- Clubs and centres must have satisfactorily met reporting requirements on any grants previously received from the Grassroots Cricket Fund;
- Clubs and centres must have adopted and endorsed the Australian Cricket Framework for Safeguarding Children & Young People this season (2021/22)\*

\* To adopt and endorse the framework a club and/or indoor centre must:

- Appoint a Child Safety Officer
  - Read and sign the Codes of Behaviour, Commitment Statement or Policy; and display them publicly
- Once you have completed these steps, please acknowledge completion with your local Cricket Manager.

Please refer to the [Cricket Australia website](#) for further information or speak with your local Cricket Manager/Premier Cricket Manager.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Entities eligible for funding in this round:

- All community cricket clubs
- Associations that 'act' as clubs in regional areas
- Premier Cricket Clubs
- Indoor Cricket centres

The following entities are not eligible for funding in this round:

- Associations (we acknowledge that some associations act as 'clubs' in some regional areas, and they will be eligible to apply)
- Regional boards which oversee associations
- Schools & Colleges and Umpire Associations

# COMMUNITY CLUBS & INDOOR CENTRES

This season there will be two rounds of funding – the first round opening on 25 October 2021 and the second on 1 February 2022.

Please see the funding criteria below for further details and note that in round two the eligibility period extends from season 2020/21 to also include the first part of 2021/22 up until the 31 December 2021.

## **ROUND 1 – OCTOBER 2021**

### **FUNDING CRITERIA**

#### **COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUBS**

To be eligible for funding, a Community Cricket Club must have been involved in at least ONE of the following initiatives in the 2020/21 season:

- a. Delivered or participated in a Woolworths Cricket Blast program (activated a Junior Blaster, Master Blaster, Pop Up or School Holiday program in My Cricket);
- b. Had a total of 10 or more girls registered in or across Woolworths Cricket Blast AND/OR Junior Cricket; **OR**  
Fielded at least one junior girls team in an affiliated girls competition.

#### **INDOOR CRICKET CENTRES**

To be eligible for funding, an Indoor Cricket Centre must have been involved in at least ONE of the following initiatives in either or both of the 2019/20 or 2020/21 seasons:

- a. Delivered or participated in a Woolworths Cricket Blast program (activated a Junior Blaster, Master Blaster, Pop Up or School Holiday program in My Cricket)
- b. Had a total of 10 or more girls registered in or across Woolworths Cricket Blast AND/OR Junior Cricket; **OR**  
Fielded at least one junior girls team in an affiliated girls competition.

Please note, if your club/centre was not aligned to the above, they are not eligible for funding this round.

## **ROUND 2 – FEBRUARY 2022**

### **FUNDING CRITERIA**

Please note, if your clubs or centre received funding in round 1, they are not eligible to apply this round.

#### **COMMUNITY CRICKET CLUBS**

To be eligible for funding, a Community Cricket Club must have been involved in at least ONE of the above initiatives in season 2020/21 or up to 31 December 2021 of season 2021/22.

#### **INDOOR CRICKET CENTRES**

To be eligible for funding, an Indoor Cricket Centre must have been involved in at least ONE of the above initiatives in either or both of the 2019/20 or 2020/21 seasons or up to 31 December 2021 of season 2021/22.

# COMMUNITY CLUBS & INDOOR CENTRES CONT.

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

If as a Community Cricket Club or Indoor Cricket Centre you can demonstrate involvement in the above initiatives, the following amounts will be available:

- One x initiative met – eligible for \$2,500
- Two x initiatives met – eligible for \$3,500

## FUNDING USE

Items and activities that will be funded through the *Grassroots Cricket Fund* includes:

[Please note: Costs incurred prior to 1 July 2021 are not considered eligible]

### VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- Volunteer development – e.g. attendance to training sessions: mental health first aid, first aid course, cultural awareness, child safety officer, umpire
- Club initiatives – e.g. a recruitment drive to boost participation for a club, initiatives with a focus on inclusion

### EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONAL ITEMS

- Coaching and junior kits through our partnership with Kookaburra (refer to application form for further information)
- Discounted 'Junior Flicx Pitch' via our partnership with Flicx (refer to application form for further information)
- AED defib pack through the Community Heart Program (refer to our website for further details)
- COVID Safe materials – e.g. signage, cleaning costs and hygiene stations
- Coaching & training equipment – e.g. catching nets, bowling machines, pug nets
- Playing equipment – e.g. stumps, playing kits, apparel
- Equipment for participants – e.g. helmets, stem guards, pads, gloves, thigh guards, bats
- Technology to support club operations – e.g. Tablets, laptops
- Maintenance equipment – e.g. rollers, sprinklers, mowers
- Facilities equipment – e.g. temporary nets, covers, storage shed, temporary scoreboards
- Club equipment – e.g. temporary shade, BBQs, white goods, First Aid Kits

Equipment that will not be funded through the Grassroots Cricket Fund:

- Professional coaching, player payments or administration salaries
- Capital building works including renovations and extensions
- Canteen items such as soft drink, food and alcohol
- Rental costs associated with the annual or seasonal hire of facilities
- Leasing of vehicles, trailers and accessories
- Ongoing operational costs such as salaries for ongoing positions, rent, electricity and other utilities.

## ACQUITTAL

You will need to send through receipts for the items purchased using the grant money, photos no later than 31st May 2022.

# PREMIER CRICKET CLUBS

## INFORMATION FOR PREMIER CRICKET CLUBS

We know the many roles Premier Clubs play, notably supporting their local community. The GCF is offering to help Premier Clubs support their local community clubs through player development, coaching development and club operations.

Premier Clubs have an important role to play in fostering a love of the game at a community level and making visible the opportunities to our next generation of cricketers.

This season there will be two rounds of funding – the first round opening on 25 October 2021 and the second on 13 February 2022. All clubs are only eligible to apply in one of these funding rounds. Please see the funding criteria below for further details and note that in round two the eligibility period extends from season 2020/21 to also include the first part of 2021/22 up until the 31 December 2021.

## FUNDING CRITERIA

### Round 1 – October 2021

To receive funding, Premier Clubs will be asked to document the way in which they provided support to local community clubs in season 2020/21.

### Round 2 – February 2022

To receive funding, Premier Clubs will be asked to document the way in which they provided support to local community clubs in season 2020-21 and/or up to 31/12/2021 of season 2021/22.

Please note - if your club received funding in round 1, they are not eligible to apply this round.

## FUNDING AVAILABLE

As a Premier Club you can demonstrate involvement by connecting to community clubs in the areas of player development, coach development and other areas of club operations, you will be eligible for \$2,500.

## FUNDING USE

Premier Clubs are required to use the funding to help grow and deepen their connections with local community clubs and to further develop their offerings.

Below are some examples of the types of activities/programs Premier clubs may have offered last season in order to support their local clubs:

- Conducted a coaching session with junior coaches from local community clubs with an aim to support their development. E.g: Premier Club representative provided guidance around the set up of the session and provided feedback to the developing coaches
- Provided a coach to local community clubs junior training sessions to assist with player skill development - this can include specialist skill sessions such as spin, pace bowling, wicket keeping
- Provided a session for local clubs to understand wicket preparation - the session was run by the club curator or provider to develop better knowledge for junior clubs who play on turf facilities
- Hosted a workshop for local junior cricketers around leadership development, etc.
- Ran an underage academy program - reaching out to clubs in the area
- Club involvement in junior cricket competitions for girls

## ACQUITTAL

All clubs who submit a successful application and receive funding must also complete the acquittal process. This will involve submitting evidence of how the funding has supported the ongoing delivery of support and connection to local community clubs in the areas of player development, coach development and other areas of club operations.

# ASSESSMENT

The fund is administered by a joint committee of representatives from the ACA and CA. The committee has been formed to make decisions on the allocation of the funds, on behalf of the players.

The assessment may take 4–6 weeks from the closing date. All applicants will receive written notification of the outcome of the assessment process.

# HOW TO APPLY

## ROUND 2

From 14 February 2022 (12pm AEDT), clubs and centres will be able to apply for funding via an online form at [grassrootscricketfund.com.au](http://grassrootscricketfund.com.au).

Grant applications will be accepted up until the closing date of 6 March 2022 (7:59 AEDT).

# FACILITIES

The players also understand the importance of high quality and inclusive facilities for players, officials, volunteers and fans. For this reason, the players and the ACA will support community cricket facilities by partnering with CA and State and Territory Cricket Associations to implement the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund.

To apply for both minor and major infrastructure grants please see the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund application form.

## CONTACT

For further information about the Grassroots Cricket Fund Club grants please contact:

CA Customer Support Team  
1800 CRICKET (274 2538), or visit [www.grassrootscricketfund.com.au](http://www.grassrootscricketfund.com.au)

OR alternatively contact your Local Cricket Manager / Premier Cricket Manager