

Grassroots Cricket Fund 2020/21

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are Cricket Australia and the Australian Cricketers' Association partnering together?

The Grassroots Cricket Fund has been established by Australia's cricketers to strengthen grassroots cricket in this country for generations to come. The fund will commit up to \$30 million in funds from professional Australian cricket player payments to be invested to support and strengthen Australian community cricket.

The players, the Australian Cricketers' Association and Cricket Australia are working in partnership to deliver the Fund, focusing on providing equipment grants, playing and training facilities to clubs across Australia.

This will ensure community cricket clubs around Australia get much-needed investment to reinforce their position as pillars for local communities that offer welcoming and inclusive environments for players of all abilities, fans, umpires, officials and volunteers.

What types of projects receive *funding from the Grassroots Cricket Fund*?

Facilities

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

Drawing on the *Grassroots Cricket Fund*, the players' contribution to the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund will specifically invest in playing and training facilities such as pitches, ovals, training nets and lighting. The ACIF is open to all clubs, associations, schools, councils and cricket facility managers, acknowledging the important role that these partners play in developing facilities for community cricket across Australia.

ACIF open and close dates will vary in each state and territory. Your state association will promote when grants are available in your state.

Equipment

For the third year running, the Grassroots Cricket Fund is making a total of \$2 million available to community cricket clubs this season to deliver great experiences and support to their local communities. We know this season is likely to be tougher than most given the impact of COVID and the GCF is here to help ensure clubs are supported financially to enable the purchase of equipment to support playing, training and other operating requirements.

From 3 September 2020, the grants will be open for three weeks or until funds are exhausted and be positioned as an opportunity for clubs to prepare for the upcoming season.

How are we determining eligibility?

To receive funding, as a club you must have been involved in at least **ONE** of the following initiatives in season 19/20:

- Participation in or hosting of a Woolworths Cricket Blast program (activated a Junior or Master Blaster program)
- Fielded at least one junior girls team in an affiliated competition
- Adopted & endorsed the Australian Cricket Safeguarding Children and Young Persons Framework

Please note, if your club was not aligned to the above initiatives last season, they are not eligible for this particular funding round.

A club must also be:

- ✓ Affiliated with a State / Territory Association and / or local Cricket Association;
- ✓ Located in Australia, and registered as an Incorporated Association under your relevant State / Territory legislation; and
- ✓ Have satisfactorily met reporting requirements on any grants previously received from the Grassroots Cricket Fund

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

- Premier clubs
- 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, Indoor Cricket Centres and Umpire Associations

How much funding is available for equipment grants?

If as a club you can demonstrate involvement in the above initiatives, the following amounts will be available:

- 1 x initiative met – eligible to apply for \$1,000
- 2 x initiatives met – eligible to apply for \$1,500
- 3 x initiatives met – eligible to apply for \$2,000

What types of equipment can and can't be funded through the Grassroots Cricket Fund?

Equipment that will be funded through the *Grassroots Cricket Fund* includes:

- COVID Safe materials e.g. signage, cleaning costs & hygiene stations
- Equipment for individuals e.g. helmets, stem guards, pads, gloves, thigh guards, bats
- Competition and training equipment e.g. Uniforms, stumps, bats, balls, cones;
- Technology to support club operations e.g. iPads, laptops;
- Maintenance equipment: e.g. rollers, sprinklers, mowers;

- Facilities equipment: e.g. temporary nets, covers;
- Club equipment e.g. temporary shade, BBQs; white goods; and
- Other items than support the club, the players and the local community.

This fund is really trying to provide support to clubs get cricket underway this summer. We are looking to support applications for all types of cricket equipment, both on-field and off-field.

Please note, costs incurred prior to 1 July 2020 are not considered eligible

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; and
- Ongoing operational costs such as salaries for ongoing positions, rent, electricity and other utilities.

A copy of the guidelines for the Grassroots Cricket Fund equipment grants are available on the website.

How can clubs apply for funding from the Grassroots Cricket Fund – Equipment grant?

From Thursday, 3 September (12PM EST), clubs will be able to apply for funding through the Grassroots Cricket Fund equipment grants via an online form through the:

- GCF website - www.grassrootscricketfund.com.au

Please note the *Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund* (ACIF) is administered by each state and territory association.

How long will the application process take?

The application process should take no longer than 10 minutes.

Will it be necessary to provide quotes to showcase how the club will utilise any funding we receive?

No, you are not required to upload any quotes, however you will need to send through receipts for the items purchased using the grant money no later than 31 January 2021.

When do applications close?

Grant applications will be accepted up until the closing date of 27 September 2020 (11:59pm EST) or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Key dates:

APPLICATIONS OPEN:	3 September 2020 (12PM EST)
APPLICATIONS CLOSE:	27 September 2020 (11:59pm EST) or when funds are exhausted
APPLICANTS NOTIFIED:	Please allow 4 – 6 weeks from when the round closes
ACQUITTAL DUE:	31 January 2021

What is the timeline to use the funding?

Funding must be used this season and clubs must provide receipts for acquittal by the 31 January 2021.

Assessment of Applications

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

The club's commitment to delivering the Australian Cricket Strategy including:

- fielding of at least 1 x girls team in 19/20,
- participation in or hosting of Junior Blaster &/or Master Blaster in 19/20, or
- adoption & endorsement of Child Safe Framework as evidenced in MyCricket in 19/20

Will a paper version be available?

No, clubs must apply via the online form.

Who decides where the grants go?

The fund is administered by a joint committee of representatives from the Australian Cricketers' Association and Cricket Australia. The committee has been formed to make decisions on the allocation of the funds, on behalf of the players.

Why are clubs required to provide their club banking details?

If the application is successful, payments will be made to your nominated club bank account. An email will be sent to the nominated email address as a record of the payment. The information will only be used if the application is successful and not for any other purposes.