

Grassroots Cricket Fund 2019/20 Information Pack

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

The players, the ACA and CA will work in partnership to deliver the *Grassroots Cricket Fund* to strengthen community cricket across Australia for generations to come. Both the ACA and CA are driven to see cricket at every level in Australia thrive. They also understand the vital role grassroots cricket plays in bringing communities together, increasing healthy activity and ensuring that cricket remains a sport for all Australians.

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

Equipment

For the second year running, funding opportunities for community clubs will be provided through the Grassroots Cricket Fund to purchase equipment to support playing, training and other operating requirements.

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

- Competition and training equipment e.g. Helmets, 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; and
- Other items than support the club, the players and the local community.

Also, with player safety and supporting volunteers a priority for the game's elite players, the Grassroots Cricket Fund has partnered with helmet manufacturer Masuri and technology company, Microsoft to provide discounted products for clubs to access through the equipment grants. Clubs can choose to take on these offers or alternatively, purchase any of the above items through their preferred supplier.

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

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.

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*.

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.

How can clubs apply for funding from the *Grassroots Cricket Fund*?

From Monday 9 September, clubs will be able to apply for funding through the Grassroots Cricket Fund equipment grants via an online form from www.grassrootscricketfund.com.au or through the www.community.cricket.com.au website.

The *Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund* is administered by each state and territory association.

How much funding is available for equipment grants?

Clubs can apply for grants of up to \$2,500.

Can clubs really get funding for whatever they like?

This fund is really trying to provide support to clubs in ways in which they specifically require. We advise clubs to check the Fund guidelines for the fine print, but we are looking to support applications for all types of cricket equipment, both on-field and off-field.

What is the process for purchasing packages through Masuri?

1. Follow the link below.
2. Review the options on the Masuri website and take a note of the title and code of the offer.
3. Take a screenshot of the package to upload onto application form.
4. Return to application form and complete it by ticking the option of your choice.
5. Provide the name of your usual preferred supplier for these items (optional).
6. Upload screenshot of package option.
7. Submit application.
8. If successful, you will be notified via email by the GCF Team and your order will be sent by us to Masuri for processing.
9. The team at Masuri will contact you directly regarding your order (logo/colour/sizing/delivery).

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How can we take advantage of the Microsoft offers?

To take advantage of the Microsoft Store Purchase Program:

1. Follow the Microsoft link below.
2. Simply select your products and add items to your cart.
3. Create a Microsoft Account
4. Take a screenshot of the total products and cost.
5. Attach screenshot to this grant application and submit.
6. If successful, visit Microsoft Online Store or the Microsoft Sydney Store in the Pitt Street Mall.

Microsoft Customer Service team can help you at any time via Live chat on Microsoft Store Online or call directly on 1800 267 785.

How are we determining eligibility?

All community cricket clubs, with the exception of Premier Cricket Clubs, are eligible to apply. Please visit <https://read.e-brochures.com.au/cricketaustralia/2018-national-premier-cricket-handbook/#page/52> for a full list of the Premier Clubs in Australia.

Please note, clubs who did not receive funding in round 1 will be prioritised. As a result, those who did receive funding in Round 1 will be the last organisations prioritised.

Why aren't Premier Clubs being considered for this round?

To ensure Premier Cricket remains a valuable and important component of the national cricketing pathway, Premier Clubs are able to access a number of funding streams to ensure direct financial support from the Australian Cricketers' Association and State and Territory Cricket Associations.

For this reason, Premier Clubs will be ineligible to access the \$2 million Community Club Equipment Grant in 2019/20 to give community clubs who don't have access to these additional funds the opportunity to receive direct funding support.

Importantly, all clubs from across Australia are eligible to apply for funding through the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund – with up to \$1 million in contribution from the Grassroots Cricket Fund – which will invest in community playing and training facilities such as pitches, ovals, training nets and lighting.

How long will the application process take?

The application process should take no longer than 10 minutes. In saying that, if there is a wish to pause your application and come back at a later time, you can do that.

When do applications close?

Grant applications will be accepted up until the closing date of 29 September 2019 or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

Will a paper version be available?

No, clubs must apply via the online form.

Who decides where the grants go?

A joint ACA/CA Committee has been formed to make decisions on the allocation of the funds.