

# Media Release

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## CLUBS, COMMUNITY WIN BIG WITH LOCAL SPORTS SUPPORT

Community sporting clubs and associations can now make their pitch for a share of more than \$100 million in Victorian Government grants dedicated to supporting grassroots players and volunteers.

More than three million Victorians are involved in community sport and recreation. From today, 12,000 clubs and associations across the state will be able to apply for support under a \$40 million program to help with basic running costs and to support readiness to return to play.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence also today confirmed that \$68 million from the Government's \$2.7 billion *Building Works* stimulus package would be allocated to fast-track community sports infrastructure projects across Victoria – creating jobs and supporting local businesses.

From Monday, 1 June, local councils and alpine resort boards, with the support of local sporting bodies, will be able to apply for funding of up to \$10 million for shovel-ready projects.

The \$40 million community club and association program is a key component of the Government's *Experience Economy Survival Package* and will help associations, leagues and clubs maintain their viability and connection to their communities, assist the return to training and play, and support members.

Eligible organisations will be able to apply for funding in four categories, with grants available for amounts:

- Up to \$350,000 for large state sporting associations
- Up to \$200,000 for smaller state sporting associations, regional sports assemblies and academies, and other state sport and recreational bodies
- Up to \$15,000 for associations and leagues
- Up to \$1,000 for individual clubs.

Applications for grants under the *Victorian Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package* will be accepted from 25 May until 15 June 2020, or until the funding allocation is exhausted.

For further information and directions on how to apply, visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

*"Community sport plays such a vital role in the lives and wellbeing of so many Victorians, and that's why we are getting behind our clubs."*

*"This is making it that little bit easier to pay the bills as we start to train again and move cautiously towards a return to the park."*

*"We will back projects that have the support of their community, will create jobs and provide real benefits."*