

Media Release

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MORE TIME FOR CLUBS TO APPLY FOR SPORTING CLUB GRANTS

The Andrews Labor Government is giving grassroots sports clubs across Victoria more time to apply for funding through the *2020/21 Sporting Club Grants Program*.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced the application deadline has been extended to 19 April 2021 for the latest round of the program.

The *Sporting Club Grants Program* provides funds to assist with costs associated with the impact of coronavirus as well as funds for equipment, training coaches, officials and volunteers, and improving administrative expertise.

This latest round includes the new *Circuit Breaker Event Support* category, which provides grants for incurred costs that could not be recouped after events or activities were cancelled or postponed due to the February circuit-breaker action.

An additional coronavirus recovery category is also being delivered to provide up to \$2,000 for clubs and up to \$5,000 for leagues and associations to help them get back on their feet.

Other *Sporting Club Grants Program* categories provide payments of up to \$1,000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$5,000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers and up to \$5,000 to improve club operational effectiveness.

The *Sporting Club Grants Program* is part of the Labor Government's commitment to make community sport accessible and inclusive, stimulate local economies, build sustainable sport and recreation and volunteer opportunities, and increase local participation.

Since 2014, the Government has provided more than 4,950 sporting clubs with grants totalling more than \$6.8 million.

For more information, a list of past recipients and to apply for support through the *Sporting Club Grants Program*, visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We're providing more time for clubs to tap into grants to help cover key costs and invest in the future through training for coaches and volunteers."

"This is about giving more Victorians an opportunity to embrace an active and healthy lifestyle, and access all the sport and career pathways that community sport offers."