

Media Release

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STUMPING UP FOR INCLUSION, SUSTAINABILITY IN SPORT SECTOR

The Andrews Labor Government is ramping up support for sport and active recreation organisations to build the sector's capability and help more people get involved in regular activity.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications were open for the next round of the *Together More Active* program.

This round sees project funding of up to \$120,000 per year available over two years for all recognised state sporting associations, state sport and active recreation bodies and regional academies of sport.

Project funding is available to assist in the development and delivery of programs that support participation outcomes or build resilience and capacity.

Sector Capability Building grants are also available to Regional Sport Victoria, Vicsport, Outdoors Victoria and Victoria's nine regional sport assemblies, with a focus on initiatives that support sector sustainability and increase inclusive participation.

Outdoors Victoria and the nine regional sport assemblies can also apply for project funding.

In 2019, the first round of the program provided more than \$18 million, including \$6.3 million to 79 sport and active recreation organisations for projects that improve their competitive edge, boost organisational capacity, increase membership and sustainability, create more participation opportunities, and increase diversity and inclusiveness.

A further \$5.73 million was allocated to Regional Sport Victoria, Vicsport and the nine regional sport assemblies to support sector capability building initiatives.

The first round also saw \$6 million in Foundation Funding allocated over four years to 75 recognised sport and active recreation organisations to assist with planning, policy and business development.

Previously funded initiatives include the Council on the Ageing's *Strength Training for Life – Dance and Activities* project – which helps older Victorians take part in dance and physical activities – and Triathlon Victoria's *TRIactive Hub* at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, which delivers year-round programs and stage entry-level events.

The *Together More Active* program is part of the Labor Government's work to build a more sustainable sport sector and increase participation for everyone.

For more information about grant opportunities, visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Together More Active offers Victoria's sporting organisations an opportunity to make a real difference in the community by ensuring more people have the opportunity to get active and participate in the sports they love."