

# Media Release

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## GRANTS FOR OUR NEXT GENERATION OF FIRST NATIONS ATHLETES

The Allan Labor Government is backing Victoria's next generation of Aboriginal athletes with new grants available for uniforms, equipment, travel and participation in sport carnivals.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced the latest grant recipients and the opening of the next round of applications for the popular *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program*.

The program delivers grants of up to \$1,000 for team uniforms and sport equipment, as well as up to \$2,500 for teams for travel and accommodation costs so they can participate in both Victorian or national carnivals and tournaments.

Individuals can also access up to \$250 to purchase sporting uniforms and equipment, and up to \$750 for travel and accommodation expenses.

In the last round of recipients Vic Eagles basketball club received \$4,000 to help their under 15 girls, under 15 boys, and mens and womens basketball teams travel to the First Nations Championships in Queensland.

Koorie Academy of Basketball in the previous round also received \$1,000 towards the Koorie Academy Allstars Vs Treaty in the 2024 Treaty Cup in Melbourne during NAIDOC week in July.

The *Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program* reflects the Labor Government's strong support for the Victorian Aboriginal community and building stronger connections with the community sport sector.

Since 2020, the Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program has provided more than 420 grants to community sport clubs and individuals in Victoria's Indigenous communities.

Applications for the next round of funding are open until 9 July 2024. For more information or to apply visit [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"These grants provide an opportunity for our next generation of First Nations athletes to play the sports they love and follow in the footsteps of other legendary First Nations athletes."*

*"I am encouraging sports clubs, Aboriginal organisations, local participants and volunteers to apply for the next round of grants to support the First Nations athletes in your community."*

### Quote attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins

*"We're supporting more Aboriginal athletes to take part in the sports they love, without worrying about the costs of uniforms and equipment."*