

SPORTS GRANTS FUNDING GUIDELINES

1. OVERALL PURPOSE

The Outback Communities Authority (OCA) Sports Activity Small Grants Program provides financial assistance of up to \$500 to Incorporated and active recreation and sport organisations or Progress Associations for projects and initiatives that encourage sporting activities in the region covered by the Authority.

The health benefits of being active are well known and this program invites communities and clubs involved in the active recreation and sport industry to develop projects and initiatives to address this issue.

2. OUTCOMES

The Sports Grants program aims to increase participation in physical activity and support eligible incorporated bodies in delivering sports and recreation programs beneficial to outback communities.

3. FUNDING LEVEL

The OCA Sports Grants program provides funding to a limit of \$500.

One-off funding only is available and this program does not provide ongoing OCA funding.

4. FUNDING ROUNDS

OCA conducts two funding rounds each year, in September and March.

5. ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS

Eligible organisations are incorporated bodies operating within the OCA's jurisdiction. Organisations must have an ABN (Australian Business Number) to be eligible for funding. Preference will be given to clubs or organisations that are registered with the Starclub program.

6. ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

The Sports Grants program provides one-off project funding for specific purposes.

EXAMPLES OF WHAT MAY BE FUNDED

- Purchase of sporting equipment or development of sports programs to initiate new activity within the community.
- Training for specific sports roles within the organisation or community.
- Sponsorships of up to \$500 for athletes to attend training or compete at either State or National Competitions in their chosen sporting field.
- Coach/Official accredited courses
- Leader/Sports Trainer courses

7. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications are assessed on merit based on the following criteria and OCA priorities:

- Level, type and evidence of need.
- Extent of community benefit/outcome.
- Equitable funding and allocations across outback regions.
- Organisation's capacity to deliver the project.
- Complementation of other programs.
- Increases participation in physical activity in the Outback
- Develops sustainable partnerships with other stakeholders
- Is viable and sustainable
- The club or organisations registration in Starclub and its progress in the program

8. ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

At the completion of the funded project, funding recipients must provide OCA with an acquittal of expenditure, together with a Project Evaluation Report outlining the activities and outcomes of the project.

These reports are due one month after completion of the funded project and when all the funds have been expended. This allows sufficient time to measure the project's impact on the community.

Failure to submit acquittal and Project Evaluation Reports may render future applications from the organisation ineligible.

9. MAJOR REASONS FOR UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

It is likely that not all applications received for OCA Sports Grants will be successful, as the demand for funding may outweigh the funds available for distribution. To maximise your organisation's chance of success, be familiar with the guidelines and seek support from your community prior to submitting the application. It is still possible that other projects may have higher priority (see Assessment Criteria, above).

Incomplete documentation is one of the major reasons for unsuccessful funding applications. If you're unsure of the OCA Sports Grants requirements, contact OCA staff.

Other reasons for unsuccessful applications may include:

- the project does not fit within the guidelines;
- the project has ongoing funding implications that are not addressed; or
- the organisation has failed to provide acquittal and Project Evaluation Reports from prior funding rounds.

10. CONTACT DETAILS

If you have enquiries regarding OCA Sports Grants contact the Community Development Officer at the OCA office in Port Augusta, details as follows:

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