

Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program Field of Play and Partnership Fund

Program Guidelines

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1. Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program objective

The Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program (Games On!) is a Queensland Government initiative supporting local clubs, delivered by the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The program aims to strengthen community participation, enhance the quality and accessibility of sporting facilities, and delivering a lasting infrastructure legacy across Queensland.

The Queensland Government wants to ensure that Queensland remains the home of Australian sport and becomes a world leader in Para-sport. We know that to achieve this we need to inspire more Queenslanders to get more active, more often. That's why the new Queensland Government is investing in local clubs through the Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program, to give clubs the resources they need to thrive with fit-for-purpose and accessible places and spaces.

This program supports eligible organisations to deliver infrastructure improvements in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and beyond, to make sure local communities see real and lasting benefits.

Games On! supports two categories:

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| Category 1
Field of Play | Field of Play focuses on smaller, community-level infrastructure projects that strengthen community participation and enhance the quality and accessibility of sporting facilities. |
| Category 2
Partnership Fund | The Partnership Fund targets larger-scale high-impact projects across precincts and multi-activity infrastructure, with expected significant co-contribution, typically involving Local Government as the lead applicant. |

Games On! consists of two stages:

Stage One - Registration of Interest (ROI):

Through the ROI process applicants will be required to demonstrate that they are an eligible organisation delivering an eligible project. The applicant will need to provide evidence of alignment to strategic infrastructure planning and the ability to deliver the project to progress to Stage Two.

Stage Two - Complete application:

Shortlisted applicants from the ROI stage will be invited to submit a complete application and must demonstrate a level of project readiness (shovel readiness) by providing all relevant documentation outlined in the program guidelines and the Application Planning Tool.

2. Key dates

Activity	Date
Registration of Interest	Open 3 February 2026 Close 18 March 2026 – 08:00pm AEST
Complete Application*	Commencing mid-June 2026
Successful applications announced**	Late September 2026
Field of Play Projects Completion	Late November 2028
Partnership Fund Project Completion	July 2029

* Only shortlisted eligible applicants will be invited to submit a complete application.

** Construction of approved projects cannot commence until all grant agreement pre-construction requirements are compliant to the department's satisfaction.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Who can apply?

Organisations eligible to apply for funding must meet the following criteria:

- be registered with and Australian Business Number (ABN); **and**
- deliver or coordinate an eligible activity/ies (refer to [Appendix B](#) for eligible activities); **and**
- operate as a not-for-profit, local, regional or multi activity sport or active recreation organisation (with an objective of sport or active recreation) that is incorporated under one of the following acts:
 - *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Queensland)*
 - *Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth)*
 - *Co-operatives National Law Act 2020*
 - *Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait) Act 2006 (Commonwealth); or*
- is a Queensland local government (refer to [Appendix E](#)); **or**
- is an incorporated sport or active recreation State Level Organisation managing infrastructure or an affiliate organisation with infrastructure; **or**
- is a National Sport Organisation operating in Queensland under a governance model recognised by the Australian Sports Commission, managing infrastructure or an affiliate organisation with infrastructure; **or**
- is a State-wide, multi-location sport and active recreation organisation, whose branches/sites are not separately incorporated.

Additionally, at the time of the closing of both ROI and complete application stages, applicants may be required to:

- have met all the obligations for other projects/activities currently funded by the department
- have no debt owing to the department
- have no outstanding compliance issues with the Office of Fair Trading.

As a part of the assessment process, the department may contact the applicant to request further information, however it is the applicant's responsibility to provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate why they should not be deemed ineligible at the time of application.

Organisations are requested to contact the nearest [department office](#) or telephone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) before applying. To check if your organisation has any outstanding compliance issues, contact the [Office of Fair Trading](#).

3.2 Who cannot apply?

Examples of entities that are NOT eligible to apply are:

- individuals
- not-for-profit organisations that do not have an objective of sport and active recreation or do not deliver or coordinate an eligible sport
- for-profit groups, including trusts/trustees and sole traders
- unincorporated organisations
- state sport and active recreation bodies (excluding State Level Organisations listed above)
- schools, TAFE Colleges and universities
- parents and citizens associations
- religious groups (where their main objective is not to deliver or coordinate sport)
- political organisations (where their main objective is not to deliver or coordinate sport)
- State or Federal government departments.
- Organisations named on the National Redress Scheme's website as [declined to join the Scheme](#). Refer to the Australian Government National Redress Scheme (www.nationalredress.gov.au).

4. Funding available

The program provides a total of \$30 million (GST exclusive) in funding, to support eligible applicants for shovel-ready new and upgraded infrastructure and spaces to be fit-for-purpose, improve access and enable participation for all Queenslanders.

- Games On! Field of Play – Total funding \$20 million available to support smaller, community-level infrastructure projects that strengthen community participation and enhance the quality and accessibility of sporting facilities
- Games On! Partnership Fund – Total funding \$10 million available to support larger-scale high-impact projects across precincts and multi-activity infrastructure, with expected significant co-contribution, typically involving Local Government as the lead applicant.

Eligible organisations may submit multiple ROIs under either funding category where:

- each submission relates to a different site or activity, and
- the applicant holds appropriate tenure for each location.

Remote and Very Remote Local Government Areas ([Appendix D](#)) and Discrete Communities including the Torres Strait ([Appendix C](#)) will have maximum funding amount and the level of applicant contribution assessed to account for the complexities of delivering projects in these locations.

The department may consider that an application may be better suited to another program under this department or another government agency. Where this occurs, the department may share the information provided by the applicant with this department or another agency, for the purposes of assessing the applicant's eligibility for other government programs or funding opportunities. The department will discuss this with the applicant prior to any transfer of the application to another program or sharing of information for such purposes. The applicant acknowledges that the transfer of application or sharing of information does not guarantee eligibility for, or the receipt of, funding from the other program.

4.1 Applicant co-contribution and financial commitments

Applicants (excluding applicants located in Discrete Communities applying for funding under the Field of Play category) are expected to provide a co-contribution for the delivery of approved projects. Higher percentage of co-contributions will be considered more favourably.

At Stage Two, eligible applicants must provide evidence that co-contributions have been secured and demonstrate the ability to cover any ineligible project costs included with the application.

In-kind contributions will not be accepted as part of the applicant's financial contribution.

Applicants should note that project cost estimates provided at the ROI stage are indicative only. If invited to submit a complete application, final total project costs may increase or decrease. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they can meet their required financial contribution, including any costs that exceed the available funding provided.

Applicants should also be aware that a mandatory 15% escalation and contingency allowance and a 5% project management allowance will be included in the total project cost as part of the Stage Two application submission. These allowances assist to mitigate increased project costs but may increase the applicant's required contribution.

For shortlisted applicants submitting a complete application in Stage Two, the department may accept confirmation of other Government funding sources including Federal, State or Local government infrastructure funding as the applicant's co-contribution. However, this may be considered a higher risk by the department and will be assessed accordingly.

4.2 Games On! Field of Play

Under the Field of Play category, funding is available to support community-level infrastructure projects that strengthen community participation and enhance the quality and accessibility of sporting facilities.

The following funding is available as detailed below.

Project Location	Department Contribution limits (GST exclusive)	Maximum total project cost (GST exclusive)
Projects located within urban and regional LGAs	\$50,000 - \$499,999	\$1 million
Projects located within remote and very remote LGAs*	\$50,000 - \$739,999	\$1.48 million
Projects located within discrete communities**	\$50,000 - \$829,999	\$1.66 million

*Refer to [Appendix D – Remote and Very Remote Local Government Areas](#)

**Refer to [Appendix C – Discrete Communities](#)

Applicants are expected to make a co-contribution, an indicative guide is shown below, noting that higher co-contributions will be assessed more favourably.

Indicative Co-contribution guide

Project Location	Potential minimum applicant financial contribution
Projects located within urban and regional LGAs	20% of eligible project costs
Projects located within remote and very remote LGAs*	10% of eligible project costs
Projects located within discrete communities**	Nil

Eligible projects

Proposed projects under the Field of Play category are required to be:

- aligned to a Strategic Plan from a State Level or National Sporting Organisation or Local Government Authority
- completed within a two-year construction period.

Projects will only be funded to facilitate community level activity deemed appropriate for active recreation, training and/or local competition.

For lighting projects, only the average illumination levels for community sport as outlined in [Appendix F](#) will be considered.

The project submitted at the ROI stage must be the same project that progresses to the complete application stage. Shortlisted applicants cannot make changes to the type of project, type of infrastructure, project location, or land tenure.

Some examples:

Install LED lighting to an existing oval that supports football and rugby league.	Install shade structures, pontoon and upgrade skate park to support physical activity.
Upgrade courts from bitumen to flexipave including line marking to allow for multi-activity use.	Construct amenities and install access path and ramps to support participation of people with a disability.
Replace metal halide lighting that has reached end-of-life with LED to meet community-level activity requirements.	Upgrade of artificial pitch where the surface requires end of life replacement.
Smaller scale infrastructure works including solar power systems, electrical infrastructure upgrades and CCTV/Security improvements that support the quality and accessibility of the facility.	Irrigation upgrade to improve water efficiency and turf quality at a multi-use facility.

Eligible projects are not limited to the examples listed in the table above. Applications for all projects that meet the aims of the Program will be considered.

4.3 Games On! Partnership Fund

Under the Partnership Fund category, funding is available to support larger-scale high-impact projects across precincts and multi-activity infrastructure, with expected significant co-contribution, typically involving Local Government as the lead applicant. Precincts may include new, upgraded and re-developed precincts.

These projects should consider options to increase participation, accessibility and prominence of all-abilities sport in their multi-use strategy.

As part of the Partnership Fund Category, the department is looking to work in true partnership with the organisation and ensure any investment has a long-term benefit for Queensland communities and working towards creating a more regenerative industry.

The department will consider applications from organisations with commercial revenue streams and will look for an agreed partnership model to see a return on a portion of the investment as agreed by all parties and in partnership with the relevant Queensland Government entity.

An organisation is considered to have commercial revenue streams if it meets any of, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Involves supporting a professional sports team or organisation (defined as teams whose athletes receive payment for their performance in a National League).
- Generates revenue through ticket sales, sponsorships, gaming machines, licensed venue or other income streams and has an annual turnover exceeding \$20 million.

The following funding is available and minimum applicant contributions apply as detailed below.

Project Location	Department Contribution (GST exclusive)	Minimum Total Project Cost (GST exclusive) (Including applicant contribution)
Projects located within urban and regional LGA's	Starting from \$500,000	\$1,000,000
Projects located within remote and very remote LGAs*	Starting from \$740,000	
Projects located within discrete communities**	Starting from \$830,000	

*Refer to [Appendix D – Remote and Very Remote Local Government Areas](#)

**Refer to [Appendix C – Discrete Communities](#)

Applicants are expected to make a co-contribution, an indicative guide is shown below, noting that higher co-contributions will be assessed more favourably.

Indicative co-contribution guide	
Project Location	Potential minimum applicant financial contribution
Projects located within urban and regional LGAs	Around 50% of eligible project costs (comprising up front co-contribution and/or a portion of a return on investment as agreed by the parties)
Projects located within remote and very remote LGAs*	Around 40% of eligible project costs
Projects located within discrete communities**	Around 10% of eligible project costs

Eligible projects

Proposed projects under the Partnership Fund category must be:

- identified in an Infrastructure Strategic Plan from a State Level or National Sporting Organisation or Local Government Area
- completed within a three-year construction period.

Projects will be funded to facilitate community level activity deemed appropriate for active recreation, training and/or local competition.

For lighting projects, funding will primarily support achieving the average illumination levels required for community sport, as outlined in Appendix F.

However, proposals that include lighting specifications for state, national, or broadcast-level events will also be considered, provided it is identified in an Infrastructure Strategic Plan from a State Level or National Sporting Organisation or Local Government Area. Such projects must meet the relevant standards for higher-level competition and broadcasting requirements, ensuring compliance with industry regulations and technical guidelines. Applications for state, national, or broadcast lighting must be specifically identified in the relevant level plan (i.e. State level competition should be in a State plan, National level competition should be in a National Plan and include a detailed justification, outlining how the enhanced lighting infrastructure will support events, attract significant community or economic benefits, and ensure long-term sustainability.

Under this category, the department will consider projects exceeding community level participation standards where there is evidence of strategic planning, and the project is deemed fit-for-purpose.

The project submitted at the ROI stage must be the same project that progresses to the complete application stage. Shortlisted applicants cannot make changes to the type of project, type of infrastructure, project location, or land tenure.

Some examples:

Install field lighting at a multi-sport precinct to cater for increasing participation.	Upgrade a regionally significant multi-use facility to support state and national level competitions.
Construct a new indoor 3-court facility to support multi-sport activities in a new population growth area.	Develop new walking, running and off-road trails connecting a regional sporting facility to regionally significant open space parklands.
Upgrade of a playground to support physical activity in a park including half-court, pump track and fitness stations.	Construct a clubhouse with changeroom and amenities incorporating universal design principles to support participation of women and girls.

Eligible projects are not limited to the examples listed in the table above. Applications for all projects that meet the aims of the program will be considered.

5. What will not be funded

The following are ineligible for funding under both Category 1 and Category 2 projects:

- Commenced projects that are seeking reimbursement / retrospective funding for works undertaken, whether partial or those that have reached practical completion.
- Like-for-like and replacement projects that are seeking like-for-like replacement surfaces or infrastructure (that have not been identified as “end of life”) are not considered an upgrade. These are considered replacement projects and are ineligible.
- Maintenance projects as defined as work on existing infrastructure with the intention of:
 - preventing further deterioration or failure
 - making temporary repairs for immediate health, safety, and/or security reasons.

The department reserves the right to determine what constitutes commenced, like-for-like, replacement or maintenance projects.

Examples of ineligible projects and components are outlined in the table below

Ineligible Projects	Ineligible Components
A change to the project location and / or project type and/or infrastructure type from stage 1 ROI to stage 2 complete application.	Components/ works undertaken prior to the execution of the Agreement.
Any project that has commenced physical construction including demolition, site clearing, earthwork, building works etc.	Components/ works not undertaken before the Program completion date.
Facilities or infrastructure without a primary purpose of community sport.	Components not directly related to the approved project scope.

Projects that form part of a larger, multi-stage facility development and are dependent on earlier stages of work that have not yet reached practical completion.	Works external to the project site including electrical, water, IT and drainage as a standalone project.
Relocating of existing facilities.	Non-fixed assets and equipment.
Maintenance of any playing surface including topsoil and fertiliser.	Annual and / or seasonal maintenance costs.
Maintenance of existing mountain bike trails.	Site remediation as a standalone project.
Car parking and road access as standalone projects.	Preparation of funding application and associated consultant fees.
Replacing LED lights with new LED lights at the same lux level.	Metal halide lighting (only LED lighting systems will be funded).
A standalone project not directly related to supporting participation outcomes.	Cost of extended warranties.
Purchase of land.	

6. Application requirements

Eligible applicants are required to outline and evidence alignment to strategic infrastructure planning and the ability to deliver the project through the provision of supporting documentation through both the ROI and the complete application process for both Category 1 and Category 2.

Applicants for the ROI must provide details regarding the organisation and the project. These details, as summarised in the table below, cannot be altered once submitted, even if the applicant is invited to submit a complete application.

Organisation details	Details to determine your organisation's eligibility as detailed in section 3
Project details	Project location, type of project, description and included infrastructure
Project outcomes	Proposed outcome, target groups, multi-use, activities

An overview of the application requirements for each of the stages is listed below and further information is available in the Application Planning Tool and the program resources.

Requirements/ Criteria	Registration of Interest	Complete Application (invitation only)
Project Vision	Strategic planning Business case (if available)	Strategic planning Business case (if available) Project need through stakeholder consultation and community support Current and future usage
Project Design	Site plan Sketch design	Site plan Sketch design Design principles consideration Community level standards
Project Delivery	Project program Land tenure / right to occupy Stage of project planning [^]	Project program Stage of project planning [^] Land tenure / right to occupy Landowner's consent/ support Approval consideration (planning/ development and building approval) Project management
Project Costs	Indicative total project cost Co-contribution acknowledgement and/or proposed return on investment Funding request	Project budget Cost estimation Evidenced co-contribution Funding request

Applicants should utilise the program resources including the Application Planning Tool when developing the ROI and complete application, noting for complete applications a templated program Project budget will be required.

The program resources offer guidance on the required standard of documentation. Applicants are encouraged to seek further assistance from their local [departmental office](#) well in advance of the application closing date, allowing at least one week before the deadline.

It is important to plan ahead to ensure sufficient time for both submitting the application online and gathering all necessary documentation.

Applicants should also factor in additional time to address any information requests from key stakeholders, such as peak body organisations, landowners, or local government authorities, as obtaining approvals may take several months.

^ Applicants should utilise the program resources to assist them to determine the stage of project planning.

7. How to submit a Registration of Interest

The organisation must be registered in the [Sport Grant Registration Portal \(GRP\)](#). An organisation can only be registered once. For more information, or to register, visit [the website](#).

GRP registration should be commenced as early as possible prior to submitting an application.

If further assistance is required to complete the online application, email srsgrportal@sport.qld.gov.au or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68).

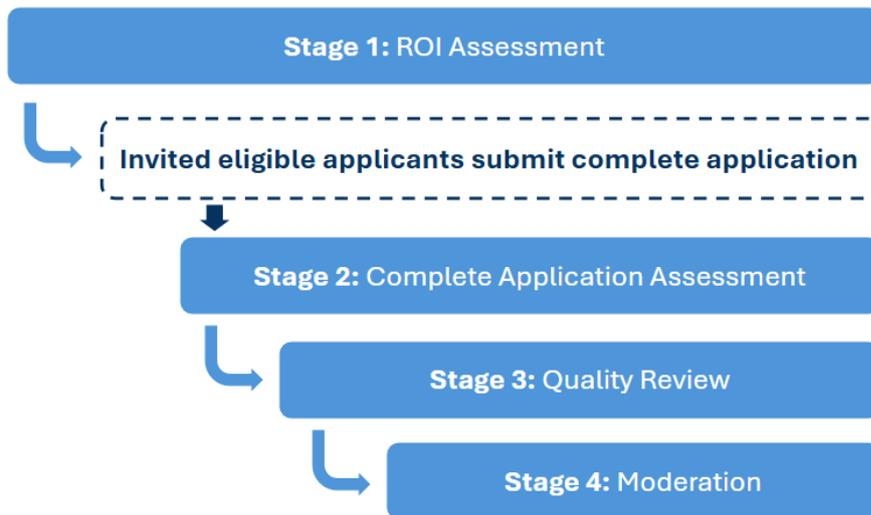
The ROI should be submitted using the [online application form](#) by 08:00pm (AEST), 18 March 2026.

8. How will applications be assessed?

Applications will be assessed by the department against the program eligibility criteria as well as the four key assessment criteria being Vision, Design, Cost and Delivery. Both categories of the Program will be assessed independently.

Applications will be assessed on the extent to which they can demonstrate and provide evidence that their specific project meets the program requirements based on the application question responses and supporting documentation submitted.

All applications go through multiple stages of rigorous assessment before the recommended applications are progressed to a moderation panel for consideration.



Stage 1: ROI Assessment

Assessment will include verifying if the application:

- Has been submitted by an eligible organisation
- Is for an eligible project
- Demonstrates the project's alignment with or identification in strategic planning
- Demonstrates ability to meet the delivery requirements for the proposed project.

Where demand exceeds available funding, priority may be given to projects that are further progressed / shovel-ready and can commence construction within 12 months.

Stage 2: Complete application

Assessment of complete applications will consider to what extent the application demonstrates and evidences the ability to deliver requirements for the proposed project and assessed against the assessment criteria:

- Project Vision (25%)
- Project Design (25%)
- Project Delivery (25%)
- Project Costs (25%)

Applications will be ranked by score with each criteria weighted equally.

Where demand exceeds available funding, priority may be given to projects:

- that are further progressed/ shovel-ready and can commence construction within 12 months; and
- The extent of the percentage co-contribution relative to other applications.

Stage 3: Quality review

Quality Review will include a check of the Stage Two Assessment.

Once the above considerations have been assessed, applications will move to the Moderation Panel for consideration in the prioritisation of projects.

Stage 4: Moderation Panel

The Moderation Panel (the Panel) is responsible for recommending the distribution of funding under the Program to ensure that the recommendations are consistent with the Program objectives.

The Panel will prioritise the applications, managing over and/or under subscription to the program across both categories, with reference to the considerations outlined in Stage Two Assessment when recommending distribution of funding and may also have additional regard to:

1. Delivering a split of funding between South East Queensland (40% of total available budget) and Regional Queensland Local government Areas (60% of total available budget). Refer to Appendix E.
2. Assessment ranking
3. Distribution of funding across activity and/or location
4. The extent of the percentage co-contribution relative to other applications.
5. Other publicly available data sets and information.

Higher percentage co-contributions will be considered more favourably.

9. Approval process

The Panel will make recommendations to the department's delegate on the outcome of the assessment process.

Applicants will receive written notification on the outcome of their application advising whether the project was approved or not approved for funding.

Approved applicants will be required to enter into a legal agreement with the State of Queensland. The provision of funding is subject to the execution of a legal agreement to be provided by the department.

Terms and conditions

Submitting a Registration of Interest does not guarantee the application will be approved. The department reserves the right (at the department's sole and absolute discretion) to refuse an application, not assess an application or not approve funding, for any reason, irrespective of whether the eligibility and assessment criteria have been met. The department's decision in relation to an application or the process is final.

The department reserves the right, at any time, whether before or after, the closing dates, to:

- cancel or vary the assessment process
- close early, suspend, stop or extend the operation of the program or the application process
- amend dates including extending the closing date
- vary the Program, including the proposed terms and conditions or funding and/or these guidelines
- consider or reject an application received after the closing date and time
- consider an application submitted other than in accordance with the requirements of the application process, including accepting a non-conforming or incomplete application
- determine whether a project meets the eligibility criteria, project requirements and other requirements set out in these guidelines and should be deemed ineligible
- determine whether the application and supporting documents provided meet the department's requirements, including (without limitation) those as set out in these guidelines
- change the allocation of funding available under Games On!, the eligibility criteria or the types of projects that will be considered.

Any action taken to close early, suspend, stop or extend Games On! will be notified on the department's website.

The department may, at its sole discretion, request information or documents (included but not limited to audited financials) from an organisation or any other person in order to consider and/or verify the accuracy of an application or organisation eligibility.

The department will retain all documents submitted and will not return these to the organisation. The organisation must ensure that its officers, employees, agents and/or sub-contractors do not make any public announcement or advertisement in any medium in relation to the process or the Program without the prior written consent of the department.

Organisations accept the risk, responsibility and liability connected with submitting an application and will not make any claim in connection with a decision by the department to exercise or not to exercise any of its rights in relation to the application process.

The application and participation in the application process does not constitute an offer or an invitation to make an offer under the application process. It also does not indicate an intention by the department to enter into any form of legal relations with any party. The acceptance of an application or any invitation to negotiate will not be effective to constitute a contract or to create any legitimate expectation on an organisation's part unless and until a formal written legal agreement is entered into (as per the process set out in the funding terms and conditions).

Nothing in this application process amounts to any process contract and in making the application available and conducting this application process, the department excludes any process contract from arising.

10. Privacy

The department is collecting your personal information as part of the Registration of Interest process to assess and determine your eligibility and participation in Games On!.

Your personal information may be shared with approved assessors acting on behalf of the department to assist in the assessment of your application and to support the delivery of the program. You will be notified by the department of when you may be contacted by the assessors.

Your personal information provided may also be provided to other relevant Queensland Government departments and Ministers, to publicly announce or publish and promote the successful applicants and outcomes of the Program. This may include your name and the name of your organisation, project details and progress, agreed outcomes, progress and the level of funding awarded.

For audit and record-keeping purposes, the Queensland Government is required to retain the applications and other supplied support material. Your data will be handled according to the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (Qld) and the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld).

For more details on Privacy please visit [our website](#), or the [Queensland Government website](#).

11. Late applications

Registration of Interest

Late applications, including required documentation, will not be accepted after the ROI closing date.

Complete applications

Invited applicants for the complete application stage may request permission to submit a late application, subject to the department's discretion. All applicants lodging a late submission, either wholly or in part, must:

- submit a request in writing with evidence of difficulties/ issues for the department's consideration
- be submitted by the organisations' accountable officer in GRP,
- be lodged within a maximum of three business days following the Program close date, and
- be emailed to the appropriate local [departmental office](#).

A late submission may be accepted by the department, in the following circumstances:

- where the client has notified the department or the relevant help desk of difficulties, by phone or email, and the issue has not been resolved prior to the program close
- where there has been a confirmed system failure (e.g. database, departmental, internet service provider)
- where there are extraordinary circumstances, beyond the control of the applicant (e.g. natural disasters, births, deaths in family).

12. Appeals

Departmental staff can provide feedback to an applicant that has not been approved, with an initial explanation of the rationale for the decision.

If an applicant is not satisfied with a decision, such as an application not being approved for funding, the grant applicant can request a review of the decision. The request is required in writing and can be sent to SR_Info@sport.qld.gov.au. An appeal can be requested where the applicant believes the decision does not adhere to the program guidelines and/or the department's processing of the application.

The appeals process does not include applicants challenging the program guidelines or seeking variations or exceptions to the program guidelines.

Appeals will only be considered if received by the department within one month from the date of the applicant's receipt of written notification from the department on the outcome of the organisation's ROI or complete application process.

13. Payments

Subject to the execution of a legal agreement with the State of Queensland, approved funding payments will be processed unless otherwise agreed to by the department, as follows:

Approved funding amounts up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-off payment of the total approved funding amount upon execution of the legal agreement between the department and the organisation (within 30 days).
Approved funding amounts greater than \$100,000 (GST exclusive)*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An initial payment of up to 50% of the approved funding amount will be made upon execution of the legal agreement between the department and the organisation (within 30 Days) A second payment of the remaining funding amount will be made upon receipt of an approved acquittal of the initial payment amount, and compliance with Pre-construction conditions as outlined in the legal agreement.

* The department reserves its rights to determine the payment schedule for approved funding.

Payment compliance

Organisations must be compliant with the following prior to payment of funds:

- have no outstanding compliance issues with Office of Fair Trading
- have met all obligations for projects currently funded by the department; and
- have no debt owing to the department.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

GST is a broad-based tax of 10 per cent on the sale of most goods and services purchased in Australia.

Organisations with current or projected annual turnover for all revenue activities of \$150,000 or more (including this project), must be registered for GST. Compliance with the legislation is a requirement of Federal taxation legislation. For more information, refer to the [Australian Taxation Office website](#) or telephone 13 24 78.

The funding amounts referenced in this guideline are GST exclusive.

Organisations that are registered for GST will be paid a GST component in addition to the approved funding and will be issued with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) for the funding payment.

Organisations that are not registered for GST can receive funding up to the maximum funding amount with no additional GST component, and the department will issue a remittance advice.

Organisations not registered for GST need to be aware funding received will need to cover any GST payable. Any shortfall between the funding provided and the GST inclusive project cost will need to be met by the funding recipient.

14. Project delivery and Acknowledgement

Approved organisations must deliver the approved project using best practices to effectively engage and manage stakeholders and contractors, while ensuring full compliance with all funding conditions and regulatory requirements.

Approved projects must be delivered within the Program round timeframes.

All approved organisations will be required to enter into a legal agreement which outlines the recipient and department obligations and other conditions relating to the approved funding, and department representatives will be available to provide guidance to approved organisations.

The following requirements are essential for applicants to understand:

- **Project milestones:** Approved organisations will need to ensure all milestones for pre-construction, construction and post-construction conditions are met.
- **Project commencement / construction:** Approved organisations must meet all pre-construction conditions to the department's satisfaction prior to any physical construction of the project. This funding program is designed to support projects that are yet to commence, hence any approved organisations that commence projects may risk the loss of department funding.
- **Suitably qualified Project Manager:** All projects must appoint an independent, suitably qualified Project Manager to effectively and efficiently manage risks and support the successful delivery of the project.
- **Cost estimations and value for money:** All projects must provide quotes to demonstrate value for money across all components, and for any component exceeding \$250,000 (GST exclusive), a competitive tender process, approved by the department, must be undertaken in line with the principles of the [Queensland Government Procurement Policy 2026](#).
- **Suitably qualified Queensland contractors:** The approved organisations must ensure that all work is undertaken by a suitably qualified contractors(s) and completed in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, relevant standards and relevant building codes, including obtaining and maintaining any licenses required to undertake the project.
- **Approvals and costly delays:** Approvals are a critical aspect of project planning and delivery. Understanding the required approvals and their associated timeframes is essential, as some approvals may take up to 18 months to secure. Delays in obtaining approvals can lead to substantial costs for the approved organisation.
- **Acknowledgement:** The Queensland Government must be appropriately [acknowledged](#) by approved organisations in any promotion of the approved project, including social media posts, advertising, event invitations or promotions.

The legal agreement will outline all funding terms and conditions including the milestones for delivery.

15. Reporting, acquittals and audit requirements

Approved organisations are required to provide reports and acquit the funding spent on the approved project, to the department using a template provided by the department.

All organisations funded are required to:

- Keep accurate records of expenditure and payments and maintain these records for the required legislative period.
- Submit the program acquittal form, including proof of payment evidence, as required during the delivery of the project.
- Complete regular reporting requirements on financial status, project activities, and outcomes throughout and upon completion of the project.
- Comply with potential audits by the department, which may include random audits to ensure that projects are delivered as approved.
- Participate in surveys during the life of the project, as the information collected will help the department monitor and evaluate the program.

Appendix A – Definitions

Shortlisted/ invited applicants: those organisations invited to submit a complete application in Phase 2.

Approved organisations: Organisations that have been approved funding or provisionally approved funding for a specific project applying for under Phase 2.

Accessible /accessibility: when used in relation to this Program, means the design that enables, aids or enhances participation opportunities for all members of the community.

Active recreation: including activities engaged in for the purpose of relaxation, health and wellbeing or enjoyment with the primary activity requiring physical exertion, and the primary focus on human activity.

Amenities: for the purpose of this Program, amenities refer to facilities such as toilets, showers, or combined toilet and shower blocks. These may include provisions for male, female, unisex, persons with disabilities (PWD), ambulant toilets, and parent rooms, designed to cater to the diverse needs of users.

Ancillary facilities: for the purpose of this Program, ancillary facilities are those that are typically associated with field of play infrastructure e.g., shade structures, spectator seating, pontoon, cart paths, pathways, CTPEd, car parking, equipment and/or machinery storage, fencing etc.

Community level activity standard: Infrastructure that is built to mainly cater for local or grassroots sports. Local level facilities are generally constructed and maintained to a base standard that caters for high use.

Discrete community: A discrete Indigenous community refers to a geographic location, bounded by physical or legal boundaries, and inhabited or intended to be inhabited by predominantly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, with housing or infrastructure that is either owned or managed on a community basis.

End-of-life replacement: Replacing components at the end of their useful or economic life. End of life will only be considered where:

- the surface / component / infrastructure has reached a point by which its usage has significantly declined or has an increased exposure to risk, and it is no longer possible/viable to continue its use through maintenance, or
- the surface component / infrastructure has reached its 'end of life' based on an accepted industry or product standard.

Field of play space: refers to a designated area, facility, or environment where individuals or groups can actively engage in physical activities or sports.

Multi-activity infrastructure: refers to facilities designed to support a range of activities, such as sports and community events, within a single location. Examples include multi-sport courts, shared clubhouses, or adaptable indoor and outdoor spaces

Multi-activity organisation: Multi-activity (also known as multisport) organisations are legal entities (sometimes called umbrella clubs or organisations) which represent a number of different 'sub-clubs' or branches, each carrying out one unique sport or activity, but without constituting a legal entity in its own right. Multi-activity organisations generally operate across multiple locations in Queensland but can operate at a single location.

National Sporting Organisation: Organisations that develop sport across the continuum, from community participation to high performance levels. NSOs in most cases work closely with their respective State Level Organisations (SLOs) across all Australian state and territory jurisdictions.

New Infrastructure:

- a new project on a greenfield site; or
- new infrastructure component (i.e. new changeroom facility, additional field of play or new lighting) that does not currently exist on a developed portion of an existing site); or
- development to support a new sport on a previously undeveloped portion of an existing site.

Organisation: Interchangeable with a 'club' or 'association' and includes those bodies that meet the eligibility criteria for the program, as outlined in Section 4, and provide physical activity programs and services at the local community level.

Participant/Participation/Participating: refers to a direct 'joining-in' and active engagement by a person with:

- a particular sport organisation;
- an active recreation organisation; or
- other forms of physical activity.

Precinct: is a designated area that provides a range of facilities and spaces to support organised sports and physical activities.

Professional Teams: Teams whose athletes receive payment for their performance in a National League.

Regional organisation: An organisation that has affiliated member organisations and is responsible for the coordination of an activity across a specified area.

Remote and very remote local government areas: Queensland local governments listed below have a classification of Remote Australia and Very Remote Australia as determined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness (ASGS) Structure.

Site: the lot on plan/s for each land parcel which the project will be constructed.

Sport: A human activity involving physical exertion and skill as the primary focus of the activity, with elements of competition where rules and patterns of behavior governing the activity exist formally through organisations and is generally recognised as a sport.

State Level Organisation: Organisations that are responsible for developing their sport or active recreation from community participation to high performance levels.

Strategic Plan/planning: For the purpose of this program, is a document produced by a local government, state or national sporting organisation, or education institution that outlines strategic direction for sport community infrastructure. The document needs to have been 'endorsed/ published' and broad community consultation has been undertaken as part of the planning process. Whilst there are general strategic planning documents, this program will prioritise projects specified in the specific infrastructure strategic planning document.[^]

Universal Design: The design and composition of an environment so that it can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people regardless of their age, size, ability or disability. An environment (or any building, product, or service in that environment) should be designed to meet the needs of all people who wish to use it.

Upgraded Infrastructure:

- an enhancement to the existing infrastructure that will increase/support participation in sport activities
- changing a surface or infrastructure component that results in an enhanced function for the facility or an increase in capacity or safety/quality of the infrastructure.

Urban and regional locations: Queensland local governments with a remoteness classification of Major Cities of Australia, Inner Regional Australia and Outer Regional Australia as determined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness (ASGS) Structure.

^ If there is no existing strategic plan produced by a local government, state or national sporting organisation, or education institution that outlines strategic direction for sport community infrastructure, applicants may submit alternative forms of supporting documentation from the peak body or Local Government. This documentation should highlight the project's importance, outline any consultation undertaken, and detail any planning completed for the project. Applicants should note that projects specified in the specific infrastructure strategic planning document may be prioritised.

Appendix B – Eligible activities

Abseiling	Cycling	Ju Jitsu	Rodeo	Touch
Acrobatics	Dance	Judo	Rogaining	Traditional Indigenous Dance
Active Recreation	Dancesport	Karate	Roller Blading	Traditional Indigenous Games
Adventure Racing	Darts	Karting	Roller Derby	Trail Bike Riding
Aerobics	Deaf Sports	Kayaking	Roller Skating	Trail Horse Riding
Aerobics - Aqua	Disability Sports	Kendo	Roller Sports	Trailing Running
Aikido	Disabled Winter Sports	Kung Fu - Wushu	Rowing	Trampolineing
Air Sport	Diving	Lacrosse	Rugby League	Triathlon
Archery	Dodgeball	Laser Tag	Rugby Union	Ultimate Disc
Athletics	Dragon Boating	Life Saving Royal	Running	Underwater Sports
Athletics Little	Drill Dance	Life Saving Surf	Sailing	Vigoro
Australian Football	Endurance Riding	Martial Arts	Scuba	Volleyball
BMX	Equestrian	Medieval Combat	Shooting	Wakeboarding
Badminton	Extreme Sport	Mixed Martial Art	Shooting - Clay Target	Walking
Barrel Racing	Fencing	Modern Pentathlon	Shooting - Pistol	Water Polo
Baseball	Fistball	Motor Sport	Shooting - Rifle	Water Skiing
Basketball	Fitness	Motorcycling	Shooting - Sporting	Wave Ski Surfing
Baton Twirling	Floorball	Mountain Biking	Shooting - Sporting Clays	Weightlifting
Beach Volleyball	Flying Disc	Mountain Bike Orienteering	Shooting - Target	Wheelchair Basketball
Billiards & Snooker	Football (Soccer)	Muay Thai	Skate - Scooter Activities	Wheelchair Rugby
Blind Sports	Football - Indoor	Netball	Skate Boarding	Wheelchair Sports
Bocce	Futsal	Netball - Indoor	Skipping	White Water Rafting
Boccia	Gaelic Football	Offside Tag	Sky Diving	Windsurfing
Bowls - Indoor	Gateball	On Country activities	Slacklining	Wood Chopping
Bowls - Lawn	Geocaching	Orienteering	Snow Sports	Wrestling
Boxing	Gliding	Outrigger Canoeing	Snowboard	Yachting
Boxing - Kick	Golf	Oztag	Softball	Yoga
Broomball	Gridiron	Paintball	Sport Climbing	Zen Do Kai
Bushwalking	Gymnastics	Parachuting	Squash	Zumba
Calisthenics	Handball	Parkour	Stand Up Paddleboarding	
Campdraft	Hang Gliding	Petanque	Surf - Other	
Canoeing	Hockey	Pickleball	Surfing	
Carriage Driving	Horse Riding - Recreational	Pilates	Surfing - Body Boarding	
Cheerleading	Hurling	Polo	Swimming	
Circus Skills	Iaido	Polocrosse	Swimming - Synchronised	
Climbing - Indoor	Ice Hockey	Pony Club	Table Tennis	
Cricket	Ice Racing	Power Boats	Taekwondo	
Cricket - Indoor	Ice Skating	Power Lifting	Tai Chi	
Croquet	Indoor Tennis	Recreational Fishing	Team Penning	
Curling	Inline Hockey	Riding For Disabled	Tennis	
Cutting	Intellectual Impairment Sports	Rock Climbing	Tenpin Bowling	

Appendix C - Discrete Communities

Communities	Local Government Authority
Aurukun	Aurukun Shire Council
Cherbourg	Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
Coen	Cook Shire Council
Doomadgee	Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
Hope Vale	Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
Kowanyama	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
Lockhart River	Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
Mapoon	Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
Mornington Island	Mornington Shire Council
Mossman Gorge	Douglas Shire Council
Napranum	Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
Northern Peninsula Area	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
Palm Island	Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
Pormpuraaw	Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
Woorabinda	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
Wujal Wujal	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Yarrabah	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Additionally for the purposes of this program, the Torres Strait Community will also be classified as Discrete.

Torres Strait	Torres Shire Council
	Torres Strait Island Regional Council

Appendix D – Remote and Very Remote Local Government Areas

Queensland local governments listed below have a classification of Remote Australia and Very Remote Australia as determined by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness (ASGS) Structure.

LGA	Remoteness Category
Balonne Shire	Remote
Barcaldine Regional	Very remote
Barcoo Shire	Very remote
Blackall Tambo Regional	Very remote
Boulia Shire	Very remote
Bulloo Shire	Very remote
Burke Shire	Very remote
Carpentaria Shire	Very remote
Cloncurry Shire	Remote
Cook Shire	Remote (except for Coen – see Appendix C - Discrete Communities)
Croydon Shire	Very remote
Diamantina Shire	Very remote
Etheridge Shire	Very remote
Flinders Shire	Very remote
Longreach Regional	Very remote
McKinlay Shire	Very remote
Mornington Shire	Very remote
Mount Isa City	Remote
Murweh Shire	Very remote
Paroo Shire	Very remote
Quilpie Shire	Very remote
Richmond Shire	Very remote
Weipa Town	Very remote
Winton Shire	Very remote

Appendix E – Queensland Local Governments

Regional Queensland Local Government Areas*

Aurukun	Cloncurry	Lockhart River	Quilpie
Balonne	Cook	Longreach	Richmond
Banana	Croydon	Mackay	Rockhampton
Barcaldine	Diamantina	Mapoon	South Burnett
Barcoo	Doomadgee	Maranoa	Southern Downs
Blackall-Tambo	Douglas	Mareeba	Tablelands
Boulia	Etheridge	McKinlay	Torres
Bulloo	Flinders	Mornington	Torres Strait Island
Bundaberg	Fraser Coast	Mount Isa	Townsville
Burdekin	Gladstone	Murweh	Weipa
Burke	Goondiwindi	Napranum	Western Downs
Cairns	Gympie	North Burnett	Whitsunday
Carpentaria	Hinchinbrook	Northern Peninsula Area	Winton
Cassowary Coast	Hope Vale	Palm Island	Woorabinda
Central Highlands	Isaac	Paroo	Wujal Wujal
Charters Towers	Kowanyama	Porpumpuraaw	Yarrabah
Cherbourg	Livingstone		

South East Queensland Local Government Areas

Brisbane	Noosa
Gold Coast	Redland
Ipswich	Scenic Rim
Lockyer Valley	Somerset
Logan	Sunshine Coast
Moreton Bay	Toowoomba

*The following changes have been made to the guidelines since publication on 3 February 2026

- Amended Appendix E – additional Regional Local Government Area added.

Appendix F – Average illumination (lux) levels for Community Sport

Department funding will only be provided to deliver the Light Technical Parameters (LUX levels indicated in the table below) which is based on Australian Standards for recreational, training, and local club competition.

As part of the program requirements, a suitably designed lighting plan to evidence these Lux requirements have not been exceeded is required. In Stage Two, projects with above the average Lux level relevant to the activity outlined in the table below, may be deemed ineligible.

Please check the Application Planning Tool and the program resources for more details.

Program Requirements for Average Illuminations Levels

Sport	Level Description	Specifics	Lux Level
Aquatic sports and diving	Recreation or training, and low-level local competition		150
Archery	Indoor		200
	Outdoor		200
Athletics (all activities)	Indoor		300
	Outdoor		200
Baseball	Club/local competition	Infield	500
		Outfield	300
		Batting cages, pens	300
Basketball	Recreation or training, and low-level local competition	Outdoor	200[^]
Beach volleyball	Outdoor		200
BMX	Outdoor		300
Bobsleigh, Luge, Toboggan	Outdoor		200
Boccia	Indoor		200
	Outdoor		100
Bowling (10 pin/ 9 pin)	Indoor		200
Bowling greens	Recreation, training & club competition	Outdoor	100
	Club competition	Outdoor Covered	150
	Recreation, training	Indoor	300
	Competition	Indoor	500
Climbing (wall)	Indoor		300
Cricket (Indoor)	Competition (Class IV)	Indoor	300
Cricket (Outdoor) Class V	Practice area Fielding/ball skills	Outdoor	150
	Practice pitches (nets)	Outdoor	200
	Square	Outdoor	300
Cricket (Outdoor) Class V	Infield	Outdoor	250
	Outfield		300
Curling	Indoor and Outdoor		300
Cycling - Track	Indoor		500
	Outdoor		300

Program Requirements for Average Illuminations Levels continued

Sport	Level Description	Specifics	Lux Level
Equestrian (Indoor)	Low Level Competition	Non-jumping	300
		Jumping	500
Equestrian (Outdoor)	Low Level Competition	Non-jumping	200
		Jumping	300
Fistball	Indoor		500
	Outdoor		200
Floorball	Indoor		500
	Outdoor		200
Football (all codes)	Touch and tag (not Touch Football)	Outdoor	50
	Ball and physical training		50
	Club competition and match practice		150[^]
GoKart	Indoor		500
	Outdoor		300
Golf	Outdoor including driving range		N/A
Gridiron	Outdoor		200
Handball	Indoor		500
	Outdoor		200
Hockey	Ball and physical training	Outdoor	200
	Regional, state & club level competition	Outdoor	300
Ice hockey	Indoor and Outdoor		500
Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centres (Local/Regional Competition)	Aerobics, Dancing, Fitness training (Gym), Gymnastics, Indoor Bowls (including Bocce), Martial arts (boxing/judo/kondo/karate/wrestling etc) and Weightlifting	Indoor	300
	Badminton, Basketball, Fencing, Five-a-side (Futsal), Hockey, Netball, Table tennis and Volleyball	Indoor	500
Netball	Recreation or training, and low-level local competition	Outdoor	200[^]
Pétanque	Indoor		200
	Outdoor		100
Pickleball	Indoor and Outdoor PPA		300
Rhythmic gymnastics	Indoor		300
Road Cycle Racing	Outdoor		10
Roller skating	Indoor		300
Running (street/cross country)	Outdoor		10
Shooting	Indoor and Outdoor		200
Skatepark	Outdoor		50
Softball	Club/local competition	Infield	300
		Outfield	200
		Batting cages, Pens	300
Squash	Recreation or training, and low-level local competition	Indoor	500
Tennis	Club competition and commercial PPA*	Outdoor	350
	Club competition and commercial TPA*	Outdoor	250

* PPA relates to Principle Playing Area

[^] For Basketball (outdoor), Netball (outdoor), and Football (all codes) local / club competition average illumination lux level maybe at the Australian standard of 100 lux may be deemed eligible for funding.

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The Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games acknowledges Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways.

We respectfully acknowledge and recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' connection to country as an integral element of identity, culture, customs, and the rich diversity within their communities.

We offer our respect to the Elders past, present and future and recognise their ongoing connection to Country and community over thousands of generations, and the significant contributions they continue to make to Queensland where we live, work and play.

We are committed to strengthening partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations in our journey to enrich lives and communities. We aim to build a stronger, culturally safe, and inclusive workforce, ensuring our policies, procedures, and governance reflect genuine respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and contribute to delivering quality services for all Queenslanders.