



# South Australian National Football League

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## SANFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL SUPPORT FUND

### CHARTER

#### 1. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

- 1.1. The South Australian Football Commission (“the Commission”) has resolved to establish the SANFL Community Football Support Fund (“the Support Fund”).
- 1.2. The purpose of the Support Fund is to provide immediate assistance and/or education to individuals participating in Community Football and their families affected by tragedy, which are exceptional and compelling and with a direct nexus with football, in circumstances including but not limited to:
  - (a) death and disability; and
  - (b) injury and disease.
- 1.3. The Support Fund will be governed and administered the Commission via the South Australian Community Football Committee (“the Community Football Committee”) who will have the specific responsibilities set out in section 2 of this Charter.

#### 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Community Football Committee is responsible for the governance and administration of the Support Fund as follows:

- 2.1 Review any application that has been submitted at the relevant Community Football Committee Meeting for approval, rejection or otherwise and endorse for the approval of the Commission for applications in the sum of \$5,000 or greater;
- 2.2 Review any application that has been submitted at the relevant Community Football Committee Meeting for approval, rejection or otherwise for applications in the sum \$2,500 - \$4,999;
- 2.3 Delegate responsibility to review any application that has been submitted to the Chair of the Community Football Committee and Head of Community Football for approval, rejection or otherwise for applications in the sum of \$2,499 or less;
- 2.4 Report any approval, rejection or otherwise made under 2.2 or 2.3 to the Commission for review at the next Commission meeting;
- 2.5 Develop and implement strategies required to promote and develop the Support Fund;

- 2.6 Consider opportunities to support education programs in communities, with such education programs having a direct nexus with Community Football and supporting individuals and families affected by tragedy;
- 2.7 Investigate, engage and endorse Support Fund funding partners, including but not limited to commercial sponsorship or support.

### **3. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1. The terms of membership are governed by the terms of memberships as set out in the Community Football Committee Charter.
- 3.2. The Support Fund is governed and administered by the Commission via the Community Football Committee.

### **4. MEETINGS**

- 4.1. The Support Fund will be listed as an agenda item at all Community Football Committee meetings or as otherwise directed and required by the Community Football Committee Chair.
- 4.2. The Community Football Committee will be provided with an update regarding the opening and closing balance of the Support Fund at each meeting.

### **5. FUNDING**

- 5.1. The amount of \$100,000 (“the Funds”) has been received from State Government to fund and assist players and communities in times of hardship and confronting situations affecting families or direct to the community.
- 5.2. The Funds are held by the Commission on behalf of the Support Fund and the distribution or otherwise will be strictly governed by this Charter.
- 5.3. The Funds can be supplemented by funding partners as identified, sourced and endorsed by the Community Football Committee.
- 5.4. There will be a limit of \$20,000 payable from the Funds in any calendar football year (1 November - 31 October) unless otherwise approved by the Commission.

### **6. APPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. An Application to the Support Fund (“an Application”) must be addressed to the Head of Community Football and lodged on behalf of and supported by the relevant Community Football Club and League President (Club and League support mandatory) in accordance with the SANFL Community Football Support Fund Application Form (<https://sanfl.smartygrants.com.au>).

### **7. GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 7.1. The governance and administration of the Support Fund by the Community Football Committee will be administered by the guiding principles as set out below.

## 7.2. An Application:

- (a) Must be for individuals participating in Community Football and their families affected by tragedy in regional communities;
- (b) Must have a direct nexus with Community Football;
- (c) Will need to relate to circumstances which are exceptional and compelling;
- (d) Relate to immediate or urgent relief and not retrospective to any prior cause;
- (e) Will be considered on its own merit and will not be bound by precedent;
- (f) Will be at the absolute discretion of the Community Football Committee or other party as identified in accordance with Clause 2 – Responsibilities.

## 7.3. The following factors are a non-exhaustive list of the factors that will be considered in determining an Application relating to any proposed recipient:

- (a) Needs;
- (b) Pain and suffering;
- (c) Financial position;
- (d) Financial circumstances of his or her immediate family;
- (e) Likely duration of hardship;
- (f) Financial resources of the Support Fund available during the period of support;
- (g) Likely expenses during this period that cannot be paid;
- (h) Previous grants; and
- (i) The best way to provide immediate relief.

## **8. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

In the event of an actual or perceived conflict of interest, a Committee member must immediately declare the actual or perceived conflict of interest to the Committee and must not participate in discussions nor vote on the matter that has given rise to the conflict.

## **9. REVIEW**

9.1. The Commission and Community Football Committee will review the Support Fund on an annual basis, for discussion and review of the financials.

9.2. This Charter will be reviewed at least annually by the Community Football Committee and any changes will be recommended for approval by the Commission.