



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

FACILITIES FUND



**Government of
South Australia**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

SANFL celebrates the lands throughout South Australia on which we are privileged to play our great game. We pay respect to all First Nations Peoples, past and present, and thank them for their generosity as custodians of Country.

We recognise the profound contribution First Nations players, coaches, and officials have made to our game, we celebrate their heritage and culture and support their continued spiritual connection to Country. We value their guidance in our endeavour to connect communities through the enjoyment of football.

FOREWORD

The South Australian National Football League (SANFL) has partnered with the AFL and South Australian Government to create a South Australian Football Facilities Fund, to create welcoming and inclusive facilities for our football communities. From state to local grassroots venues, the Fund will enhance the capacity of facilities and football infrastructure for all user groups.

The creation of this Fund will enable SANFL, AFL and State Government to achieve our shared strategic vision of creating welcoming facilities, particularly through provision of all gender changerooms for players, officials and umpires, as well as maximising venue capacities by improving quality of ovals, lighting and supporting infrastructure.

Guided by the SANFL Infrastructure Plan 2022-2032, along with AFL Infrastructure Plan: Towards 2030 and Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing planning documents, the Fund will deliver a targeted, strategic approach to investment, so our shared goals and objectives result in quality football facilities at all levels across South Australia that meet the growing needs of our participants now and in the future.

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1. ABOUT THE FUND

1 | WHAT IS THE SA FOOTBALL FACILITIES FUND?

The SA Football Facilities Fund provides funding to assist local governments, Australian Rules football clubs, umpiring associations, schools and tertiary education institutions to develop Australian Rules football facilities across South Australia.

The aim of the program is to:

- Provide fit for purpose, inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for a diversity of participants, particularly all genders and all-ability participants, that wish to participate in our game
- Maximise available carrying capacity of existing venues and the quality/functionality of supporting infrastructure
- Develop increased supply through construction of new ovals, especially in growth areas
- Develop venues to support high performance and talent pathways for players and umpires
- Provide welcoming and functional facilities that enhance the experience for volunteers and spectators

2 | OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

Delivering economic growth and creating prosperity for all South Australians is a focus for the South Australian Government.

High quality sport and recreation infrastructure generates economic benefits, contributes to high liveability standards, and provides opportunities to showcase South Australia as a first-rate tourist destination, as well as an exciting place to live, work, study and do business. This was no better demonstrated with South Australia hosting the inaugural AFL Gather Round in April 2023, and securing the event until 2026.

With the 2023 Gather Round injecting over \$85M into the State's economy, and with at least three more years to come, the State Government's commitment is a legacy of the impact hosting this spectacular event will have on the State.

SANFL and the AFL, through the Australian Football Facilities Fund have committed to matching the State Government's investment to enable the provision of well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit-for-purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities.

The SA Football Facilities Fund will contribute to the implementation of the SANFL Infrastructure Plan 2022-2032 and the achievement of identified targets in regions across SA with particular focus on increasing capacity of existing football venues to meet the growing number of teams and unlocking new venues to cater for future growth.

3 | BUDGET

The total budget for the SA Football Facilities Fund is \$8,000,000 over three years.

A pool of approximately \$2.66M will be available per year of the Fund.

Up to \$500,000 over three years will be made available for small projects to enable upgrade of football supporting infrastructure such as goal posts and scoreboards.

Refer to section five for information related to funding amounts and co-investment requirements.



Goolwa Oval Recreation Precinct

2. WHO CAN APPLY?

Local governments, football clubs (who have both junior and senior teams playing in leagues that are run or affiliated with SANFL) and umpire associations can apply for funding. Schools and tertiary education institutions that have strong linkages with clubs, used as regular community competition playing venues or commit to making space available for use, are also able to apply.

Eligible organisations are referred to throughout the guidelines as Applicants.

It is a requirement of the Fund to engage with SANFL in the development of your project to determine how your proposal aligns with the level of the venue, standard of facility and the SANFL Infrastructure Plan 2022-2032.

If clubs are applying directly for funding, they are encouraged to work with their local government or educational institution regarding their project and include a letter of support from the local government/educational institution as part of the application.

It is anticipated Applicants will secure additional funding through other grant programs or independent fundraising activities to support the delivery of their project. Applicants may remain eligible to apply for various grant programs to support project delivery, however, advice should be sought from the funding body.

Applicants who have outstanding reporting obligations for previous funding secured through SANFL, State Government or AFL funding programs may not be eligible to apply.

The SA Football Facilities Fund Steering Committee will assess applications that meet the eligibility criteria. Refer to section seven for detailed criteria and assessment matrix. The Steering Committee reserves the right to approve funding to any project it deems to be a benefit to Australian Rules Football.



Angas Recreation Park

3. TYPES OF PROJECTS

The SA Football Facilities Fund will provide funding to Applicants that support the provision of well positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose football facilities that support our game's growing participation base.

Applications should demonstrate how the project will achieve some or all the following strategic priorities:

- Provision of all gender changerooms for all those that participate in football – players, officials and umpires
- Provide welcoming and functional facilities that enhance the experience for volunteers and spectators and encourages broader community use and shared opportunities
- Increase the provision of quality lighting on ovals to deliver greater participation opportunities
- Identify projects where carrying capacity can be increased by upgrading playing surfaces through improved drainage, irrigation and turf management
- Support the provision of multi-purpose and functional facilities that support club culture and sustainability, including the use of modular buildings
- Provide state league venues with facilities that meet the needs required to facilitate participation pathways, including high performance

Examples of potential projects include but are not limited to:

- Building new or refurbishing existing changeroom amenities in line with the AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines
- Upgrading the quality of oval lighting to enable effective use of oval during training and provide an option to schedule night-time matches
- Improving surface quality by upgrading drainage, irrigation and grass coverage so as to create a healthy surface that can withstand increased demand as team numbers and oval utilisation grows
- Installation of new goal posts and/or and behind goal netting to improve match day efficiency and spectator safety
- Installation of an electronic scoreboard to improve volunteer conditions and increase fundraising opportunities

Other considerations:

- Applicants must make timely contact with the SANFL Infrastructure and Government Relations team to discuss project ideas and seek advice into the planning and design of facilities
- Projects must adhere to the AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines
- Applicants are encouraged to explore funding models that demonstrate stakeholder engagement and commitment to the project
- Projects planned in functional, self-contained stages are eligible
- Projects on school/tertiary institution land are eligible subject to a long-term joint use agreement being in place
- Applicants must demonstrate landowner's permission to undertake the proposed project (unless the applicant owns the land)

1 | WHAT WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

The following will not be eligible for funding:

- Projects that do not align with objectives of the Fund
- Projects that do not meet relevant Australian standards (e.g. lighting projects) and do not closely adhere to AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines
- The purchase of land (in general, the land on which the facility development is proposed will be council property, a Crown reserve, land owned by a public authority, or land held for public purposes by trustees)
- Projects that have already commenced or been completed
- Requests for ongoing operational costs such as, but not limited to, salaries, electricity, water, asset maintenance and other utilities
- Upgrading or redeveloping kitchen/canteen or public toilet facilities, except as part of a larger project that meets the objectives of the funding program
- Routine or cyclical maintenance works
- Purchase or maintenance of any equipment (except as part of facility fit out)
- Repair of facilities damaged by vandalism, fire or other natural disasters where the damage can be covered by insurance
- Facilities where little or no public access is available



4. PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

To strengthen the potential outcomes from the Fund for communities, Applicants are required to engage with SANFL as early as possible to develop proposals that strongly align with the key objectives.

All project applications will be assessed against the eligibility and assessment criteria. Clubs will be required to secure the support of their local government/landowner and seek additional funding through a range of grants to secure full funding if required.

5. FUNDING DETAILS

Generally a pool of up to \$2,666,666 will be available per year of the Fund. Any un-allocated funds will carry forward into the subsequent round of funding.

A notional pool of up to \$500,000 will be available over three years for smaller projects which will operate on a matched funding basis.

Generally, the amount requested for larger projects will not exceed 10% of the anticipated total project cost, up to a maximum of \$150,000.

The following table outlines minimum applicant contributions and maximum grant amounts.

| PROJECT SCOPE | MINIMUM APPLICANT CONTRIBUTION | MAXIMUM GRANT* |
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| Smaller Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Posts • Scoreboards • Interchange Benches • Coaches Boxes | 50% | \$50,000 |
| Larger Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changerooms • Turf improvement (drainage, irrigation, turf management) • Lighting | Applicants will need to demonstrate other funding sources to assist with the delivery of the project | \$150,000 |

*The level of funding for each project is at the complete discretion of the SA Football Facilities Funding Program Steering Committee and in exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to providing funding above these thresholds where there is a clear and demonstrated need.



Mt Burr Football Oval

6. HOW TO APPLY

Carefully read these guidelines to determine whether your organisation and project meets the eligibility criteria in section three.

The following steps briefly describe the process to apply:

- Make timely contact with the SANFL Infrastructure and Government Relations team to discuss the project idea
- Register for the online application process (SmartyGrants) available through the SANFL website: www.sanfl.com.au/safacilityfund
- Complete the online application in full and submit before the closing time of the program. Late or incomplete applications may not be assessed
- Faxed, emailed or physical submissions are not accepted

If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should notify SANFL immediately via email: funding@sanfl.com.au, who will reopen your application to amend and resubmit.

SANFL may not be able to accept additional information or requests to change your submission after the closing date.

If you need further guidance in the application process, are unable to submit the SmartyGrants application or withdraw a submitted application, you can contact SANFL via email: funding@sanfl.com.au.



Summit Sport and Recreation Park

7. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Applications will be assessed by the SA Football Facilities Funding Steering Committee and will be scored against the Assessment Criteria below.

Where an application is deemed eligible, the SA Football Facilities Funding Program Steering Committee will assess the application against the relative merit of other projects in meeting the assessment criteria.

Please note, satisfying the assessment criteria alone does not guarantee receipt of funding.

It is anticipated that the number of eligible applications and funds sought will exceed the funds available and therefore SANFL does not guarantee projects will be successful, nor that successful projects will receive the full amount of funding requested.

Applicants must provide all the relevant supporting documentation to be considered for funding.



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ASSESSMENT PROCESS

1 | ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

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| 30% | Project Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clearly identify the project scope, methodology and how proposed outcomes will be completed within a prescribed timeframe• Include site specific schematic plans• Evidence land tenure and landowner's permission• Quotes, cost estimates or Quantity Surveyor estimates required to undertake the project• Include confirmation of other funding sources and contributions (both financial and in-kind) with evidence detailing level and type of in-kind contribution provided |
| 20% | Strategic Justification <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is this project required? Describe how it responds to identified community needs, issues and addresses a gap in local facilities• Provide evidence of how the project is strategically supported by local or regional planning and the SANFL Infrastructure Plan 2022-2032 |
| 10% | Stakeholder Engagement & Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are the outcomes of the consultation undertaken with project stakeholders including SANFL, local governments/clubs, and/or other sporting and community groups at the site?• Will the project be managed by an appropriately qualified team? |
| 40% | Participation Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe how the project improves (or sustains) participation in South Australian football. As a result of the project, what will be the additional participation and scheduling outcomes? Provide support letters that clearly state how each partner will benefit from the project• How does the project encourage the broadest possible community participation in football, social connection and health and wellbeing?• Describe how the project considers multi-use and improves the quality and range of football opportunities• Describe current and projected hours of use per week for football |

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

2 | INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE AS PART OF YOUR APPLICATION

Please submit the following mandatory documentation with your application:

- Site plans illustrating current layout and proposed layout
- Floor plans of new/refurbished buildings
- Lighting plans, if applicable, including lux charts that are site specific (for projects incorporating lighting)
- Quotes and cost estimates for all aspects of the project
- Project management framework
- Evidence of confirmation of funding sources (e.g. local government report confirming contribution, letter from local government CEO or club bank statements)
- Letters of support from organisations that clearly indicate how the group will either support or benefit from the project
- Landowner documentation required to demonstrate land tenure is a current title search that details the relevant land tenure and the owner(s) or controller(s) of the land
- If the applicant is not the landowner, a copy of an occupancy arrangement with the owner/controller of the land is required. There are a range of agreement types, but the most common types are either a lease agreement or a permit/right to occupy the land. The occupancy arrangement must be for a minimum of three years with a commitment to use the land for sport and recreation activities. Should the occupancy agreement expire within the three-year minimum timeframe, then an additional letter from the landowner is required stating a commitment to renew the occupancy agreement
- For projects located on school land, a completed long term Joint User Agreement is required
- Applicants may also upload or provide links to relevant documents such as local government reports/plans/strategies/community consultation etc to support the project

3 | ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DETAIL

Applicants must ensure the following:

- The applicant's legal name is entered exactly how it appears on the ASIC Registers website
- The applicant's Australian Business Number (ABN) is entered correctly and matches the legal name
- If you do not have an ABN, you will need to submit a completed Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Statement by Supplier Form with your application, otherwise 46.5% of any approved grant may be withheld

4 | NOTIFICATION AND UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS

All Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their grant application. The details of successful Applicants (grantees) may be provided to the applicant's local Member of Parliament, who may decide to contact the grantee to congratulate them.

All unsuccessful Applicants will receive notification through SmartyGrants. Applicants are encouraged to contact SANFL for application feedback and advice when applying for future grants.

8. FUNDING CONDITIONS

Successful Applicants must enter into a Funding Agreement with SANFL that will detail funding obligations and conditions, including future tenancy arrangements. Funding Agreements establish parties and outline their commitments and obligations to each other, as well as setting out the general funding terms and conditions, including payment schedule.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposals with SANFL and the relevant Local Government and/or football club prior to preparing their submission.

1 | ACKNOWLEDGING SUPPORT AND PROMOTING SUCCESS

Successful Applicants need to acknowledge the support of the State Government, AFL and SANFL to assist the delivery of the project through the Fund by logo presentation on any activity-related publications, media releases, promotional material during construction and upon completion of the project.

The South Australian Government is to be given the opportunity to participate in any formal activity associated with the progress or completion of a project including an official opening or launch. A sufficient notice period of four – eight weeks should be provided to SANFL to allow for SA Government and AFL representation.



Glenelg Oval



FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact
funding@sanfl.com.au or visit
www.sanfl.com.au/safacilitiesfund