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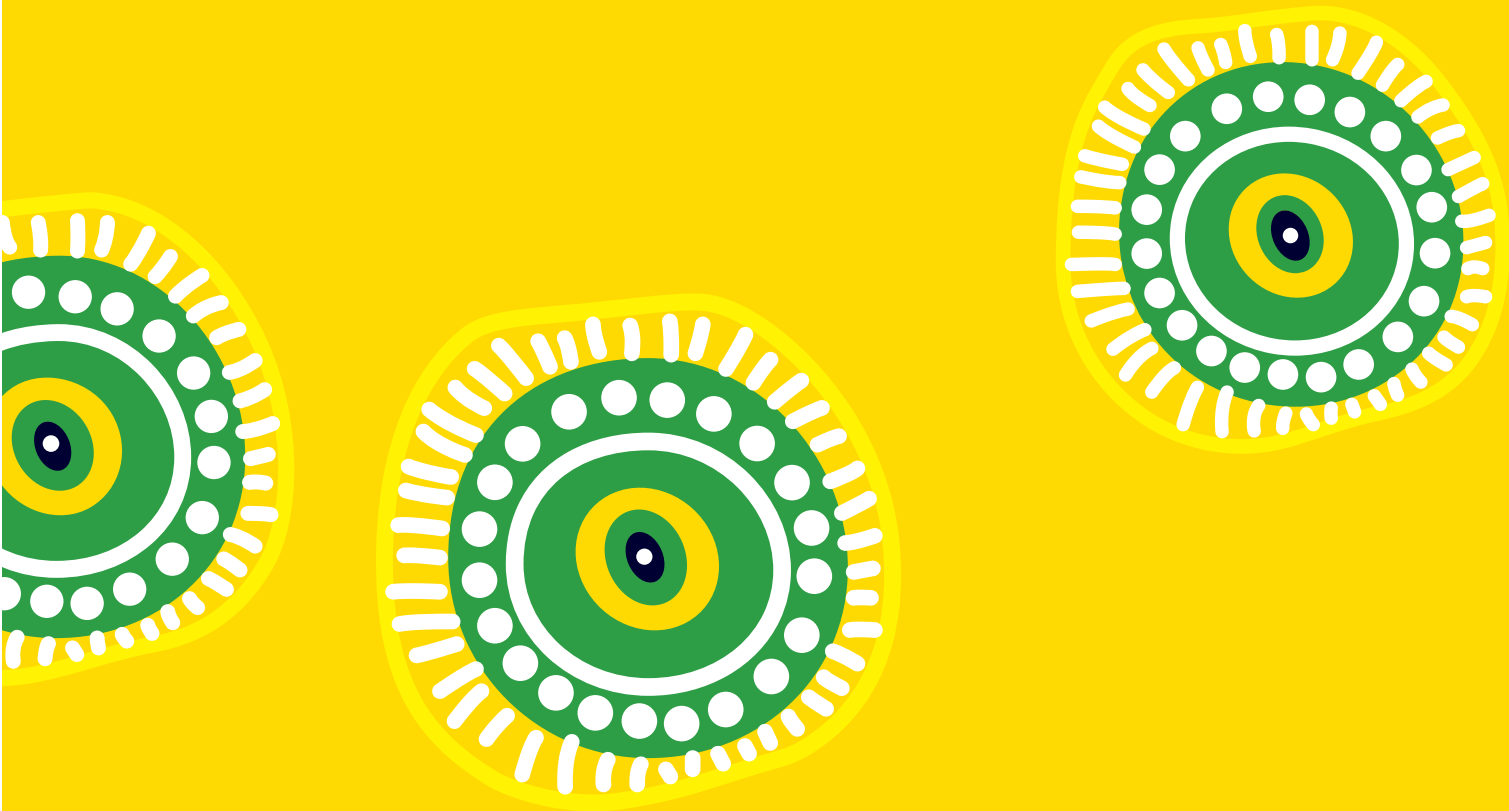
The Park Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Opening date and time: 9:00am AEST on 7th September 2026

Closing date and time: 4:00pm AEDT on 9th October 2026

Enquiries: If you have any questions, contact thepark@ausport.gov.au

Evaluation



Australian Sports Commission Acknowledgement of Country

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands, seas, skies and waters where we work and live, the Ngunnawal people, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. The ASC extends this acknowledgment to all Traditional Custodians and First Nations Peoples throughout Australia and would like to pay respects to their Elders, past and present.

The ASC recognises the outstanding contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples make to society and sport in Australia and celebrates the power of sport to promote reconciliation and reduce inequality.



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1. The Park Grant Opportunity: processes



The Grant Opportunity opens 9:00am AEST 7th September 2026

To apply: <https://sportaus.smartygrants.com.au/ThePark2>



Check eligibility

To be considered for a grant, it is important that eligible organisations check the eligibility criteria before applying – refer to Section 5.



Submit grant application by 4:00pm AEDT 9th October 2026

You complete the application form, address all eligibility and assessment criteria, and provide relevant supporting documentation, to be considered for a grant.



Eligibility check

We assess all applications against the eligibility criteria. Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria will not progress to further assessment. You will be notified if you are not eligible.



Assessment

We will assess eligible applications against the assessment criteria, including the principle of value for money, and develop a shortlist.

If shortlisted, you will be invited to a short online interview to better understand your proposal and its alignment with the objectives of The Park and the ASC.



Approval

The Grant Approver will approve the recommended applications.



Notification of outcome

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application via email. If you are successful, a Grant Agreement will be provided for signature by the relevant organisation and returning to the ASC for execution.



Agreements and payment

Payments will be processed on execution of the agreement by the ASC.



Grant delivery

You undertake the grant activity as set out in your Grant Agreement and the agreed project schedule/s. We manage the grant by working with you, monitoring your progress, and making payments



Grant reporting

You submit all reports as outlined in Section 13 in the guidelines and will be documented in the Grant Agreement.



2. Introduction

These guidelines contain information for The Park 2026/2027 grants.

Applicants must read these guidelines before filling out an application.

This document sets out:

- the purpose of the grant program/grant opportunity
- the eligibility and assessment criteria
- how grant applications are considered and selected for funding
- how grantees are notified and receive grant payments
- how grantees will be monitored and evaluated
- responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

This grant program and process will be administered by the Australian Sports Commission's Grants team.

3. About the grant program

The Park, led by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC), is an innovation hub initiated to accelerate the development and deployment of emerging, innovative and impactful sports technologies in key challenge areas. It aims to bridge the gap between emerging tech firms and the sports sector by fostering collaboration across the Australian Sports Commission, National Sporting Organisations (NSOs), researchers, and industry.

A key tenet of *The Park* is to tackle projects that are bigger than one sport and can contribute to sector wide impact.

The Park is part of the ASC's unique position to support the sector through research, world leading practice and management of emerging risks and opportunities. This initiative seeks to co-design and champion solutions that benefit the Australian sport sector and broader community. Research and development domains will include, but are not limited to sports medicine, rehabilitation, return to play, participation, inclusion, infrastructure and facilities, materials science, sport science, biomechanics, engineering and AI.

3.1 About The Park grant opportunity

This grant opportunity builds on the first of *The Park* initiative which occurred in 2025/26 and is being made available to address the following five priority areas. Suggested topics are of interest, but we **welcome any application** that meet any of the five global challenges.

1. **Harnessing Data, AI and Machine Learning** – The responsible and ethical integration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) into sports has the potential to provide enormous benefits.

AI and ML can process vast amounts of data more efficiently than traditional methods, providing deeper insights into the health and performance of athletes, clubs and organisations. This has the potential to provide more directed and effective training programs, which can lead to improved outcomes and



reduced injury rates. These technologies also have the potential to enhance strategic planning by analysing patterns and predicting outcomes, potentially giving teams a competitive edge.

AI and ML tools can be used to support community sports, potentially providing efficiencies for busy volunteers, supporting community coaches by making advanced performance analysis accessible to a broader range of athletes or alternatively used to develop membership analytics making the case for corporate sponsorships.

The ASC is seeking partners in the AI/ML space that can impact community as well as high performance sports.

- Of interest is using AI/ML for injury prevention.
- Of interest is using AI/ML to reduce burden on volunteers in sport, reduce administrative load.

2. **Next-Generation Wearables** – The ethical development and integration of the next generation of wearable devices in sports is crucial for several reasons.

Wearable technologies allow for continuous monitoring of an athlete's physiological, neurological and biomechanical data in real-time. This data can provide valuable insights into an athlete's performance, helping to identify strengths and areas for improvement. Wearables can track health metrics such as heart rate, hydration levels, and sleep patterns with relative ease today. The ASC is looking for the next generation of wearables to inform and enhance performance with actionable insights, which will be essential for maintaining a competitive edge. Furthermore, the accessibility of wearable technology means that these benefits can extend beyond elite athletes to community sports, promoting a healthier and more informed sporting and physical culture.

- Of interest for the ASC is wearable technology that can address the gap in continuous lactate monitoring and real time feedback
- Of interest is biomechanical feedback in ecologically valid environments i.e. field of play

3. **Digital Twin Technologies** – The application of digital twin technologies in sports involves creating virtual replicas of athletes, coaches and performance support as well as their physical environments / Daily Performance Environments (DPEs).

These digital twins enable detailed analysis and simulation, providing a deeper understanding of performance dynamics. By replicating a person's physical, physiological, and knowledge characteristics, digital twins allow for monitoring, assessment and analysis without the need for invasive interventions. The use of digital twins can also enhance equipment selection and development and reduce the need for physical testing with the athlete. With digital twins, performance support can continue to develop independent of athlete's physical location.

This technology can simulate various scenarios, helping coaches and sports scientists to optimize training regimens and strategies.

The use of digital twins extends to environmental factors as well, allowing for the simulation of different playing conditions to better prepare athletes. Overall, digital twin technology can represent an advancement in sports science and technology, offering a comprehensive tool for performance enhancement and decision-making.

The ASC is seeking digital twin applications for athletes, coaches, performance support and infrastructure (DPEs).

- Of interest to the ASC is digital and augmented performance, training, inclusion and rehabilitation environments (AR, VR and XR)
- Of interest is any technologies that would enhance Sportex (AIS campus), this would be a live installation at Sportex trialled by thousands of children and teenagers from across Australia.

4. **Brain Performance Innovation** – The need for innovation in the assessment and treatment of brain health, performance and injury is driven by significant gaps in current research and understanding in an



ever-evolving landscape. In competition measurements of neurological stress is difficult. Fatigue can impair performance and understanding how athletes make decisions under stress can mean the difference between winning and losing. Mild forms of traumatic brain injury are common in sports but remain challenging to diagnose and manage due to their complex nature.

Additionally, the long-term effects of poor brain performance especially from high stress and repeated injuries, are not fully understood, necessitating further research to ensure athlete safety and well-being. By focusing on this area, The Park aims to advance the scientific and practical understanding of brain performance, improve assessment tools, and develop more effective strategies.

The ASC is seeking technology and applications that will help ensure injuries are diagnosed effectively, athletes can return to play safely and reduce the risks of long-term health issues.

- Of interest for the ASC is technology that can monitor and inform cognitive loading and performance

5. **Material Science in Sport** – The adaption of new and emerging applications of advanced materials in aiding human performance.

Innovation in materials science can enhance athlete performance, safety and sustainability through the development of advanced equipment, apparel, surfaces and protective technologies. New materials can improve performance and accessibility across high performance and professional sport. This area also includes smart, adaptive and sustainable materials that respond to athlete needs or environmental conditions without compromising performance. The ASC is seeking partners developing materials, products or systems that can be validated in sporting environments, demonstrate clear performance or safety benefits, and have potential for integration across multiple sports.

- Of interest is surface technologies that reduce drag in aqueous environments.

The objective of the grant opportunity is:

- To identify and partner with innovative organisations to rapidly evaluate technologies, interventions and platforms that create impact and value across multiple sports through addressing at least one of the five priority areas and seek to create mutually beneficial partnerships.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are:

- The identification and delivery of innovative technologies, interventions and/or platforms that create new and novel value for Australian sport.
- Partnerships and ideas that build a strong foundation to grow *The Park* into a hub that leads innovation and commercialisation of cutting-edge research and development for the benefit of sports and the people who participate and compete in sport.

Excluded Topic Areas:

In 2026 the following topics are excluded from the call.

- If your submission is an Athlete Management Systems (AMS) or Data Aggregator* the application will not be considered.

*Data Aggregator: A system or service that collects data from multiple sources and integrates them into a unified dataset or representation. This may include standardisation, harmonisation, and the



generation of derived metrics using defined and reproducible methods, with all outputs remaining traceable to the original data sources.

4. Grant amount and grant period

4.1 Grants available

For this grant opportunity \$100,000 (GST exclusive) is available over 6 months. The grant activity period will be between September 2026 and May 2027.

A maximum of four (4) organisations will be selected to join The Park. A maximum of \$100,000 grant funding will be distributed amongst the selected organisations.

4.2 Project period

The maximum grant period is 6 months.

You must complete your project by 4th May 2027.

Successful applicants will be required to participate in:

- a Co-Design Group Day on AIS Campus on 24th November 2026; and
- a Demonstration Day event 4th May 2027 to present their results to the ASC, relevant partners and stakeholders.

Following the project period, ASC will conduct an evaluation that will consider:

- performance against the objectives set out in the project plan that was co-designed, agreed and signed with the ASC
- integration potential – can the technology be scaled or integrated into ASC and/or National Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations for People with Disability (NSO/Ds)?
- commercial viability and/or value – is there potential for a long-term partnership or investment?
- feedback from stakeholders.

The evaluation will inform next steps, which will include one of the following:

- an offer of a strategic partnership
- provision of additional funding or support
- recommendation of the organisation to NSO/Ds or external partners
- conclusion of the engagement due to the solution not aligning to ASC's objectives.



5. Eligibility criteria

The ASC reserves the right to exclude applications that fail to satisfy all the eligibility criteria.

5.1 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

To be eligible you must:

- be an incorporated entity under Australian law, such as the *Corporations Act 2001*
- have a Combined Annual Turnover equal to or less than A\$20 million for the three financial years combined prior to lodgement (ie 2023–24+2024–25+2025–26).
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
- hold appropriate insurance cover (eg. Public liability)
- be registered for the purposes of GST
- have an account with an Australian financial institution
- be a legal entity with the capacity to enter into a legally binding agreement or contract
- not be a trust or government agency.

5.2 Who is not eligible to apply for a grant?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

- an organisation, or your project partner is an organisation, included on the National Redress Scheme's website on the list of 'Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme' (www.nationalredress.gov.au)
- a Commonwealth, state, territory or local government agency or body (including government business enterprises)
- an individual
- unincorporated association
- overseas resident/organisation
- any organisation not included in section 5.1
- If you were a successful applicant in 2025 then you are not eligible to apply for this round.

5.3 What qualifications, skills or checks are required?

If you are successful, and your grant activities include any contact with children, all personnel working on the project must have and maintain the following registration and checks:

- Working with Vulnerable People registration
- Working with Children check.



6. What the grant money can be used for

6.1 Eligible grant activities

Grant funding is for the explicit use of delivering activities under the project plan that has been co-designed and agreed with the ASC.

6.2 Eligible expenditure

You can only spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred on agreed project activities.

You must incur the expenditure on your project between the start date and end or completion date of your grant agreement for it to be eligible.

Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding. The Grant Approver makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

6.3 What the grant money cannot be used for

You cannot use the grant for the following activities:

- purchase of land
- computer hardware, office furniture, or machinery, unless approved in writing by the ASC
- major capital expenditure
- the covering of retrospective costs
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation
- costs not directly related to the project, including but not limited to professional membership fees, fees for patent application, and maintenance
- major construction/capital works
- overseas travel, and
- activities for which other Commonwealth, state, territory or local government bodies have primary responsibility.

The ASC may, at its absolute discretion, determine whether any project costs involve items not permitted. If such a decision is made, then the ASC may decide not to support part or all of the application for funding.

7. The assessment criteria

All applications will be considered through a competitive process, and will be assessed against the assessment criteria and how they are ranked against each other.

Applicants must address all of the following assessment criteria in the application. Value for money is a key consideration in the assessment and administration of ASC grants.

All criteria have equal weighting.



Criterion 1 – Alignment with priority areas

Applicants **must** propose innovations that address one or more of the ASC's defined priority areas. For the 2026 cycle, these are:

- **Harnessing Data, AI and Machine Learning** (High Performance (HP) + Community Sport)
- **Next-Generation Wearables** (HP + Professional sport)
- **Digital Twin Technologies**, support and enhance performance (HP Sport + Professional Sport)
- **Brain Performance Innovation** – Assessment, Treatment and Return to Play (HP + Professional + Community Sport)
- **Material Science in Sport** (HP + Professional Sport).

Criterion 2 – Innovation and Technological Readiness

The application should demonstrate this through identifying:

- the novelty and uniqueness of the technology
- its potential for integration into the Australian sports ecosystem.

Applications **must** demonstrate the maturity of the solution ([Technology Readiness Level](#)), which must be a minimum TRL of 4 which generally means a technology has progressed beyond concept stage and key components have been validated in a laboratory or controlled environment.

Criterion 3 – Impact potential

The application should demonstrate this through identifying the technology's:

- ability to significantly improve performance, engagement, or operations
- scalability across ASC, NSO/D, or community sport
- relevance and potential benefit across diverse participants and sporting environments, including high performance, community, para sport and participants of all genders.

Criterion 4 – Team and execution capability

The application should demonstrate this through identifying:

- the strength and experience of the founding/project team
- the technical and operational capacity to execute a 6-month R&D project
- previous success or traction in similar/analogous domains.

Criterion 5 – Feasibility and strategic fit

The application should demonstrate this through identifying the technology's:

- compatibility with ASC infrastructure and data systems
- legal and regulatory compliance (e.g., data privacy, IP)



- potential for long-term partnership or commercialisation.
- Alignment with the ASC [“Responsible Use of AI in Sport”](#) documentation
- Alignment with [Play Well](#) and [Win Well](#) strategies

Applicants will be asked to provide a PDF submission (maximum 10 pages) to explain and/or demonstrate the tech. URLs to video demonstrations are permissible within the document.

Project applicants must complete the ‘Quality Assurance Framework for Sports Technology’, which will form part of the application form in SmartyGrants.

8. How to apply

Before applying, applicants must read and understand these guidelines, the sample application form, and the sample grant agreement.

These documents can be found on the ASC’s Grants and Funding website, as the authoritative source for ASC grants information.

To apply, applicants must:

- complete the online application form on <https://sportaus.smartygrants.com.au/ThePark2>
- complete the Quality Assurance Framework for Sports Technology, which is included in the application form
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria
- include all necessary attachments
- submit your application/s by 4:00pm AEDT 9th October 2026.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that submitted applications are complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth). We will investigate any false or misleading information and may exclude your application from further consideration.

If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should contact us immediately on funding@ausport.gov.au. We do not have to accept any additional information, or requests from you to correct your application after the closing time.

Application changes after the closing date and time are not permitted.

If we find an error or information that is missing, we may ask for clarification or additional information from you that will not change the nature of your application. However, we can refuse to accept any additional information from you that would change your submission after the application closing time.

Applicants should keep a copy of the submitted application and any supporting documents.

An automated email from the ASC grant management system confirming receipt of your application should be received upon submission.

If you do not receive an email, require further guidance about the application process or if you are unable to apply online contact us at funding@ausport.gov.au.



8.1 Attachments to the application

The following documentation must be submitted with your application:

- an accountant declaration that confirms annual turnover is equal to or less than \$20 million for the past 3 financial years combined (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26): OR
- profit/loss statements for the past 3 financial years (2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26)
- If submitting a joint application (8.2 refers), a letter of support from each partner.
- A PDF submission (maximum 10 pages) to explain and/or demonstrate the tech.
- You must attach supporting documentation to the application form in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. The ASC will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

8.2 Joint (consortia) applications

We recognise that some organisations may want to join together as a group to deliver a project.

In these circumstances, a 'lead organisation' must be appointed. Only the lead organisation can submit the application form and enter into a grant agreement with the ASC. The application must identify all other members of the proposed group and include a letter of support from each of the partners.

Each letter of support should include:

- details of the partner organisation
- an overview of how the partner organisation will work with the lead organisation and any other partner organisations in the group to successfully complete the grant activity.
- an outline of the relevant experience and/or expertise the partner organisation will bring to the group
- the roles/responsibilities of the partner organisation and the resources they will contribute (if any)
- details of a nominated management level contact officer.

You must have a formal arrangement in place with all parties prior to execution of the grant agreement.

8.3 Timing of grant opportunity processes

You must submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

If you are successful, we expect you will be able to commence your grant activity around November 2026. Grant-funded activities cannot commence prior to execution of the grant agreement.



Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

Activity	Timeframe
Assessment of applications + interview	1-2 weeks
Approval of outcomes of selection process	2 weeks
Negotiations and award of grant agreements	1-3 weeks
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	2 weeks
Earliest start date of grant activity	24 th November 2026
End date of grant activity or agreement	4 th May 2027

8.4 Questions during the application process

If you have any questions during the application period, contact: thepark@ausport.gov.au.

9. The grant selection process

9.1 Assessment of grant applications

We review your application against the eligibility criteria.

Only eligible applications will move to the next stage. If eligible, we will then assess your application against the assessment criteria (see Section 6) and against other applications. We consider your application on its merits, based on:

- how well it meets the criteria
- how it compares to other applications
- whether it provides value for money.

Up to 4 applicants will be offered grants.

9.2 Who will assess applications?

An ASC Assessment Committee will assess each application on its merit and compare it to other eligible applications before providing advice on which grant applications should be awarded a grant. The assessment committee will be made up of ASC Officers and may include external experts and advisors.

Any expert/advisor, who is not an ASC or Commonwealth Official, will be required/expected to perform their duties in accordance with the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Principles.

The assessment committee may seek additional information about you, your application, project partners, related bodies corporate, related entities and associated entities (as defined in the Corporations Act) and related personnel from third party sources, including other Commonwealth entities. They may do this from within the Commonwealth, even if the sources are not nominated by you as referees. The assessment committee may also consider information about you or your application that is available through the normal course of business.

The assessment committee recommends to the Grant Approver which applications to approve for a grant.



9.3 Who will approve grants?

The Grant Approver will be **CEO – Australian Sports Commission or Nominee** who decides which grants to approve considering the recommendations of the assessment committee and the availability of grant funds for the purposes of the grant program.

The Grant Approver's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of the grant
- the grant funding amount to be awarded
- the terms and conditions of the grant.

There is no appeal mechanism for decisions to approve or not approve a grant.

Should you wish to lodge a complaint, please see the process at section 14.

10. Notification of application outcomes

The ASC will advise applicants of the outcome of your application in writing.

If you are successful, we will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

10.1 Feedback on your application

If your application is unsuccessful, you may ask for feedback within five (5) business days of being advised of the outcome. The ASC will provide written feedback within one month of the request.

11. Successful grant applications

11.1 The grant agreement

Successful applicants must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the ASC.

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a grant agreement is executed. If you choose to start your project before you have an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own risk.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the Grant Approver. We will identify these in the agreement.

The ASC may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

You will have 30 days from the date of a written offer to execute this grant agreement with the ASC ('execute' means both you and the ASC have signed the agreement). During this time, we will work with you to finalise details.

The offer may lapse if both parties do not sign the grant agreement within this time. Under certain circumstances, we may extend this period. We base the approval of your grant on the information you provide in your application.



You may request changes to the grant agreement. However, we will review any required changes to these details to ensure they do not impact the grant as approved by the Grant Approver.

The successful applicant will be required to comply with all child safety obligations in the grant agreement prior to execution of the grant agreement. You must always comply with state and territory legislative requirements for working with children and mandatory reporting.

11.2 How we pay the grant

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid
- proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant (grant percentage)
- any financial contributions you must make
- any in-kind contributions you will make
- any financial contribution provided by a third party.

11.2.1 Payment Structure

We will pay 100 per cent of the grant on execution of the grant agreement. You will be required to report how you spent the grant funds at the completion of the project.

11.3 Grant payments and GST

If you are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), where applicable, we will add GST to your grant payment and issue you with a Recipient Created Tax Invoice.

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the Australian Taxation Office.¹ We do not provide advice on your particular taxation circumstances.

12. Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the ASC grants and funding webpage.

13. How we monitor your grant activity

13.1 Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your project or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your grant, carry on business and pay debts due.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

- name
- addresses

¹ <https://www.ato.gov.au/>



- nominated contact details
- bank account details
- business structure

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the grant agreement, you must contact the ASC in writing, immediately via funding@ausport.gov.au.

13.2 Reporting

You must submit reports in line with the grant agreement and project plan that has been co-designed and agreed with the ASC.

We will remind you of your reporting obligations before a report is due.

We will expect you to report on:

- progress against agreed project milestones and outcomes
- expenditure of the grant
 - initial budget to be stated in grant agreement
 - final acquittal will be sent out at the conclusion of the project via SmartyGrants

A pro-forma report template will be provided to all participants. Reports will be due at the following intervals

- 19th January 2027 - 8 weeks from project signing
- 9th March 2027 - 16 weeks from project signing
- 4th May 2027 - 24 weeks from project signing – Final report.

The amount of detail you provide in your reports should be relative to the size, complexity and grant amount.

We will monitor progress by assessing reports you submit and may conduct site visits or request records to confirm details of your reports if necessary. Occasionally we may need to re-examine claims, seek further information or request an independent audit of claims and payments.

13.3 Financial declaration

We may ask you to provide a declaration that the grant money was spent in accordance with the grant agreement and to report on any underspends of the grant money.

13.4 Grant agreement variations

We recognise that unexpected events may affect the progress of a project. In these circumstances, you can request a variation to your grant agreement. You can request a variation by writing to thepark@ausport.gov.au.

You should not assume that a variation request will be successful. We will consider your request based on provisions in the grant agreement and the likely impact on achieving outcomes.

13.5 Compliance visits

We may visit you during or at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the grant agreement. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

13.6 Record keeping

We may also inspect the records you are required to keep under the grant agreement.



13.7 Evaluation

We will evaluate the grant to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application and reports for this purpose. We may also interview you or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

13.8 Acknowledgement

The participants can state they have received funding from the ASC, the publication must acknowledge the ASC as follows:

‘The Park – Australian Sports Commission’s Innovation Hub’.

For avoidance of doubt, no company or participant can use the ASC logo, AIS logo or the Australian Crest of Arms.

14. Probity

The Australian Government will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, is conducted according to the published grant opportunity guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud and corruption, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRPs.

Applicants should be aware of their obligations under the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*, noting that under the Act grantees will generally be considered ‘contracted service providers’ [see <https://www.nacc.gov.au/resource-centre/nacc-fact-sheets>].

14.1 Enquiries and feedback

The ASC welcomes your feedback and complaints. All complaints about a grant process must be provided in writing.

Any questions you have about grant decisions for this grant program should be submitted online to [Feedback and Complaints | Australian Sports Commission](#).

If you do not agree with the way the ASC has handled your complaint, you may complain to the Commonwealth Ombudsman. The Ombudsman will not usually consider a complaint unless the matter has first been raised directly with the ASC.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman can be contacted on:

Phone (Toll free): 1300 362 072

Email: ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au

Website: www.ombudsman.gov.au

14.2 Conflict of interest

Any conflicts of interest, or perceived conflicts of interest can affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a conflict of interest, or perceived conflict of interest, if ASC staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel, including sub-contractors:



- have a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who can influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer, ASC employee or member of an external panel
- have a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently or
- have a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/ grant opportunity.

You will be asked to declare, as part of your application, any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or that, to the best of your knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform the ASC in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff will be handled as set out in the Australian Public Service Code of Conduct (Section 13(7) of the *Public Service Act 1999*). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

14.3 Privacy

The ASC treats your personal information according to the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Australian Privacy Principles. This includes letting you know:

- what personal information we collect
- why we collect your personal information
- who we give your personal information to.

Your personal information can only be disclosed to someone else for the primary purpose for which it was collected, unless an exemption applies.

The Australian Government may also use and disclose information about grant applicants and grant recipients under this grant opportunity in any other Australian Government business or function. This includes disclosing grant information on GrantConnect as required for reporting purposes and giving information to the Australian Taxation Office for compliance purposes.

We may share the information you give us with other Commonwealth entities for purposes including government administration, research or service delivery, according to Australian laws.

As part of your application, you declare your ability to comply with the *Privacy Act 1988* and the Australian Privacy Principles and your intention to impose the same privacy obligations on officers, employees, agents and subcontractors that you engage to assist with the activity, in respect of personal information you collect, use, store, or disclose in connection with the activity. Accordingly, you must not do anything, which if done by the ASC would breach an Australian Privacy Principle as defined in the Act.

14.4 Confidential information

Other than information available in the public domain, you agree not to disclose to any person, other than us, any confidential information relating to the grant application and/or agreement, without our prior written approval. The obligation will not be breached where you are required by law, Parliament or a stock exchange to disclose the relevant information or where the relevant information is publicly available (other than through breach of a confidentiality or non-disclosure obligation).

We may at any time, require you to arrange for you; or your employees, agents or subcontractors to give a written undertaking relating to nondisclosure of our confidential information in a form we consider acceptable.



We will keep any information in connection with the grant agreement confidential to the extent that it meets all of the three conditions below:

1. you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
2. the information is commercially sensitive
3. revealing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else.

We will not be in breach of any confidentiality agreement if the information is disclosed to:

- the ASC Assessment Committee and other Commonwealth employees and contractors to help us manage the program effectively, including for an integrity purpose
- employees and contractors of our department so we can research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities
- employees and contractors of other Commonwealth agencies for any purposes, including government administration, research or service delivery
- other Commonwealth, State, Territory or local government agencies in program reports and consultations
- the Auditor-General, Ombudsman, Privacy Commissioner or National Anti-Corruption Commissioner, or staff of their agencies
- the responsible Minister or Parliamentary Secretary, or
- a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

The grant agreement may also include any specific requirements about special categories of information collected, created or held under the grant agreement.

14.5 Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about this grant opportunity, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

All Freedom of Information requests must be referred to the Freedom of Information Coordinator in writing.

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