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WA Football Facilities Fund

About

The West Australian Football Commission (WAFC) has teamed with the AFL to launch the new WA Football Facilities Fund, to create safer and more inclusive spaces for community sport venues where football is played. From elite to local grassroots venues, the fund will enhance facilities for all ages and all abilities.

The WAFC considers unisex amenities (change room and umpires rooms), improved lighting and playing surface upgrades as high strategic priorities to accommodate the exponential growth and changing landscape of participation in sport. This priority is highlighted across our strategic documents including the *All Abilities & Inclusion Strategy*, the *Women's Footy Vision Strategy 2021-2030*, and the *WAFC Facilities Strategy 2020-2030*.

According to the AFL Infrastructure Plan *Towards 2030*, the AFL recognises that partnering with government, not only with major projects but also at a grassroots level is critical to ensuring our facilities provide the basic requirement for modern day participants.

The aim of the program is to:

- Maximise available carrying capacity of existing venues and the quality/functionality of supporting infrastructure.
- Develop increased supply through construction of new ovals, especially in growing communities, in a variety of traditional or innovative settings.
- Provide inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for the diversity of participants, particularly all genders and all-ability participants, that wish to participate in our game.
- Develop venues to support the elite game and the sport's complete talent pathway, umpiring, staff, landmark heritage sites and people working and volunteering within the game.
- Enable planning and project partnerships to form with a range of government and non-government bodies to result in an improved quantity, quality, and welcoming venue network for Australian football.

Applicants are eligible to apply for up to 10% of total project cost, up to \$50,000.

The WA Football Facilities Fund Steering Committee reserves the right to approve funding to any project if it deems to be of significant benefit to Australian Rules Football

Who can Apply

Clubs who are affiliated and play in WAFC affiliated competitions, local governments and umpire associations can apply for funding. Eligible organisations are referred to throughout the guidelines as *Applicants*.

It is important to engage with WAFC in the development of your project to determine how your proposal aligns with the level of the club, standard of facility and **WAFC's Strategic Facilities Plan 2020 - 2030**.

The **WA Football Facilities Fund Steering Committee** will assess received applications that meet the eligibility criteria.

Applications will be used to build on a pipeline of priority projects over the term of the Program. It is anticipated funding applicants will secure additional funding through other grant programs or independent fundraising activities to support the delivery of their

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projects. Clubs remain eligible to apply for other WA Government grants to support project delivery.

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

For further information and to apply, contact WAFC Facilities on facilities@wafc.com.au

How to Apply

The **WA Football Commission's Facilities Fund Steering Committee** will assess projects.

This process asks for a range of information relating to your initial concept, including applicant details, project need, funding request and documentation such as funding approvals, scope of works, designs, and full building plans.

To Apply, go to the WAFC website or contact the Manager Facilities and Government Relations.

Make sure you have the information you need to apply on hand, including required documents, and click on 'Apply online' to submit your Expression of Interest through SmartyGrants. You will receive an Application Number when you submit an Expression of Interest.

The Steering Committee will meet on a bi-annual basis to assess applications.

Once the Steering Committee have assessed your application, a WAFC representative will be in touch to advise the outcome of your application.

Eligibility

What types of activities might be funded

The **WA 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.

Proposals should demonstrate how the projects will achieve some or all the following strategic priorities:

- an increase or maintenance in participation
- encouragement of participation by all genders, all ability participants, juniors, people living in growth areas and communities experiencing disadvantage
- Improved privacy and safety for all participants
- an improvement in the health and wellbeing of the community
- assistance with the development of site master plans or facility development plans
- development of multi-use, shared and co-located facilities
- implementation of Environmentally Sustainable Design which applies or demonstrates principles of Universal Design.

Examples of potential projects include but are not limited to:

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- modification of existing football facilities to improve usage and access such as all genders change room facilities and amenities for players and umpires
- development or upgrading of a field of play for purposes of football
- development or upgrading of sports lighting to improve football participation and club sustainability.

Other considerations:

- Applicants must make timely contact with WAFC representatives to discuss project ideas, seek their input into the planning and design of facilities and participation/programming initiatives.
- projects must adhere to the [AFL's 2024 Preferred Facilities Guidelines](#)
- Applicants are encouraged to explore funding models that demonstrate stakeholder engagement and commitment to the project
- Applicants are encouraged to explore funding and commercial models which demonstrate club sustainability. For example- provide proof of sponsorship for scoreboard
- Projects planned in functional, self-contained stages are eligible
- projects on school land are eligible subject to a completed Community Joint Use Proposal
- Applicants wanting to undertake detailed Design and Construct projects are eligible but will need to demonstrate appropriate levels of planning and are still required to submit schematic designs and costings with full application
- Applicants wanting to undertake Prefabricated Design and Construct projects are eligible. However, local governments are required to submit a detailed area schedule for prefabricated/modular construction projects rather than schematic plans (although plans can be submitted if available).
- Applicants must demonstrate current right to occupy/lease arrangements for a minimum of three years from 1 July 2024 (if arrangements are for less than three years, right to occupy/lease renewal confirmation must indicate a minimum three-year commitment to use the land for sport/recreation activities)
- Applicants must demonstrate landowner's permission to undertake the proposed project (unless the applicant owns the land).

What will not be funded

Project Types

- projects that do not align with objectives of the program
- the purchase of land (in general, the land on which the facility development is proposed will be municipal property, a Crown reserve, land owned by a public authority, or land held for public purposes by trustees)
- Requests for retrospective funding without sufficient prior engagement and approval by the WAFC
- requests for ongoing operational costs such as, but not limited to, salaries, electricity, water, asset maintenance and other utilities
- upgrading or redeveloping kitchen or public toilet facilities, except as part of a larger project that meets the objectives of the funding program - unless proof of club sustainability and increased club user access is provided in writing.
- routine or cyclical maintenance works
- purchasing or maintaining recreation, entertainment, sporting, lifesaving, or any other equipment (except as part of facility fit out)
- purchasing of scoreboards or fencing, except as part of a larger project that meets the objectives of the funding program

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- projects that do not meet relevant Australian standards (e.g. lighting projects) and do not closely adhere to [AFL's 2024 Preferred Facilities Guidelines](#)
- repair of facilities damaged by vandalism, fire or other natural disasters where the damage can be fully covered by insurance
- facilities where little or no public access is available

Financial Management

- projects where contributions from funding partners are not confirmed in writing or underwritten by local government

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Eligibility Confirmation

If you have not read the guidelines, please read them before commencing this application.

[Guidelines](#)

Does your project meet the Eligibility and Guidelines?

Yes No

You must confirm that all statements above are true and correct.

Contact Details

* indicates a required field

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Applicant Details

Applicant

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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Position *

e.g., Manager, President or Committee Member

Applicant Admin Contact

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Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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I am applying for funding of behalf of:

- Football Club Umpire Association
 Local Government Other:

Postal Address

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

Website

Must be a URL.

Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Primary Email *

This is the address we will use to correspond with you about this EOI

ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	

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Main business location

Must be an ABN.

Bank Account

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Geographical Information

AFL League/Association

Select one*

Local Government

Select one*

Project Details

Project Title

Provide a brief description of your project

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

The project aligns with the following strategic facility priority areas

- Lighting (training/match standard)
- Amenities (all gender player and umpire changerooms, clubrooms, etc)
- New Facilities (Ovals/amenities)
- Other:

Facility/Venue/Oval name

Who owns the land

Council

Crown

Private

When is the project expected to take place?

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Start Date

Must be a date.

End Date

Must be a date.

Project Details cont.

What will the Project Achieve?

Demonstrate the extent to which the project: > Increases (or sustains) participation in football. > Improves access/participation opportunities for diverse groups including people with disabilities, females, young people, people from multicultural and Indigenous backgrounds. > Improves the terms of access to facilities for football clubs/leagues through a secure long-term agreement with the local government authority or other facility managers (such as education bodies).

How will this Facility improve utilisation of the venue for Australian football users?

Primary Club Name

Primary Club level

Total number of male members at the primary club

Must be a number.

Total number of female members at the primary club

Must be a number.

Total club members

This number/amount is calculated.

Any secondary clubs at the site?

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How many hours per week is the venue currently utilised for football?

- 0 - 5 hours 11 - 15 hours 21 - 25 hours > 31 hours
 6 - 10 hours 16 - 20 hours 26 - 30 hours

When the project is complete, how many hours per week will the venue be utilised for football?

- 0 - 5 hours 11 - 15 hours 21 - 25 hours > 31 hours
 6 - 10 hours 16 - 20 hours 26 - 30 hours

Other Facility users?

Why is this project required?

Demonstrate the extent to which the project responds to identified needs and issues and is supported strategically by Australian football club/league/regional/state body planning and/or local government sport and recreation planning.

Why does this work need to be done?

How will the Project be delivered?

Demonstrate the extent to which the project: > Clearly identifies the project scope, methodology and timelines. > Includes the provision of quotations/cost estimates and concept/schematic plans for the project (that are consistent with the current AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines). > Includes confirmation of all other funding contributions (both financial and in-kind). > Encourages innovative approaches to address items such as access, multiuse risk management, and environmental sustainability.

Who will be involved?

Demonstrate the extent to which the project: > Will be appropriately managed to completion and collaborates with a variety of stakeholders including the council, other clubs, leagues and other community groups as appropriate. > A WAFC representative should be included in project groups where an investment is forthcoming from this fund.

Estimated Budget

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Total Amount Requested

\$

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application? (excl. GST)

Estimated Total Project Cost

\$

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project? (excl. GST)

Other confirmed/known funding sources

Organisation

\$

Organisation	\$
	(excl. GST) Must be a dollar amount.
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	\$

Outline any past investment to the site in the last 10 years?

Assessment Criteria

Project Development 30%

- 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 & landowner's permission
- Include evidence of project costing, quotations/internal cost estimates
- Include confirmation of funding sources and contributions (both financial and in-kind) with evidence detailing level and type of in-kind contribution provided
- Quotes, cost estimates or Quantity Surveyor estimates required to undertake the project

Project Development response

Attachments can be included in the attachments section

Strategic Justification 10%

- Why is this project required? Describe how it responds to identified community needs, issues and addresses a gap in local facilities.

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- Provide evidence of how the project is strategically supported by local or regional planning or the WAFC Strategic Facilities Plan 2020 - 2030.

Strategic Justification response

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Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation 20%

- What are the outcomes of the consultation undertaken with project stakeholders including WAFC, DLGSC, Council/clubs and/or community groups?
- Will the project be managed by an appropriately qualified team?

Stakeholder Engagement / Consultation response

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Participation Outcomes 40%

- Describe how the project improves (or sustains) participation in WA football. As a result of the project, what will be the additional participation and programming 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 well-being?
- Describe how the project considers multi-use and improves the quality and range of football opportunities

Participation Outcomes response

Attachments can be included in the attachments section

Attachments

Strategic documents, project plans, quotations/cost estimates, concept/schematic plans

Attach a file:

You can attach as many attachments as needed

Letters of support from stakeholder / user groups / community

Attach a file:

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Letter of support from Council or Educational Institution

Attach a file:

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