ACTIVE KIDS GRANT OPENS TO SUPPORT GRASSROOTS SPORT

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Active Kids Grant to deliver essential equipment and uniforms to grassroots sport, supporting participation, health and community connection.

Grassroots sports clubs across Australia are being invited to apply for the next round of the Active Kids Grant, with sporting equipment and uniforms set to be delivered to community clubs supporting young Australians.

Delivered by the **Australian Sports Foundation** (ASF) in partnership with **The Dickinson Foundation**, the Active Kids Grant supports volunteer-run clubs with essential gear to help reduce cost barriers and enable more young people to take part in sport.

The upcoming grant round will again support young people aged 20 and under, with funding focused on uniforms and equipment that help clubs grow participation, improve inclusion and create safe, welcoming environments for sport.

ASF Interim Chief Executive Officer **Ryan Holloway** said the grant program is designed to help clubs meet real, on-the-ground needs.

"Grassroots clubs are where participation begins, but many face rising costs that make it harder to provide affordable, inclusive opportunities for young people," Mr Holloway said.

"The Active Kids Grant helps clubs access the practical equipment they need to get kids involved, keep them active and support positive physical, mental and social health outcomes through sport."

The Active Kids Grant is made possible through the ongoing generosity of The Dickinson Foundation, whose support has enabled the program to deliver **more than $5 million in uniforms and equipment over since 2019**, reaching **931 community clubs nationwide, supporting more than 153,000 young people stay in sport**.

David Dickinson, Founder and Director of The Dickinson Foundation said the foundation is committed to strengthening community sport and increasing participation.

"We are proud to support grassroots clubs through the Active Kids Grant, particularly those working to remove barriers to participation," David said.

"By investing in equipment and uniforms, our program helps clubs to create inclusive, community-led sporting opportunities that support health, connection and long-term engagement in sport."

Since its launch in 2019, the Active Kids Grant program has supported clubs across 47 sports, funding initiatives that encourage participation, inclusion and community connection in metropolitan, regional and remote areas.

Applications for the next Active Kids Grant round will open on Monday 2 March at 9am AEDT, with volunteer-run, grassroots and community sporting organisations encouraged to apply.

Mr Holloway said that while the grant program plays an important role, ongoing community support remains essential to the sustainability of grassroots sport.

"Giving to sport is one of the most direct ways to support participation and wellbeing in local communities," he said.

*"Through the Australian Sports Foundation, individuals and organisations can make **tax-deductible donations** to support clubs and programs they care about, helping ensure sport remains accessible for the next generation."*

How to apply:

Volunteer-run, grassroots and community sporting organisations supporting young people aged 20 and under are eligible to apply.

Application instructions can be found online via the ASF website. A **comprehensive application toolkit** is available to guide organisations through eligibility requirements, supporting information and submission steps.

Applications open: Monday, 2 March 2026 AEDT
Applications close: Friday, 27 March 2026 AEDT
Notification of outcomes: Wednesday, 29 April 2026 AEDT

Apply online today at: https://asf.org.au/grants

For more information about the Active Kids Grant, or to support grassroots sport through tax-deductible giving, visit **asf.org.au**.

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