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# Play Our Way Program Forecast Opportunity (P5261) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) GOXXXX

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## Background

### What is the Play Our Way grant opportunity?

The *Play Our Way* program Grant Opportunity is an open competitive opportunity that will provide funding of up to \$200 million (inclusive of government administration costs) over three years from 2024-25.

This Grant Opportunity aims to address the barriers women and girls<sup>2</sup> face when participating in sport and physical activity by delivering quality facilities and sport participation experiences where the need is greatest, and in a manner that is safe, equitable, accessible, inclusive, sustainable and enduring.

This Grant Opportunity will fund projects across two Streams:

#### Stream 1: Facilities

Single or multi-year funding to support new and upgraded facilities, playing areas or spaces for sport and physical activity, specifically for women and girls.

#### Stream 2: Participation and equipment

Single year funding, with projects able to be delivered over multiple years, to support sustainable and enduring sport participation programs, and/or new or upgraded equipment, specifically for women and girls.

The Grant Opportunity is anticipated to open in mid March 2024.

## General Questions

### How do I access this grant opportunity?

Forecast Opportunities provide preliminary information relating to a possible upcoming grant opportunity, so eligible organisations can start preparing their application.

### Update 20 February 2024

On 20 February 2024, draft Grant Opportunity Guidelines were added to support applicants to understand and start preparing their grant application ahead of the formal opening of the grant round in mid March 2024.

By registering on [GrantConnect](#) you can be notified of any grant opportunity offered by the Department of Health and Aged Care and have access to grant opportunity documents. Please note any details relating to forecast opportunities may change with the published Grant Opportunity.

### What type of process is this grant opportunity?

This grant opportunity is an open competitive selection process. This means that the grant opportunity is open to all organisations who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

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<sup>2</sup> An inclusive approach to the phrase 'women and girls' is taken, and recognises that individuals may identify and be recognised within the community as the gender other than the sex they were assigned at birth, or as a gender which is not exclusively male or female and that there is diversity in our bodies, sex characteristics, sexualities and gender identities. Although the terminology generally refers to women and girls, this is not intended to exclude females with diverse sexualities, intersex women and women with a transgender experience.

The grant opportunity will be administered in accordance with the [Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines 2017 \(CGRGs\)](#).

### **How do I submit an application for this grant opportunity?**

**Applications are not currently open.**

Detailed information on the application process is available in the published Grant Opportunity Guidelines. This includes specific instructions on what is in the assessment criteria and what attachments will be required for your application.

### **When do applications open?**

We anticipate the application forms to apply for this funding opportunity will be open on [GrantConnect](#) in mid March 2024.

### **Stream 1: Facilities**

An expression of interest (EOI) application form will open initially. The department will shortlist and invite successful applicants to submit a full grant application for consideration in mid-late 2024.

### **Stream 2: Participation and Equipment**

Grant applications will be available upon opening as anticipated in mid March. This stream does not have a two staged process.

### **Who is eligible to apply**

To be eligible you must be one of the following entity types:

- *Corporations (Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006)*
- company
- local government
- cooperative
- incorporated association
- unincorporated association.

## **Funding Questions**

### **How much can I apply for?**

For this grant opportunity a total of up to \$200 million (inclusive of government administration costs) is available over three years across the two Streams.

### **Stream 1: Facilities**

Applicants will be able to apply for between \$50,000 and \$1,500,000 for projects that support new and upgraded sport facilities, playing areas and spaces, specifically for women and girls.

For Facilities projects in small rural towns, remote communities or very remote communities as defined by the Modified Monash Model (MMM 5-7<sup>3</sup>), it is anticipated that the maximum will be \$2,000,000 to reflect increased costs in rural and remote areas.

**For a list of MMM post codes, please refer to this list** [Modified Monash Model \(MMM\) Suburb and Locality Classification \(health.gov.au\)](#)

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<sup>3</sup> The Modified Monash Model (MMM) is how we define whether a location is metropolitan, rural, remote or very remote. See, for example: <https://www.health.gov.au/topics/rural-health-workforce/classifications/mmm>.

Whilst no minimum co-contribution will be required, co-contribution and consortium arrangements are strongly encouraged (and often required for larger-scale projects) and will be viewed favourably during the grant assessment process.

Projects may be assessed and offered a lower amount than applied for.

### **Stream 2: Participation and Equipment**

Applicants will be able to apply for between \$50,000 and \$1,000,000 for projects that support modifying and/or developing sustainable and enduring sport participation programs, and/or new or upgraded equipment, specifically for women and girls.

Projects can be for both Participation and Equipment initiatives, or one component only.

No co-contribution is required however co-contribution and consortium arrangements are strongly encouraged and will be viewed favourably during the grant selection process.

Projects may be assessed and offered a lower amount than applied for.

### **Can I apply for both Streams of funding?**

Yes, however each eligible organisation can only submit one application per Stream of funding (refer Grant Opportunity Guidelines for further information).

### **What can the grant funding be used for?**

You will only be allowed to spend the grant on eligible expenditure you have incurred for eligible grant activities.

We cannot provide a grant if you receive funding from another Commonwealth Government source for the same eligible grant activities.

Eligible expenditure items must be directed to initiatives supporting women and girls participation in sport and physical activity and could include:

#### **Stream 1: Facilities**

- Construction activities (for example, final design, project management, construction and fit out costs) which occur after the execution of the grant agreement and result in the delivery of the project before 30 June 2027.

#### **Stream 2: Participation and Equipment**

- Materials and other support reasonably required to modify or create new programs to increase participation and deliver quality sport and physical activity experiences for women and girls, particularly those experiencing intersectional disadvantage.
- Equipment that meets the specific needs of women and girls to safely participate in sport and physical activity.

**Section 5 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines provides further information on what activities won't be funded.**

### **If successful, when will I receive a grant payment?**

Before payments are made a grant agreement must be signed by the grant recipient and the departmental delegate. Payments will then be made in line with the payment schedule in your grant agreement.

Some grant payments may be made contingent on reaching satisfactory milestones agreed with the department, to manage risk of non-delivery on the grant objectives.

## Are there any GST or income tax-related issues involved in receiving funding?

Payments will be GST Exclusive. 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](#). We do not provide advice on your taxation circumstances.

## Application Process Questions

### Can I discuss my project and application with someone now?

For probity reasons the department cannot individually assist, comment on or give specific guidance to a potential applicant on how to shape or describe their project or complete an application form (including advice on whether you meet the eligibility criteria to apply). Applicants must refer to additional frequently asked questions and/or the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for relevant information on how to complete their application.

### How do I apply?

Applications for this grant opportunity will need to be submitted via an online application form. **This link will be made available on GrantConnect in mid March 2024.**

An Expression of Interest (EOI) will be required for Stream: 1 Facilities. Only successful EOI applicants will be invited to submit a full grant application.

**Your EOI will be required to address criteria outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines,** including a description of proposed works, location, and evidence of site/premise access and the current infrastructure related issues that discriminate and create barriers to attracting and retaining women and girls. An indicative activity budget will also be required. Successful EOI applicants will be required to attach quotes to their grant application.

## Assessment Process

### What will the assessment consider?

The assessment will consider how value with relevant money is demonstrated for the grant amount requested, in relation to:

- Alignment with grant opportunity objectives
- Organisational capacity and project viability
- Culture of inclusion
- Strategic alignment and engagement

In addition to an application form, all applicants will be required to submit:

- Proof of entity type
- Activity work plan
- Activity budget
- Risk management plan

Templates (where applicable) will be made available on [GrantConnect](#) once the grant opportunity opens.

Additional attachments may be required depending on the funding stream your organisation is applying for, and are likely to be inclusive of:

### **Stream 1: Facilities**

- Equitable Access Policy/Plan/Strategy
- Letter of agreement from facility and land owner to all aspects of proposal (e.g. equity, access and sustainability measures)
- Evidence of any other funding sources (co-contributions) for the same initiative as this grant opportunity
- Letter(s) of support (if applying through a consortium), and
- Construction quotes.

### **Stream 2: Participation and Equipment**

- Equitable Access Policy/Plan/Strategy
- Evidence of any other funding sources (co-contributions) for the same initiative as this grant opportunity
- Letter(s) of support (if applying through a consortium).

Further information will be provided in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.

### **When will funding be available?**

For projects that receive funding in 2024-25, payments will commence after a grant agreement is executed and in line with the payment terms outlined in the signed grant agreement.

For projects that receive funding in later financial years, payments will commence as soon as practicable at the start of the new financial year, in line with the payment terms outlined in the signed grant agreement.

## **Eligible project examples**

### **What are some example projects that might be delivered under this program?**

Examples of eligible Projects and activities are anticipated to include, but are not limited to:

### **Stream 1: Facilities**

- Construction of new and/or modified facilities, playing areas and spaces for sport and physical activity to make them more inclusive, safe, and accessible, and provide equitable and enduring opportunities for women and girls to train and compete.
- Construction of new and/or upgraded amenities (e.g. change rooms, showers, toilets) at facilities for sport and physical activity that improve access, safety and use by women and girls and are financially sustainable.

### **Stream 2: Participation and Equipment**

- Modification of and/or new participation programs that deliver quality sport and physical activity experiences for women and girls facing disadvantage, particularly those who:

- are First Nations peoples
- are culturally and linguistically diverse
- live with disability
- reside in regional, rural and remote areas ([MMM3-7<sup>4</sup>](#))
- reside in a low socioeconomic area and/or
- identify as belonging to the LGBTQIA+ community.
- Modification of and/or new sport and physical activity programs that provide more opportunities for women and girls to engage across a variety of sport roles (e.g. coaching and officiating).
- Enduring programs that consider and overcome the barriers to sport and physical activity participation among women and girls including:
  - increasing equitable access opportunities for participation
  - flexible program delivery to better meet the needs of women and girls
  - reducing costs associated with sport and/or physical activity participation
  - building a culture of equality, respect and inclusion in sport and physical activity.
- New and/or upgraded equipment that allows women and girls to participate in sport and physical activity safely, without fear of judgment, and is culturally appropriate.

## More information

### Where do I go for more information?

The *Play Our Way* program announcement is available at <https://www.health.gov.au/ministers/the-hon-anika-wells-mp/media/securing-a-sporting-legacy-for-women-and-girls>.

More information is available on [Play Our Way program](#), Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care

### How will I be notified of changes to the grant opportunity?

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