

# Sport Competition Pathway Grant Guidelines



## Why do we provide these grants?

Yarra's Sports Competition Pathway Grants (SCP) are available to encourage greater participation in sport competition pathways and provide financial support to local athletes who participate at State, National and International levels.

## Key dates

SCP Grants are available in four rounds:	
Round 1	1 July – 30 September
Round 2	1 October – 31 December
Round 3	1 January – 31 March
Round 4	1 April – 30 June

Applications must be lodged prior to the event taking place to be eligible for funding. Applications will only be assessed at the conclusion of each funding round – limited exceptions may apply for events taking place before 30 September.

## Grant categories

SCP Grants are available to City of Yarra (CoY) residents of all ages who compete or officiate in their chosen sport at a level within one of the following categories:

Category 1: Individuals (maximum \$500)	
<i>State Level</i>	Competing at state level against participants from within the state, such as State Championships or equivalent. State development competition may be considered within this category.
<i>National Level</i>	Competing at national events against participants from other states, such as National Championships, Inter-State Championships or equivalent.
<i>International Level</i>	Competing at international events against participants from other countries, such as Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games and World Championship Events.
Category 2: Teams (maximum \$1000)	
<i>Team Sponsorship</i>	Teams that compete at any of the above levels of competition. At least 50% of the team's members must be residents of Yarra.

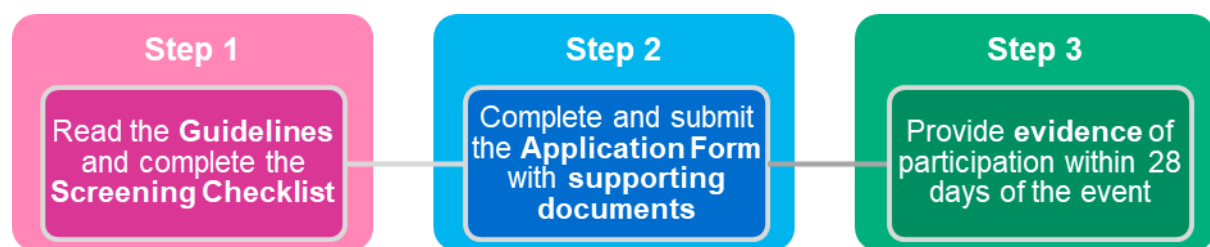
## Eligibility criteria

- **Applicants must reside in Yarra** – License showing current residential address(s); Utilities bill (e.g. gas, electricity, home phone); Pension or Health Care Card; rates notice / copy of lease, etc.
- **Verification of selection** – Letter of support from the relevant accredited State, National or International governing sporting body

## What won't be funded?

- Retrospective events
- Participation in sports that do not have a set of rules or code of conduct, are not competitive in nature or recognised by the code of sport's Federal or State governing sporting body
- More than one application per annum and / or applications for multiple categories
- Applications that do not include evidence (proof of residence and letter of support) and/or applicants who do not agree to provide evidence post event (proof of participation)
- Applicants who do not disclose previous awards from CoY
- State or National Level University Games
- School based tours where participant selection is not based on merit

## Application process



## Assessment

Eligible applications are assessed against strength of responses to the following key criteria:

- **Participation** (past achievements, how the grant will assist current and future participation)
- **Commitment** (demonstration of ongoing dedication to the chosen sport including any volunteer or coaching aspects)
- **Spend** (how the amount requested will be spent and demonstrated need for financial support)

Applicants will be notified within 14 days of the conclusion of each round regarding the outcome of their application.

## Successful applicants

- **Award Letter** – Successful applicants will receive an *Award Letter* that states the purpose of the grant and terms and conditions. Acceptance of the Award must be emailed to [recreation@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:recreation@yarracity.vic.gov.au)
- **EFT form** – Successful applicants will receive an electronic funds transfer (EFT) form which must be completed to receive the grant.
- **Evidence of participation** – Grant recipients must provide *evidence of participation* within 28 days of event attendance. Evidence can consist of photos, media articles, printed results, receipts, or a letter from a relevant governing body, etc.

If the successful applicant does not attend the event for which the grant has been given, the money must be returned to CoY in full. Grants not fully expended also must be returned.