



TO: ALL FOOTBALL VICTORIA AFFILIATED CLUBS / REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS  
FROM: SENIOR EXECUTIVE MANAGER – BUSINESS SERVICES  
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Dear Clubs,

As we begin to accelerate preparations for an exciting 2020 season across Victoria, we would like to update you on some important funding opportunities announced by the State Government.

As you may be aware last year, Football Victoria launched its 2019-2022 Strategic Plan called *FootbALLways*. Our strategy is focused on uniting, inspiring and enabling Victorians of ALL backgrounds to live and love football, for life – anywhere, anytime.

One of the key pillars of our Strategic Plan is ensuring that football facilities and infrastructure across Victoria can keep up with, and exceed, the ever-growing participation rate in Australia's #1 sport for registered club participants.

Our comprehensive facilities strategy clearly demonstrates that by 2026, we will need 420 new and equivalent full-size pitches just to meet the growing demand for our game and population growth across the state. As part of our concerted facilities and advocacy campaign with Government at all levels, we have been successful in creating some new funding opportunities for our clubs.

Therefore, we are pleased to share some important information about two major funds (and a smaller third fund) which we strongly recommend all clubs investigate in collaboration with their local councils and Football Victoria.

The first is the [World Game Facilities Fund \(WGFF\)](#). The WGFF is a Victorian Government funding program that assists local football (soccer) clubs and organisations to upgrade existing or develop new facilities across metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The second is the [Local Sports Infrastructure Fund \(LSIF\)](#). The LSIF is a state-wide competitive Victorian Government investment program that provides a range of grant opportunities across five funding streams including female friendly and community facilities.

A table highlighting both funds and their specific focus areas is below.

Grant Name	World Game Facilities Fund	Local Sports Infrastructure Fund
Grant Amount	\$20 million	\$22 million
Applicant	Local Council (only)	Local Council (only)
Grant Caps	\$500k per council (unlimited applications)	Female Friendly Facilities stream - \$500k per council (unlimited applications)

		Community Facilities stream - \$250k per council (up to 2 applications)
Matching Funding Requirements	Metropolitan Councils - \$1:\$1 Interface Councils - \$1.50:\$1 Ballarat, Bendigo & Geelong - \$1.50:\$1 Rural Councils - \$2:\$1	Metropolitan Councils - \$1:\$1 Interface Councils - \$1.50:\$1 Ballarat, Bendigo & Geelong - \$2:\$1 Rural Councils - \$2:\$1
Application Deadlines	13 March 2020	14 February 2020
Eligible Projects	Change-rooms Lighting Pitches, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthetic installations</li> <li>• Drainage / irrigation</li> <li>• Resurfacing</li> </ul> Pavilions	Female Friendly Facilities Change-rooms Lighting Fields Courts  Community Facilities Playgrounds Lighting Skate-parks Fields Multi-sport Courts Trails
Project Requirements	Project completion within 18 months of funding approval	Project completed by 31 December 2021
Football Victoria (FV) Role	FV must endorse projects as part of the application submitted. FV will support Councils to make applications. FV Club Ambassadors will assist clubs in engaging with Councils.	FV must provide a Letter of Support for projects as part of the application submitted. FV will support Councils to make applications. FV Club Ambassadors will assist clubs in engaging with Councils.
Application Websites	<a href="https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/world-game-facilities-fund">https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/world-game-facilities-fund</a>	<a href="https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/local-sports-infrastructure-fund">https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/local-sports-infrastructure-fund</a>

As these funds both require Councils to apply, FV is already working closely with a number of Councils on applications – your Club Ambassador is across these projects and can assist in identifying projects that will be eligible for this year’s funding round or alternatively may be part of future funding rounds.

For a project to be eligible for funding in 2020, the project must be ‘shovel ready’, i.e. plans, costings, participation data etc. already complete (for full list see p.8 of the WGFF Program Guidelines). We also draw your attention to the Assessment Criteria on p.10 of the WGFF Program Guidelines.

If your project is at the concept stage, it is suggested that you work with your Council via FV to seek funding for site master-planning to position your project for funding in 2021.



We would also like to alert you to a third funding source for clubs to consider. Called the [2019-20 Sporting Club Grants Program \(SCGP\)](#), community organisations delivering sport and active recreation programs anywhere in Victoria may apply. The SCGP has four funding categories:

#### Category 1: Uniforms or Equipment

Grants up to \$1,000 to purchase uniforms or other equipment that is essential for participation, safety, or first aid equipment for immediate attention to injury that may occur participating in sport or active recreation.

#### Category 2: Skill Development

Grants to improve the skills of club members by providing training for coaches, officials, administration staff and management committees.

Grants of up to \$2,000 for individual organisations

- Grants of up to \$5,000 for leagues, associations or an organisation who collaborates with multiple organisations to deliver training for a broad span of participants.

#### Category 3: Club Operational Capacity

Grants up to \$5,000 to improve the operational effectiveness and efficiency of clubs through strategic planning or to increase community participation through accessible sport and active recreation opportunities such as alternative, modified or pilot programs.

#### Category 4: Aboriginal Participation

Grants of up to \$1000 for uniforms and equipment, up to \$2000 for skills development training and up to \$750 for travel.

Applications for the SCGP close on Friday, 28 February 2020 and details of the program can be found at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/sporting-club-grants-program>.

Finally, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of our clubs and Regional Associations the very best for the upcoming 2020 season and highly recommend you investigate these funding options.

If you require any further information or assistance, please feel free to contact your Club Ambassador or Facilities Development Manager Kevin O'Byrne at [Kevin.OByrne@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:Kevin.OByrne@footballvictoria.com.au), or myself at [matthew.green@footballvictoria](mailto:matthew.green@footballvictoria) or Football Victoria directly on (03) 9474 1800.

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