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Minister for Health  
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### **Game On grants open to get Queensland moving**

*Game On Queensland* grants are now available to local councils to deliver sport and recreation events and programs in the lead-up to, during and after the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The grants, funded by the Australian Government, are being delivered through the Queensland Government's Embracing 2018 program.

Federal Minister for Sport Greg Hunt said the Australian Government was providing grants worth \$700,000 which would be provided to local governments across the state to provide healthy and active initiatives for the community.

"This investment will increase sport and recreation participation opportunities for Queenslanders, inspiring community members to move more, value their health and be active for life," Minister Hunt said.

"One of my top priorities is to boost participation in sport and physical activity across all ages."

"*Game On Queensland* will enable local councils to provide Queenslanders opportunities to participate in new or different sports and active recreation activities."

"It's about trying a new sport or activity and supporting the community to get active in whatever way suits them best. What matters is getting out there – getting moving and getting the heart pumping."

Queensland's Commonwealth Games Minister Kate Jones said the grants would achieve a legacy for local sporting communities well beyond the Games.

"Councils right across Queensland are the backbone of sporting events and activities in their local communities and it's great that we can support them and encourage healthy, active lifestyles."

“The *Game On Queensland* grants are a great opportunity for councils to deliver sports and activity days for the community.

Minister Jones said funding would be available under two categories – *Game On Events* and *Game On Programs*.

“*Game On Events* are designed to be held in council’s own facilities and outdoor spaces in a festival-like atmosphere with activities, such as ‘give it a try’ sport sessions, fun runs and obstacle courses.

“*Game On Programs* encourage people to take part in sporting activities in their local communities.

“They are great initiatives and I encourage local councils to get behind the spirit of the Games and apply for a *Game On Queensland* grant as we head towards our greatest success story in April next year,” Ms Jones said.

For more information visit [www.embracing2018.com/game-on-qld](http://www.embracing2018.com/game-on-qld).

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