



To: Minister Colbeck
cc: Minister Hunt

Subject: Request to vary ^{s 22} projects under the ^{s 22}
Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) Programs

Critical date: N/A

Recommendations:			
That you:			
1.	^{s22}		1. Approved / Not approved / Please discuss
2.	Approve the awarding of a grant to Boroondara City Council, and the commitment of \$60,000 (GST excl.) under FFWSS, for the Female Change Facilities Upgrade project for the newly amalgamated Balwyn Greythorn Junior Football Club, in place of the previously approved Female Change Facilities Upgrade projects for Balwyn Junior Football Club and Greythorn Falcons Football Club.		2. Approved / Not approved / Please discuss
3.	^{s22}		3. Agreed / Not agreed / Please discuss
4.	^{s22}		4. Signed / Not signed / Please discuss
Signature		Date: / /	
Media Release required? NO			
Comments:			
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Key Issues:

1. The Prime Minister, The Hon Scott Morrison delegated responsibility for the ongoing management of Sports Grants to you (MS19-002071) which gives you the authority to identify and make decisions in respect of eligible grant projects. Legislative authority for this spending is provided by **s22** Part 3, Schedule 1AA, Item 421.005 for FFWSS of the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Regulations 1997*. Both grant programs are election/budget commitments, ad hoc, and non-competitive grant programs.
2. There are **s 22** variations for your consideration. In accordance with Paragraph 4.6a of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines 2017 (CGRGs) these commitments are grants.
3. In accordance with section 71 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act), in order to approve proposed expenditure for a grant you must be satisfied (after making reasonable inquiries) that the expenditure is a proper use of relevant money. Further information, including your Ministerial obligations under the PGPA Act and the CGRGs, are provided in (**Attachment D**).

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The Balwyn Greythorn Junior Football Club (FFWSS Project)

Two grants were awarded to each club's home ground - Balwyn Park for the Balwyn Junior Football Club, and Gordon Barnard Reserve for the Greythorn Falcons Football Club. Following the merger of the Balwyn and Greythorn football clubs, the newly combined entity (Balwyn Greythorn Junior Football Club) has requested, through the Boroondara City Council who is managing the grant, that both election commitments of \$30,000 each be combined and then directed to a single Female Change Facility upgrade at the Balwyn Park location only. We seek your approval to combine these two grants for a total of \$60,000 (GST excl.). The individual projects have been assessed as meeting the selection criteria and representing value with relevant money. The combined project will be directed to the upgrade of female change facilities at the home ground of Balwyn Park. The revised scope will be validated to ensure that the final project continues to provide value for money and aligns with program objectives, prior to release of funds.

If you agree to the use of the grant funding in this way, departmental officials will approve the commitment of funds and undertake necessary processes prior to the release of funds.

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Background:

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The Balwyn Greythorn Junior Football Club (FFWSS Project)

Approval was given to commit funding for two separate clubs who merged prior to the offer of the funding agreement: Balwyn Junior Football Club – upgrade of female change facilities at Balwyn Park (\$30,000 GST excl.) which was an election commitment approved by the Prime Minister (MS 19-002071); and Greythorn Falcons Football Club – upgrade of female change facilities at Gordon Barnard Reserve (\$30,000 GST excl.), which was approved by you on 1 November 2019 (MS19-900272).

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Relevance to Election Commitments / Budget Measures:

s 22 FFWSS Programs were announced as 2019 election commitments.

Sensitivities:

Current media attention around sports related grants.

Consultations:

Consultation has occurred with both the Legal and Assurance Division, and the Population, Health and Sport Division.

Attachments:

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Attachment D: Mandatory Grant Rules and Guidelines and Other Requirements.

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Mandatory Grant Rules and Guidelines and Other Requirements

The Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) require Ministers to comply with relevant legislative requirements in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and the CGRGs and officials are required to advise their Ministers on these requirements. In making your decision you will need to consider your mandatory obligations associated with approving grants presented by the Department. These include:

- a. If you approve expenditure under section 71 of the PGPA Act, in relation to a grant or group of grants, you *must* not approve the grant without first receiving written advice from Department officials on the merits of the proposed grant or group of grants before you make your decision. That advice *must* meet the requirements of paragraph 4.6 of the CGRGs.
- b. If the proposed expenditure of relevant money relates to a grant, where you exercise the role of approver you *must* also record, in writing, the basis for the approval relative to the program guidelines and key considerations of value with relevant money. The recommended basis and record for the approval, relative to the program guidelines and the key consideration of value for money, are set out in this brief. If there is any alternative basis or considerations on which you are basing your decision you should record these in accordance with paragraph 4.10 of the CGRGs.
- c. If you approve a grant the Department has not recommended for funding (e.g. because it is ineligible or because it is not competitive or value for money), you must provide written advice of the basis of your approval for reporting to the Department of Finance in line with the CGRG annual reporting requirement in paragraph 4.12, i.e. by 31 March each year for grants approved in the preceding calendar year.

Consistent with section 71 of the PGPA Act you must not approve a grant unless, after reasonable enquiry, you are satisfied that the grant would be a proper use of relevant money.

If your approval is not given, or is made conditional on the applicant meeting additional obligations, please advise the reasons for your decision and any conditions placed on the approval, for follow-up by the Department.

For the majority of grants, once the grant is approved, the Acting Secretary or her delegate, will approve the commitment of relevant money and enter into the arrangement under section 32B of the *Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act 1997* (and section 32C if applicable) as the case requires. For grants made under specific statutory legislation the brief will contain details of the relevant statutory framework and approvals.

The Department is responsible for ensuring forward year commitments are recorded in accordance with the PGPA Act. The Department will record any applicable amounts if you approve the grant/s recommended in this brief.