

Budget 2019-20

Implementing Sport 2030 – driving social inclusion through sport and physical activity

The Government is investing \$23.6 million to expand the role that Australian sport plays in promoting social inclusion and improving health outcomes. Grants will be allocated to National Sporting Organisations, local community organisations and community groups for diversity and inclusion programs delivered through sport and physical activities. This is part of a cross-Government social cohesion package of initiatives to create a stronger, more cohesive Australia and to help migrants become established and integrated into the Australian community, particularly in regional Australia.

Why is this important?

Sport and shared physical activities have the ability to bring people and communities together and provide opportunities for inclusion, while also inspiring and motivating individuals and fostering community pride.

It is important for all Australians to have opportunities to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. People who speak languages other than English at home, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and lower socioeconomic groups are less likely to participate in regular sport and physical activity. Supporting national and local organisations to promote sport and physical activity as a powerful tool for inclusion is a key part of addressing this problem.

Who will benefit?

Social inclusion grants will particularly benefit regional and rural communities, multi-cultural communities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and socio-economically disadvantaged groups.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$23.6 million from 2019-20 to 2022-23.