

Budget 2019-20

Implementing Sport 2030 – extension of the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants Program

The Government will expand the Community Sport Infrastructure Grants Program to support more community-led sport and physical activity projects and get more Australians moving more often. This will help meet demand for small to medium sporting facilities in local communities. There will be a strong focus on improving access for women and people with a disability, and working hand in hand with local government to realise projects. Grants of up to \$500,000 will be available.

Last year – the first year of the program – saw an improvement in the sporting infrastructure available for more than two million people.

This complements the \$150 million investment, administered by the Department of Infrastructure, to support the development of female change room facilities at sporting grounds and community swimming facilities across Australia.

Why is this important?

The Government is committed to ensuring all Australians have access to sport and physical activity programs to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. The availability of accessible, safe and inclusive sport and physical activity facilities is critical. In many cases, facilities exist but are no longer fit-for-purpose, are under-used or unsafe due to inadequate lighting, and poor facilities for girls and women. This has contributed to increasing levels of inactivity.

Who will benefit?

Community-based sporting organisations at a local club, regional or national level, and local government organisations, will benefit from the grants expansion.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$42.5 million in 2018-19.