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**Indigenous Sports Grants Program**  
**(ISGP)**

Funded by the Commonwealth's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS)

***Funding Guidelines***

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# 1. About the Program

## 1.1. Preamble

Funding for the Indigenous Sports Grants Program (ISGP) is provided to the ACT Government through the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPM&C) Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

The ISGP supports the IAS' Safety and Wellbeing Programme by providing assistance to Indigenous Australians to enjoy similar levels of physical, emotional and social wellbeing enjoyed by other Australians by fostering the ability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to engage in education, employment and other opportunities.

The ISGP is administered by Sport and Recreation, ACT Government.

The funding provided through the ISGP is limited and as such, all applications will need to adhere strictly to the compliance criteria. Funding will continue to be available until exhausted. It is possible that not all requests for assistance will be approved, therefore funding should not be deemed automatic or anticipated.

## 1.2. Program Information

The ISGP is a grants program for eligible individuals seeking support for their participation in sport and active recreation activities. While supporting individual participation costs, funding under the ISGP is provided to sport and active recreation providers in either of two scenarios:

- a) Provision of a pool of funds to a provider to support the expected or potential participation of people from the local Indigenous community; or
- b) Funding to a provider to support the known costs of a specific individual.

**Under scenario a), Sport and Recreation has made payment to nine major sporting organisations to enable them to directly facilitate payment/subsidisation of participation (registration) costs.** These nine activities, based on pre-existing ISGP data, are:

**Table 1: Providers able to facilitate direct payment/subsidy**

<b>RUGBY LEAGUE:</b> Canberra Region Rugby League	crrl.com.au
<b>BASKETBALL:</b> Basketball ACT	basketballact.com.au
<b>SOFTBALL:</b> Softball Canberra	act.softball.org.au
<b>NETBALL:</b> Netball ACT	act.netball.com.au
<b>FOOTBALL:</b> Capital Football	capitalfootball.com.au
<b>RUGBY UNION:</b> ACT & Southern NSW Rugby Union	brumbies.com.au
<b>TOUCH:</b> Touch ACT	acttouch.com.au
<b>AFL:</b> AFL Canberra	aflcanberra.com.au
<b>ATHLETICS:</b> ACT Little Athletics	actlaa.org.au

**If you are seeking support (up to \$200 per season) for registration costs for participation in an activity run by one of the sports identified in Table 1 (including their affiliates), please contact the organisation directly.** Your application for support through one of these sports will still require compliance (and where necessary evidence, in accord with those eligibility requirements in 2.1 to 2.5.

Where you are seeking support for participation in an activity (see 2.3) beyond those listed in Table 1, your application for support will need to be submitted online through the SmartyGrants system.

## 1.3. Application Dates

The 2018/19 ISGP is open for applications from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (or until funding is exhausted).

## 1.4. Primary Objective

The primary objective of the ISGP is to make participation opportunities in sport and recreation more accessible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly people that are disadvantaged. Emphasis is on a structured, frequent level of participation that supports positive health, social and wellbeing outcomes.

## 1.5. Outcomes

The intended outcomes of the ISGP, with an emphasis on people that are disadvantaged, are:

- To increase participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in sport and recreation; and
- To increase participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in education and training opportunities in sport and recreation.

## 1.6. Types of Grants

Three types of grants are available to eligible people through the ISGP, including:

- ***Individual Sports and Active Recreation Grant***  
An individual can apply for up to \$200 to support their participation in an organised sports or active recreation competition or program of at least 6 weeks in duration.
- ***Individual Education and Training Grant***  
An individual can apply for up to \$200 to support their participation in an education and training opportunity that relates directly to organised sport or active recreation.
- ***Individual Representative Grant***  
An individual can apply for up to \$200 to support their participation in a representative sporting opportunity.

## 2. Eligibility

### 2.1. Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible for support through the 2018/19 ISGP, applicants must:

- be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent – and be able to demonstrate this with a Confirmation of Aboriginality and/or Torres Strait Islander descent form
  - If the Applicant is 17 years or younger, a completed Confirmation of Aboriginality or Torres Strait Islander form of the parent or guardian completing the application will be accepted;
- live within the eligible region;
- be seeking funds to participate in an eligible activity run by an eligible activity provider;
- have not received funding through another source for this same item.

#### *Age*

Applicants of all ages are eligible to apply for funding through the ISGP, except for applicant's of the Individual Representative Grant who must be 12 years or older. However applications for applicants aged 17 years or younger will need to be completed by the applicant's parent or guardian.

#### **Repeat ISGP Applicants**

Applicants can only receive funding through the ISGP once for the period between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019, unless funding has been received or is sought for the Individual Education and Training Grant.

Applicants can receive funding through the ISGP up to twice for the period if one of the two allotments of funding is received for an Individual Education and Training Grant.

#### **Funding from Other Sources**

Applicants must not have received financial assistance from another source for this same item.

### 2.2. Eligible Region

The ISGP covers applicants from the following areas:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| ▪ The Australian Capital Territory * | ▪ Captain's Flat | ▪ Gunning    |
| ▪ Braidwood                          | ▪ Collector      | ▪ Queanbeyan |
| ▪ Bungendore                         | ▪ Cooma          | ▪ Sutton     |
| ▪ Bywong                             | ▪ Gundaroo       | ▪ Tarago     |
|                                      | ▪ Murrumbateman  | ▪ Yass       |

*\*including Jervis Bay*

#### **Region - Individual Sports and Active Recreation Grant**

Only activities within this same region which are within 80km of the ACT border (as above) are eligible through the Individual Sports and Active Recreation Grant. For applicants from Jervis Bay activities within the Shoalhaven region are eligible.

### 2.3. Eligible Activities

#### **Eligible - Individual Sports and Active Recreation Grant**

- Formal sports or active recreation competitions and programs of at least 6 weeks in duration.

#### **Eligible - Individual Education and Training Grant**

- Education and training courses/workshops that relate directly to organised sport or active recreation.

#### **Eligible - Individual Representative Grant**

- Applicants must be participating as an athlete, coach, manager or official in:
  - An official national championship endorsed by the relevant ASC recognised national sporting organisation (NSO) or School Sport Australia (SSA); or
  - An international competition as a member of an official Australian team endorsed by an ASC recognised NSO or SSA.

*\*Refer to Ineligible Activities for further conditions.*

### 2.4. Eligible Items

ISGP funding can cover **only** the following items:

- Registration fees; and
- Membership fees.

### 2.5. Ineligible Activities

#### **Ineligible - Individual Sports and Active Recreation Grant**

- Sports and active recreation competitions or programs of less than 6 weeks in duration.
- ‘One-off’ sport or recreation events e.g. ‘come and try’ days.
- Purchase of equipment or clothing.
- Activities run by activity providers that are ineligible under the Activity Providers Eligibility Criteria.

***Ineligible - Individual Education and Training Grant***

- Education and training courses/workshops that are not directly linked to sport or active recreation activities.
- Activities run by activity providers that are ineligible under the Activity Providers Eligibility Criteria.

***Ineligible - Individual Representative Grant***

- Representative interstate or national sport opportunities where the applicant is:
  - Under the age of 12 at the time of the competition;
  - Participating in a competition within 200 kilometres of the ACT;
  - Participating in a competition outside of Australia;
  - Participating in a competition that involves prize money;
  - Participating in a professional event;
  - Participating in a commercial tour;
  - Participating in an Indigenous-only team; and
  - Participating in a competition where there is no clear selection process.

## **2.6. Activity Provider Eligibility**

All activities supported through the ISGP must be run by Activity Providers that:

- have current Public Liability Insurance coverage to a minimum level of \$10,000,000;
- have an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- be registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST) if applicable (if turnover is greater than \$150,000 per annum); and
- have compliance requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act 1991 or the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act)* up to date.

### 3. Application Process

The application process for the ISGP is streamlined to ensure that eligible applicants are able to participate in their chosen activity promptly.

Applicants are to apply directly to a provider (see Table 1, 1.2) or directly to Sport and Recreation via the online SmartyGrants system. Applications made via SmartyGrants will be considered and a decision made within 25 working days of receipt of the application.

A Confirmation of Aboriginality form and proof of enrolment/registration in the chosen activity, i.e. registration/membership documentation from the Activity Provider, is required for ALL applications.

Either the sports provider (Table 1) or Sport and Recreation will complete a compliance check for each application using the compliance criteria. Successful applicants will be advised as soon as possible. While any application for support to those organisations listed in Table 1 requires compliance with 2.1 to 2.5, any application form (as a means to check applicant eligibility or record applicant details) is at the individual's provider's discretion.

Successful applicants will be responsible for paying the remaining costs of the supported item should the ISGP grant not cover the full cost of the item.

Unsuccessful applicants will be advised as soon as possible.

#### 3.1. Compliance Criteria

Eligible Applicants will be compliant to the following criteria:

- The chosen activity is eligible;
- The chosen activity is in the eligible region;
- The chosen Activity Provider is eligible; and
- The application form is correctly filled out.

#### 3.2. Payment and Acquittal

For applicants direct to the activity provider (Table 1), support will be offered as either a discounted registration/participation fee. For all applications via SmartyGrants, payments will be made directly to the activity provider.

Each completed application form which is successful will include all required information and documentation to acquit each grant. Therefore no additional acquittal process is required from the individual applicant for the ISGP.

#### 3.3. Appeals

In the event that an application via SmartyGrants is unsuccessful, the reason/s for this decision will be included in correspondence from Sport and Recreation.

For any application direct to an activity provider (Table 1), any appeals can be directed to Sport and Recreation.