

Sports Competition Pathway Grants 2023/2024 GUIDELINES



Introduction

Yarra's Sports Competition Pathway Grants (SCP Grants) provide financial support to local athletes who participate at International, National and State levels.

The purpose of SCP Grants is to encourage greater participation in competition pathways through helping athletes to achieve their full potential in their chosen sport. This is achieved by assisting with costs associated with participating in competitions such as travel, uniforms, entry fees and / or preparation, including access to sports therapy and specialist training facilities.

Important Information

- Funding is limited and competitive – all eligible applicants may not be funded and those successful may not receive full amount requested
- Being a previous recipient of a *Sports Participation Sponsorship Grant* is not an indication of future successful awards – 10% weighting will be automatically applied in support of eligible applicants who have not previously received an award.
- Past recipients who did not provide evidence of participation in funded event may not be eligible – contact recreation@yarracity.vic.gov.au for clarification.
- Applications will only be assessed at the conclusion of each funding round – limited exceptions may apply for events taking place before Saturday 30 September 2023.
- Applications may be deferred to future funding rounds if submission is unsuccessful but considered competitive and timeline fits.

Who can apply?

SCP Grants are available to City of Yarra (CoY) residents of all ages who compete or officiate in their chosen sport at a level within one of the following categories:

International Level	Competing at international events against participants from other countries, such as Commonwealth Games, Olympic Games, Paralympic Games and World Championship Events.	Maximum of \$500 for individuals
National Level	Competing at national events against participants from other states, such as National Championships, Inter-State Championships or equivalent.	
State Level	Competing at state level against participants from within the state, such as State Championships or equivalent. State development competition may be considered within this category.	
Team Sponsorship	Teams that compete at any of the above levels of competition. At least 75% of the team's members must be residents of Yarra.	Maximum of \$1000 for teams

Sporting events within these categories must have a set of rules and a code of conduct, be competitive in nature and be officially recognised by the code of sport's Federal or State governing sporting body.

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What does City of Yarra (CoY) want to fund?

SCP Grants fund applicants who have achieved selection for competition in their chosen sport and require financial support that is directly linked to preparation or participation in a specific event(s) from July 2023 - June 2024.

Eligible applicants must reside in Yarra and be endorsed by their relevant accredited state, national or international governing sporting body. Local club support may be accepted for State Level and additional information is required for School Sports (refer to: *What is the Application Process?* for more information).

Eligible applications are assessed against strength of responses to the following key criteria:

- **Participation** (past achievements, how the grant will assist current and future participation)
- **Commitment** (demonstration of ongoing dedication to the chosen sport including any volunteer or coaching aspects)
- **Spend** (how the amount requested will be spent and demonstrated need for financial support)

Providing clear examples with evidence that demonstrate how the key criteria is met is highly recommended.

Priority will be given to applicants who did not receive CoY funding the previous financial year.

What won't City of Yarra fund?

- Retrospective events
- Participation in sports that do not have a set of rules or code of conduct, are not competitive in nature or recognised by the code of sport's Federal or State governing sporting body
- More than one application per annum and / or applications for multiple categories
- Applications that do not include evidence (proof of residence and letter of support)
- Applicants that do not agree to providing evidence post event (proof of participation)
- Applicants that do not disclose previous awards from CoY
- State or National Level University Games
- School based tours where participant selection is not based on merit*

* *School Sports will only be funded where the individual can demonstrate that they have been involved in open and fair selection trials and are selected for a State Representative Team from a peak School Sport Organisation.*

What is the Application Process?



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2023/2024 SCP Grants are available in four rounds:

- Round 1: 1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023
- Round 2: 1 October 2023 – 31 December 2023
- Round 3: 1 January 2024 – 31 March 2024
- Round 4: 1 April 2024 – 30 June 2024

Applicants must lodge their application prior to the event taking place to be eligible for funding.

If the event is taking place before 30 September 2023 applicants can apply in Round 1, however only comprehensive and high quality applications will be considered in advance of the closing date and limited funds allocated.

It is the applicant's responsibility to apply for funding within a round that concludes prior to the event taking place. For example, if the event is taking place November 2023, funding needs to be applied for in Round 1.

It is important to disclose past grant success in the Application Form.

In addition to providing evidence of eligibility, applicants must agree to supply information to Council as proof of participation within 28 days following the event / competition. Refer to the table below for requirements and acceptable forms of evidence.

Eligibility	
Applicants must reside in Yarra* *75% for Team Sponsorship applications	Licence showing current residential address(s); Utilities bill (e.g. gas, electricity, home phone); Pension or Health Care Card; rates notice / copy of lease)
Endorsement / verification of selection in writing by the relevant accredited body	State, National or International Level Letter of support from the relevant accredited State, National or International governing sporting body
	State Level only Letter of support will be from the relevant local club
	School Sports (all Levels) Letters of support from both peak School Sport Organisation and School Principal
Condition of Grant	
Evidence of participation	Photos, media articles, printed results, receipts or a letter from a relevant governing body.

What happens if I am successful?

Applicants will be notified within 14 days of the conclusion of each round regarding the outcome of their application.

Successful applicants will receive an Award Letter that states the purpose of the grant and terms and conditions. Acceptance of the Award must be emailed to recreation@yarracity.vic.gov.au within 28 days with a completed electronic funds transfer (EFT) form (funding will be reallocated if this is not received).

Do not forget to provide evidence of participation within 28 days of event / competition that demonstrates participation to prevent the award being withdrawn.

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It is strongly recommended to stay in regular contact with Council's Recreation Team, especially if circumstances change.

Council reserves the right to determine the selection and grant funding process. The guidelines and application process will be reviewed every 12 months. Organisational responsibility for review of these guidelines is the Recreation Unit at CoY. Council will determine the terms of payment of grants. If for some reason, the successful applicant does not attend the event for which the grant has been given, the money must be returned to CoY in full. Grants not fully expended also must be returned.