



AUSTRALIAN CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding
Applicant Information



The *Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF)* supports the development of community cricket facilities, with a focus on growing participation and promoting accessibility and inclusivity.

Cricket Australia, in partnership with state and territory cricket associations, has increased its investment into the ACIF to \$4.68M, providing the opportunity to support more infrastructure projects than ever before.

The ACIF provides funding in three categories:

| Category | Funding Amount | Types of Project | Maximum Grant Amount |
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| Community Cricket Infrastructure Grants - Minor | \$1,000 - \$10,000 | Pitches, practice facility refurbishment, minor change facility/pavilion refurbishment, supporting infrastructure | Up to 50% of the total project cost |
| Community Cricket Infrastructure Grants - Major | \$10,001 - \$50,000 | New practice facilities, significant oval upgrades, sports lighting, change facility/pavilion upgrade, major refurbishments | |
| Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding | \$50,000+ | Major facility developments, multi-faceted projects, regionally significant projects | Not specified |

This document provides guidance on the requirements for applications to the **Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding** category. Potential applicants should use this guide to prepare the relevant project documentation prior to completing an application for funding.

Further information on the ACIF can be found [here](#)

WHAT IS THE STRATEGIC CRICKET INFRASTRUCTRE FUNDING CATEGORY?

The Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding category of the ACIF aims to deliver on the strategic priorities of Australian Cricket through the support of key facility projects.

Australian Cricket's strategic priorities are outlined in the [Australian Cricket Strategy 2017-2022](#) and State/Territory Cricket Strategies, providing clear direction on its vision to be 'Australia's favourite sport and a sport for all Australians'.

Australian Cricket is also developing State Infrastructure Strategies to outline the facility development priorities that contribute to delivering Australian Cricket's vision. The development of State Infrastructure Strategies is being guided by the findings of the National Cricket Facility Audit conducted in 2016/17.

WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STRATEGIC CRICKET INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING?

Projects submitted to the Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding category will:

- Provide benefits to the cricket community;
- Contribute to increasing participation across a broader area or region;
- Involve multiple stakeholders and contributors;
- Deliver outcomes against Australian Cricket's strategic priorities (e.g. leading sport for women and girls, create the best experiences to grow junior cricket etc.)

The project can relate to any aspect of the facility, with multi-faceted projects that incorporate the addition and/or upgrade of multiple components within a facility being highly regarded.

HOW DO I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?

Applicants must initially discuss their project with their relevant State Infrastructure Manager to determine whether the project is 1) eligible for funding, and 2) ready to be submitted for consideration.

All projects submitted to the Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding category are expected to:

1. Outline a clearly defined project scope, construction method and understanding of the project cost
2. Provide a significant impact on participation
3. Provide benefits for cricketers/fans/officials/volunteers at the club(s) and across a broader area or region
4. Align with Australian Cricket's strategic priorities / State Infrastructure Strategy (if available)
5. Meet the conditions of the [Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund](#)
6. Comply with the [Community Cricket Facility Guidelines](#)

Once your project is deemed ready to be submitted for consideration, an application form will be provided for your completion.

Applications to the Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding category can be submitted at any time.

WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

Applications to the Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding category require supporting documentation to demonstrate that the project is sufficiently developed to be considered for funding.

While the level of supporting documentation required for each project will vary, the following should be available to review as part of your application.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plans/designs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quotes/cost estimates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copies of relevant strategic planning documents e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> State Cricket Infrastructure Strategy (if available)<input type="checkbox"/> Local/regional strategic planning<input type="checkbox"/> Council recreation strategy<input type="checkbox"/> Reserve/precinct master plan<input type="checkbox"/> Australian Cricket Strategy (reference to relevant priorities/objectives)<input type="checkbox"/> National and/or state plans/strategies (e.g. sport and recreation/health/planning) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Evidence of contributions/commitments from project partners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Letters of support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Photos of the existing facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other supporting documentation (as relevant) |

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS ASSESSED?

Applications submitted to the Strategic Cricket Infrastructure Funding will be assessed against the criteria listed in the [ACIF Guidelines](#).

Applications will generally be expected to score highly across all assessment criteria. Under-developed projects will not be considered and may be requested to resubmit when the relevant documentation is available.

CONTACT

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