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**To:** Club Presidents  
Club Treasurers

**Cc:** Club Secretaries  
Club Administrators  
Grant Officers

**From:** Simon White – General Manager, Lifesaving Services

**Date:** 27 May 2020

**Subject:** **Support for Clubs - Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package**

**Action:** Review, act and disseminate information as relevant

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Through this extremely challenging time for the community and for all our members, Life Saving Victoria would like to make Clubs aware of recently announced financial support mechanisms for sporting clubs which could be used to help support the club and members.

## **1. Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package**

The Victorian Government has announced a \$40 million Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package. This package provides grants to support the operational viability of community sport and active recreation organisations impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This initiative is part of the Victorian Government's new Experience Economy Survival Package providing urgent support to help a range of key attractions, organisations and associations ride out the economic impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and help them reboot, rebound and recover.


The Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package includes \$40 million for community sport organisations in four categories:

- grants of up to \$350,000 available for large state sporting associations;
- grants of up to \$200,000 available to smaller state sporting associations; regional sports assemblies and academies and other state sport and recreational bodies;
- grants of up to \$15,000 are available for associations and leagues; and
- **grants of \$1,000 are available for individual clubs (Stream 2, Category 2).**

For specific details on the program, including the objectives of the fund, the number of applications that can be submitted under each stream, the grant amounts available and eligibility of applications please refer to link: <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for funding under Stream 2 – Category 2 organisations must meet the following criteria:

- Be a community organisation delivering sport and active recreation programs anywhere in Victoria.
  - Be non-government, not-for-profit and registered as an incorporated body at the time of application and for the duration of the funding.
  - Possess an Australian Business Number (ABN) or provide a completed Australian Tax Office form (Statement by a supplier) so that no withholding tax is required from the grant payment.
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- Adhere to and enforce the Fair Play Code (or) their relevant state sporting association code of conduct/member protection policy, which incorporates the Fair Play Code. Further information about this code can be found at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-play-code>
- Comply with the expectations of the Victorian Anti-doping Policy 2012 found at <https://sport.vic.gov.au/publications-and-resources/community-sport-resources/fair-play-code>
- Have satisfactorily materially met reporting requirements on any grants previously received from Sport and Recreation Victoria to the satisfaction of the Department.
- Implement and maintain policies relating to member protection and child safe standards

#### How to apply:

Please note, applications will be accepted from 25 May 2020 until program close on 15 June 2020, or until the funding allocation is exhausted.

**We strongly encourage eligible clubs to complete an application as soon as possible.**

If you are eligible and would like to apply, please do so online at:

<https://businessvic.secure.force.com/PublicForm?id=csps2caf2020#no-back-button>

#### Further Information:

If you have any further questions, the Victorian Government have an FAQ document, which can be found here: <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>

*Should your club be eligible, please feel free to contact the Grant Seeking Unit to assist with drafting and submitting an application on the club's behalf.*

## 2. **Surf Life Saving Foundation's Grant Seeking Unit (GSU)**

In support of life saving clubs in Victoria, LSV provides grant support to affiliated clubs through GSU. This body is a national grant research and writing support unit for lifesaving entities across Australia and aims to assist clubs in understanding what grants are available, as well as assisting in the application processes.

During the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the GSU have been working hard with clubs to ensure they continue to receive the funding required to provide continuous operations. Over the past 2 months, they have been average 60+ applications a month for club, provide clubs with the help and support required.

If your club would like the GSU to assist you in the writing and submission of an application, or if you have questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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## 3. **Non Financial support measures for members**

LSV understands these are particularly uncertain and difficult times for clubs, members and community. If you need help during this time, we encourage you to speak with family and friends, and you can call the support services below:

- Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636
- Life Saving Victoria – please contact LSV comms directly.

If members or individuals have any immediate concerns for their or others wellbeing, LSV do recommend seeing a local GP.

Additional welfare resources are available via [www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts](http://www.lsv.com.au/healthalerts) including information on talking to younger members, immediate response to trauma/loss.

