



Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program Guidelines

The Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program offers up to three-year funding as a contribution towards the cost of the maintenance of sports fields in the region.

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with council's Community Grants Policy. You can view the policy at: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/grants

Eligibility

Who can apply?

Community organisations who meet all of the following criteria:

- be a not-for profit sporting organisation
- are Incorporated, or an Australian Public Company-Limited by Guarantee
- operate within the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area, or are able to demonstrate that the project or program will benefit residents of the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area
- have appropriate insurance and adhere to sound Workplace Health and Safety practices
- are able to demonstrate viability
- have no debt to council, or have entered into scheduled payment arrangements with council which are being adhered to, and/or have met acquittal conditions for previous council grants
- have formal tenure on council or Crown Land or own their facility freehold
- have policies and practices that encourage active and inclusive participation
- have primary responsibility for maintaining the sports field/s on a regular basis for all or a specified part of the year

- be willing to enter into a Maintenance Assistance Agreement with council, committing to agreed performance standards relating to field maintenance and Workplace Health and Safety
- agree to regular site inspections.

Who cannot apply?

- Organisations operating on specialised, exclusive and/or restricted access areas are not eligible for this program. Examples of these activities are lawn bowls, tennis, croquet, archery, car club fields, golf clubs

Organisations eligible for Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program are not eligible to apply under the Community Partnership Funding Program.

Program Details

The Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program aims to provide consistent, equitable and appropriate support for sports field maintenance across the region. Funding is a contribution towards field maintenance costs. The intent of the program is to partner with sporting organisations to maintain their facilities to competition level.

The program offers up to three-year funding as a contribution towards the cost of the maintenance of sports fields. A council parks officer provides support to successful applicants in a range of ways, which include:



- Information on the level and type of maintenance required to achieve competition level
- Development of an agreed maintenance schedule
- Information about contractors available to carry out the designated field maintenance

Application

Online application forms are available at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/grants

The delivery of the Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program is subject to annual budget allocations.

Assessment

Funding allocated will be a percentage contribution to field maintenance costs, based on type of sport and the percentage of the year in which the applicant has responsibility for the maintenance of the fields.

Recommendations are reported to council for endorsement.

Payment

Sports Field Maintenance Funding Program funds must be claimed within three months of notification, except where an extension has been granted.

Acquittals

All Sports Field Maintenance Funding must be acquitted by 31 August each year.

Organisations will not be considered for further grant funding from council where previous grant acquittals conditions have not been met.

Applicant Support

For further information or help completing on-line applications, please contact council's grants team:

- (07) 5441 8616
- grants@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

Note: Office hours are 8.15 am – 5.00 pm, Monday – Friday (excluding public holidays).

Grant Development Officers can also help you to develop your application and explore other funding opportunities.

If you do not have your own computer, you can access a computer at any of council's libraries at no cost.

If you have difficulty speaking English, contact council's Customer Service Centre on (07) 5475 7272 to organise an interpreter to assist you.

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