



# Getting Into Sport Fund Grant Program

## 2026 Grant Guidelines

*The Inner North Community Foundation acknowledges the traditional owners of the land where we work, live, study and volunteer, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and give thanks to other first nations people in our community, especially Elders.*

*Grant Guidelines may be changed from time to time. Prior to applying please ensure you have the most recent version of Getting Into Sport Fund Grant Guidelines which can be found on the 'Apply for Funding' section of the [website](#).*

## Getting Into Sport Fund

The Getting Into Sport Fund is a named fund of the Inner North Community Foundation. It was established in 2022 by a local resident, Jenny Vaughan. The purpose of the Fund is to increase participation of women, girls, gender diverse and non-binary people in sporting activity in Melbourne's Inner North (municipalities of Darebin, Merri-bek and Yarra).

The grants round supports local sporting groups with multi grant of \$3,000 each six months (two seasons, for one year (based on satisfactory interim reporting)).

## What is this funding for?

All grants are available to sporting organisations, looking to address and break barriers to sport for girls, non-binary people and women that face barriers to participation to sporting activity.

Improving opportunities for local girls (up to 18), non-binary people to fairly participate in community sporting activities by ways of:

- Registration and club fee charges
- Cost of uniform and equipment
- Registration of competition fees
- Transport costs for sporting competitions

## Eligibility for funding

Applicants must be organisations that:

- Are located in the municipalities of Darebin, Merri-bek or Yarra and primarily serve those communities, or are organisations which have strong links to communities within the three municipalities
- Are an eligible organisation (or have a formal relationship with an eligible organisation). This can include:
  - An Item 1 DGR registered charity, including non-profit organisations supporting families and children
  - A sports club with auspicings via the Australian Sports Foundation
  - A school eligible via Schools Plus.

Include the participation of people that identify as girls, women or non-binary. Please contact our office if you would like further clarification.

## What will not be funded

Generally speaking, funding is not available for:

- Individuals applying directly to the Foundation. All applications are required to be lodged by the sporting club or group.
- Sporting clubs operating outside of Darebin, Meri-bek or Yarra, however competitions and matches that require travel outside of these areas will be considered.
- Capital works (such as buildings and cars)
- Coaching fees
- Funding for competitions and seasons that have concluded
- Reimbursement of activity and fees paid by individuals or sporting clubs
- Funding for activity for boys and men

## How to apply

We encourage interested organisations and sporting clubs to discuss their project idea with Grants Manager, Bianca Maciel Pizzorno, on 0478 174 116 before progressing your application. **Applications close on 28 May 2026 at 5pm.**

Follow these three steps to apply:

1. Read these Granting Guidelines in detail.
2. Register your organisation with our grants management software using this link: <https://www.grantinterface.com.au/Home/Logon?urlkey=incf>
3. Once your organisation profile is complete, please start the application process by selecting the following stream: 2024 Getting Into Sport Fund Grant Application
4. Below are step by step guides on how to apply for funds using our grants management software, Foundant:
  - [Written Tutorial](#)
  - [Video Tutorial 1: Site Access & Account Creation](#)
  - [Video Tutorial 2: Applying for Funding](#)
  - [Video Tutorial 3: Your Applicant Dashboard](#)
  - [Apply for a Grant - Applicant Overview Video](#) - This video covers the content above in an overview format.

Please contact Bianca Maciel Pizzorno, Grants Manager, on 0478 174 116

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## Who we are

The Inner North Community Foundation (the Foundation) is a unique model of social investment and partnership. In the early 1980s, the predecessor Local Government Authorities of Meri-bek, Darebin and Yarra established a not-for-profit training group, now known as IntoWork Australia, to deliver greater employment and economic opportunities across the inner northern region of Melbourne. In 2007 IntoWork established the Inner North Community Foundation in perpetuity, with a financial commitment of \$5m as well as providing operating costs. In 2021, IntoWork Australia re-affirmed this partnership, by providing more than \$200,000, in addition to core operation costs annually.

The Foundation's mission is to increase economic participation, strengthen people's networks, and promote social inclusion through partnerships and philanthropy. It achieves this by:

- Funding community projects that support local community members to develop the work and life skills necessary to gain access to employment;
- Expanding community leadership through partnerships which increase the effectiveness of philanthropic outcomes for our community;
- Growing philanthropy through linking donors and grantees.

Since starting, the Foundation has granted over \$6.7 million in the LGAs of Yarra, Darebin and Meri-bek. From Fitzroy to Fawkner, Richmond to Reservoir, and Brunswick to Bundoora, we've given grants across 30 different suburbs to more than 300 organisations running innovative and creative programs for local people facing disadvantage.