

ACT - Community Football Facilities Fund: GUIDELINES

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Introduction

There are 33 AFL facilities used for community football across the ACT inclusive of 48 ovals, with the majority of these owned and managed by the ACT Government. AFL Canberra clubs share our facilities vision Towards 2030 and want to provide an inclusive experience, host night matches to accommodate female growth and enable flexible fixturing across the competition. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of Australian Rules Football in Canberra.

Under the Sports Facility Auditor (SFA) scoring, the ACT currently trail the nation with an average facility audit score of 53% of the AFL's Preferred Community Facility Guidelines. Of the 33 AFL facilities, 21 are classed as local level facilities with the main compliance issues around lack of suitable lighting and change rooms.

In recognising the current state and issues of facilities within the ACT the National Facilities Panel have allocated an initial \$1M funding in the development of the **ACT Community Football Facilities Fund (ACT CFFF)**.

Importantly the ACT CFFF programs objectives align closely with many of the Key projects, Outcomes and Indicators of Success across the four strategic objectives of the *ACT Government's Next Move, Sport & Recreation Strategy 2023-2028* which has been developed to underpin decisions made by the ACT Government such as where they focus, invest and areas where they can pursue partnership opportunities.

The ACT CFFF's aim and objectives will guide the NSW ACT Facilities Funding Steering Committee and AFL National Facilities Panel in the allocation of funds towards specific projects and to measure the impact that proposals may have on our sport within the ACT.

Through this program construction projects totalling \$750k will be funded, along with the development of the ACT Facilities - 2030 Planning document (\$50K) and the allocation of a further \$200k for individual venue upgrade plans. The planning document and individual venue upgrade plans then provides the detail and direction to seek and lobby additional partnership funding through the ACT Government and other partners in the short to medium term.

The ACT CFFF will assist ACT clubs and stakeholders to develop AFL related infrastructure at ACT located venues in order to meet the required needs and have the capacity to grow the game with a particular focus on developing some of the key basic infrastructure required for community football growth and development such as change rooms and lighting.

Each community venue is audited annually to measure against our preferred standards for the level of football being played there. When combined with demographic and participation mapping and data systems, our staff and club volunteers are empowered to collaborate with the ACT Government authorities, landowners and others to plan collaboratively and effectively for the future health of our game.

The ACT CFFF has been developed specifically recognizing the need for improved community AFL facilities across many venues in the ACT, especially around increasing ground capacity with new and improved lighting, creating and upgrading changerooms and providing direction and support for ACT AFL clubs to commence and progress through the planning process for facility development.

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Objectives:

- Provide required, inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for the diversity of participants, particularly female participants, that wish to participate in our game.
- Maximise available carrying capacity of existing venues and the quality / functionality of field of play supporting infrastructure.
- Develop increased supply through construction of new ovals, in a variety of traditional or innovative settings.
- Enable planning and project partnerships to form with a range of government and non government bodies to result in an improved quantity, quality and welcoming venue network for Australian football.
- Promotes partnerships in the development, funding, operations and funding of facilities.

Aim

Support the planning and provision of welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities and address the community AFL venue needs across the ACT.

Funding under this program is available under two streams:

1. Project construction - To partner various levels of government, other sport user groups, sponsors, local community and business organisations, land developers, club foundations, and/or other strategic partners to contribute towards construction of existing or provision of new football facilities.
2. Venue upgrade plans - This would include the funding of AFL venue planning with the view to the construction of elements which meets the criteria of this program. This would include funding of venue upgrade plans, initial site investigations development approvals, concept and detailed plans. Clubs successful in obtaining funds through the Project Planning Stream are eligible to apply again at a later date through the Project construction stream.

Confirmation of Eligibility

It is important that project proposals have been discussed with relevant ACT Government staff including details of planning approvals required and potential restrictions to ensure the feasibility of the project and they are aware of and have encouraged you to complete this application.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- Development of new football ovals and amenities, both in traditional and more innovative settings.
- Upgrades to player and umpire change facilities and amenities, particularly conversion to accessible and welcoming female friendly change facilities.
- Playing surface upgrades and extensions of the playing area.
- Football lighting installations or upgrades.
- The upgrade or development of multi-use facilities where football is a key user/beneficiary.

I have read the eligibility criteria above and wish to proceed *

- Yes
 No

Contact Details

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I am applying for funding on behalf of: *

- Football Club Other:
- Educational Institution

Applicant Details

This is the person who be responsible for managing the project and the point of contact.

Applicant's Organisation or Club Name *

Word count:

Applicant name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Job title *

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

ABN *

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The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Bank Account *

Account Name

BSB Number Account Number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format.

Provide a copy of your Bank Statement that clearly supports the Bank Account information you have provided above *

Attach a file:

Please provide a bank statement or bank details on company / club letterhead

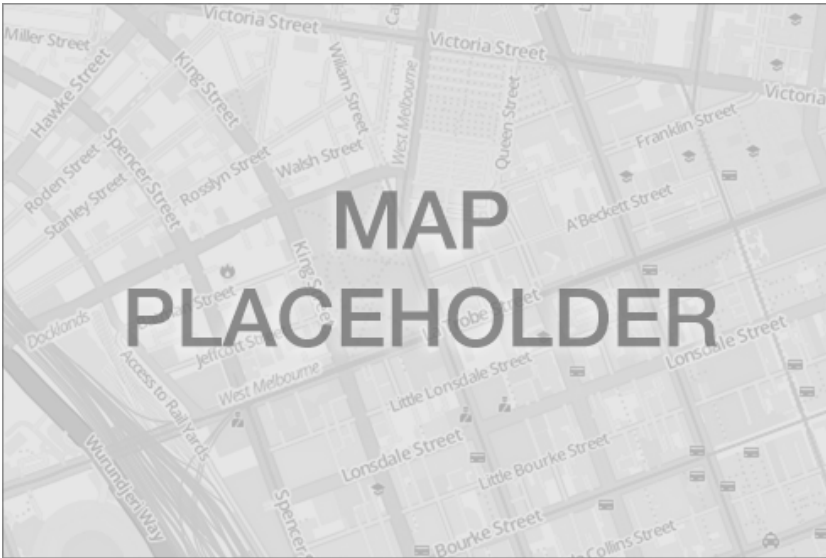
Nominated Football Club

Secondary Club name (If applicable)

Club Address *

Address

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Club Website *

Must be a URL.

Nominated Football Club

Leave details blank if same as above (required fields must still be answered)

Club Name *

Word count:

Secondary Club name (if applicable) *

Club Contact *

Title First Name Last Name

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Position *

E.g. Club President, Treasurer etc.

Club Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

Club Primary Website *

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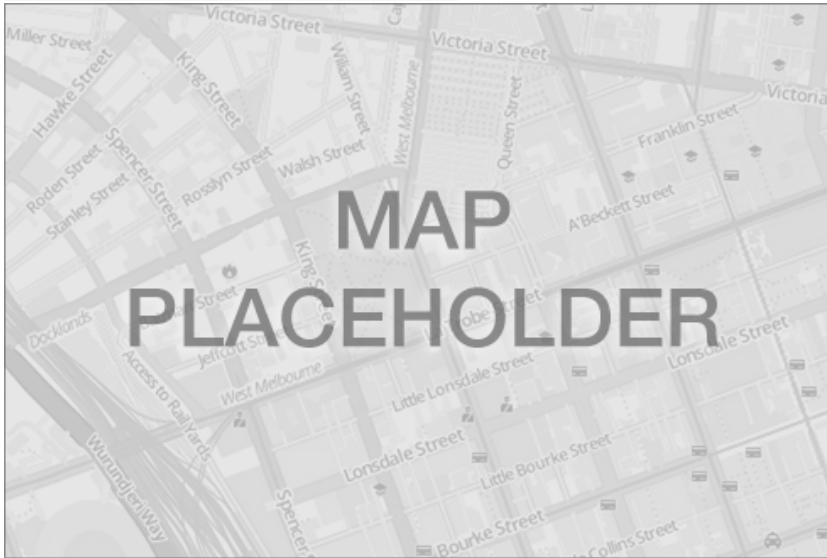
Must be a URL.

Club Contact Mobile *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Club Address *

Address



Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Club ABN *

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Must be an ABN.

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I am working with an Educational Institution on this project *

Yes No

Educational institution involvement

Educational Institution *

Word count:

Contact Name

Title First Name Last Name

Contact Position

Contact Mobile Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Contact Primary Email

Must be an email address.

Short description of their involvement *

Word count:

Is this project for: *

Construction / Infrastructure Planning

Has this project been discussed with a member of the ACT Government? *

Yes No

ACT Government Support

Are you aware of what planning approvals / development applications are required for this project *

Yes
 No

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If yes, what is the status of planning approvals for this project?

Planning evidence / documentation

Attach a file:

Commentary for further details / explanations

ACT Government Contact Details

Applicant Project Contact

Title First Name Last Name

Council Contact Position

Council Contact Mobile Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Council Contact Primary Email

Must be an email address.

Project Details

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Project Name *

Venue/ Facility Name *

Venue/ Facility location *

Address

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Who owns the land *

- ACT Government
- Privately Owned

- Education
- Other:

Please provide a short summary of your project and/or the scope of works. *

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

When is the project expected to take place?

Anticipated Start Date *

If unknown, please estimate

Anticipated End Date *

If unknown, please estimate

Please provide in the table below the number of female and male members you have registered at the club

Participation Numbers	Number of Members	Comments
Female Members		
Male Members		
Secondary Members		
	Must be a number.	

Total club numbers

This number/amount is calculated.

Planning

Planning

An element of the ACT CFFF includes an investment into Venue Upgrade/Improvement Plans and detailed cost plans.

The planning document and individual venue upgrade plans then provides the detail and direction to seek and lobby additional partnership funding through the ACT Government and other partners in the short to medium term.

The ACT CFFF will assist ACT clubs and stakeholders to develop AFL related infrastructure at ACT located venues in order to meet the required needs and have the capacity to grow the game with a particular focus on developing some of the key basic infrastructure required for community football growth and development such as change rooms and lighting.

Projects with combined funding contributions/ partners and supported by sound quotes and project briefs will be assessed favourably.

Consultation strategy - What key stakeholders will be engaged through this planning process?

Include the provision of quotations/cost estimates from suitably qualified consultants.

Attach a file:

Assessment Criteria

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What will the project achieve? (50%)

Demonstrate the extent to which the project:

- Develops and/or plans for facility upgrades which increases the capacity of ovals, improves the functionality and sustainability of supporting venue infrastructure.
- Increases participation in football
- Improves access/participation for diverse groups including people with disabilities, females, young people, people from multicultural and indigenous backgrounds
- Aligns with key projects, outcomes and indicators of success across the Strategic Objectives of the ACT Government's *Next Move, Sport & Recreation Strategy 2023-2028* [CBR Next Move - Sport and Recreation \(act.gov.au\)](https://act.gov.au/cbr-next-move-sport-and-recreation)
- Improves the terms of access to facilities for football clubs through secure long-term agreements with the ACT Government

Response *

Attach any documents which supports the 'what' above

Attach a file:

Attach if available/relevant

Hours of use

Please provide below how many hours per week the venue is currently used for football and then, how many new hours of football usage per week the project is likely to generate once complete.

How many months does football have access to this location? *

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Months converted to weeks:

This number/amount is calculated.

How many hours per week is the venue currently utilised for football? *

- 0 - 5 hours 16 - 20 hours 26 - 30 hours
 6 - 10 hours 21 - 25 hours > 31 hours
 11 - 15 hours

Exact Current Football Utilisation Hours Per Week *

Must be a number.

How many hours per week will this proposed project increase utilisation for football? *

- 0 - 5 hours 16 - 20 hours 26 - 30 hours
 6 - 10 hours 21 - 25 hours > 31 hours
 11 - 15 hours

Exact proposed utilisation hours *

Must be a number.

Additional hours of use the project will generated *

This number/amount is calculated.

Outline Local Football Club usage *

Outline any other Football Usage *

Outline any other Facility User and their estimated usage *

Provide additional information below to support the expected outcomes of the project *

Describe three things you want the project to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or others (200 words recommended)

Why is this project required? (20%)

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Demonstrate the extent to which the project: > Responds to identified needs and issues and is supported strategically by Australian football club/league/regional/state body planning and/or local government sport and recreation planning.

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Describe the specific issue or need you want to address (200 words recommended)

How will the Project be delivered? (20%)

Demonstrate the extent to which the project: > Clearly identifies the project scope, methodology and timelines. > Includes the provision of quotations/cost estimates and concept/schematic plans for the project (that are consistent with the current AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines). > Includes confirmation of all other funding contributions (both financial and in-kind). > Encourages innovative approaches to address items such as access, multi-use risk management, and environmental sustainability.

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Briefly list (bullet points) the specific activities that will take place and where they will take place (200 words recommended)

Who will be involved? (10%)

Demonstrate the extent to which the project: > Will be appropriately managed to completion and collaborates with a variety of stakeholders including the council, other clubs, leagues and other community groups as appropriate. > An AFL representative should be included in project groups where an investment is forthcoming from this fund.

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Budget

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FUNDING REQUEST

ACT CFFF Amount Requested *

\$

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application? (excluding GST)

Income and Expenditure

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Please outline your project budget in the income and expenditure tables below, including details of other funding that you have applied for or other funding partners (whether it has been confirmed or not). All amounts should be GST exclusive.

Use the 'Notes' column for any additional information you think we should be aware of.

Your budget **MUST** balance (TOTAL INCOME AMOUNT = TOTAL EXPENDITURE AMOUNT). Please **do not add commas** to figures - e.g. type \$1000 not \$1,000 - this will ensure your figures for each table total correctly.

Income

Funding contribution	\$	Is the funding contribution confirmed or unconfirmed?
	Must be a dollar amount.	
ACT CFFF Request	\$	Confirmed Unconfirmed
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Expenditure

Expenditure Description	Expenditure Type	Expenditure amount (\$)	Notes
		Must be a dollar amount.	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

Budget totals

Total income amount
 \$
 This number/amount is calculated.

Total Expenditure Amount
 \$
 This number/amount is calculated.

Income - Expenditure
 \$
 This number/amount is calculated.

Estimated Total Project Cost *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.
 What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

% of AFL contribution to Total Project Cost *

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This number/amount is calculated.

Any further comments

Budget Comments

Outline the Past Investment to the site in the last 10 years? Any significant investment that you know of in the past 10 years

Please attach necessary quotes that supports your application

Attach a file:

Attachments

Strategic documents, project plans, quotations/cost estimates, concept/schematic plans

You can attach as many attachments as needed.

Attach a file:

Letters of Support

You can attach as many attachments as needed.

Attach a file:

SUBMIT WHEN READY

Click next and press the "**submit**" button at the top of the "**Review**" page.