

Grassroots Football Facilities Fund FAQ's

If I applied in Round 1 and received funding / small sided football goals, am I able to apply again in Round 2 and Round 3?

- Yes. There are no conditions that state otherwise, we will accept all applications from all affiliated clubs. However, preference will be given to clubs who did not receive funding / small sided football goals in Round 1.

Does every project need a letter of support / approval from our Local Government Authority?

- Whether the club owns their own facilities or leases from a local council, you will still need a letter of support from the LGA stating their support of the facility project.

Why are there two phases for each round of applications?

- The first phase provides the clubs with the opportunity to sell themselves and the facility project, emphasizing the benefits and impacts to the club and community.
- Phase 2 is about providing more detailed information about the project ie: timelines, budgets, council approval / support, contractors quote(s).
- As roughly only 15%-20% of applicants will receive funding, we do not want to waste any volunteers' valuable time collating all the information for no reason.

Do I need to submit a budget and project timeline if I am only applying for goals?

- No, if you are only applying for small sided football goals Phase 2 will only require you to supply us with your address so we can send the goals to you.

If I am asked to submit information for Phase 2 am I guaranteed to receive funding?

- No. If you are unable to supply FFA with the required information within the timeframe provided, we will re-evaluate your funding allocation. If you foresee problems in submitting information before the deadline you must notify FFA. However, FFA and your relevant Member Federation will assist you by providing support and assistance to prepare this information.

Can our club submit more than one application?

- Each club is only able to submit one application. Ensure you communicate with your club's organizing committee to submit one strong application. If FFA receives two applications from the one club, we will automatically dismiss the application for the greater amount of money and evaluate the application for the smaller amount.

Does our club need to be implementing Optus Small Sided Football to be eligible?

- Your club needs to be playing the nationally consistent formats of Optus Small Sided Football as per your Member Federation's implementation plan. Optus Small Sided Football has been implemented right across Australia through all 9 Member Federations so if your club has teams in these age groups and does not play Optus Small Sided Football you will not be eligible. If you are unsure whether you are playing OSSF, you should contact your local federation, zone or association to seek further clarification.

What size are the small sided football goals that will be supplied under the fund?

- For Round 2 these goals will be 3m x 2m and 5m x 2m. You can apply for up to 4 pairs of these goals.

How does the application process work?

- Fill out the online application form on the www.myfootballclub.com.au website and submit to FFA (Phase 1). Our GFFF Team will then review all applications and let your club know weather you are required to submit further information (Phase 2). Once your club has returned all information for Phase 2 we will send your club a contract to sign and supply you with the agreed funding amount.

If I don't get an application in by the closing date will I still be able to apply?

- No, the application form will be removed from the website and you will need to wait for Round 3.

Does our club need to have junior and female players?

- Your club needs to be able to cater for junior and female players should they wish to play at your club. If your club excludes these groups from your club you are not eligible for funding.

What kind of projects qualify for funding through GFFF?

- As the title suggests, the GFFF is for funding for facilities. This includes fields, fencing, lighting, water tanks, changing rooms, full size goals, clubrooms and can be defined as a permanent structure.

If I have already secured funding for a broader facility project, can we apply for additional funding through GFFF?

- Yes, FFA is more than happy to contribute to broader facility projects. However, you must ensure that the timings will fit with your broader facility project. As you will be given 12 months to complete the GFFF component.
- Secondly we would advise you to provide adequate background information to your project within your application.

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