



Community Funding Programs Reference Guide Version 1

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Guide Overview: This guide assists councils, sporting clubs, multicultural organisations, landscape architects and community groups identify funding opportunities for parks, public open spaces and sustainable community infrastructure across Australia.



1. Australian Government (Federal) Funding Opportunities

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Infrastructure for Multicultural Communities Grants	★★★★★	Active — Batch 2 Open Closes 12 Nov 2026	homeaffairs.gov.au
Growing Regions Program & Thriving Suburbs Program	★★★★★	Forecasted — Opens Late 2026 (\$750M budget pool)	infrastructure.gov.au
Game On: Teaming Up for Climate Action <i>(Targeted Match for Solar BBQs)</i>	★★★★★	Round 9 closed (13 July 2026). Round 10 is expected to open in early 2027. Check the current program before applying.	dcceew.gov.au
Stronger Communities Program	★★★★★	Active — Annual electorate rounds (Check federal MP deadlines)	infrastructure.gov.au
Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program (rPPP)	★★★★★	Active — Open continuously through June 2027	infrastructure.gov.au
Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)	★★★★☆	Rolling / Ongoing — Claims triggered following declared natural disasters	disasterassist.gov.au

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GrantConnect Search Portal	★★★★★	Always Open — Search live federal grant opportunities	grants.gov.au

2. Victoria (VIC)

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF)	★★★★★	Active / Open — Opened 28 May 2026 Closes 28 July 2026	sport.vic.gov.au
Pick My Park Program	★★★★★	Active / Open — Community voting open through 3 August 2026	planning.vic.gov.au
Regional All Abilities Participation Grants	★★★★☆	Active / Open — Closes 12 August 2026	sport.vic.gov.au
Sporting Club Grants Program	★★★☆☆	Active / Open — Closes 26 August 2026	sport.vic.gov.au
Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Program	★★☆☆☆	Active — Open through 30 June 2027	sport.vic.gov.au
Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (RCSIF)	★★★★★	Closed — Next round expected Q1 2027	sport.vic.gov.au

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Tiny Towns Fund	★★★★★	Closed — Annual round expected early 2027	rdv.vic.gov.au

3. New South Wales (NSW)

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Crown Reserves Improvement Fund (CRIF)	★★★★★	Cyclic — Opens July/August annually Closes September annually	crownland.nsw.gov.au
Community Building Partnership Program	★★★★☆	Closed — 2026 round closed May (Next round early 2027)	nsw.gov.au
Everyone Can Play & Multi-Sport Grants	★★★★★	Cyclic — Periodic state sports & park facility rounds	sport.nsw.gov.au

4. Queensland (QLD)

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Multicultural Connect Grants	★★★★☆	Active / Open — Category A projects open through late 2026	dwatsipm.qld.gov.au

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Games On! Grassroots Infrastructure Program	★★★★★	Cyclic — Periodic infrastructure rounds ahead of 2032 Games	qld.gov.au
Minor Infrastructure & Inclusive Facilities Fund	★★★★★	Cyclic — Annual sports facility rounds	qld.gov.au
Building Our Regions Program	★★★★★	Cyclic — Regional council infrastructure funding rounds	statedevelopment.qld.gov.au

5. Western Australia (WA)

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Community Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) Small Grants	★★★★★	Cyclic / Under Review — Program review July–Nov 2026; next round opens Feb 2027	cits.wa.gov.au
CSRFF Forward Planning Grants (Projects > \$500k)	★★★★★	Cyclic / Under Review — Opens February 2027 following updated guidelines	cits.wa.gov.au
Regional Economic Development (RED) Grants	★★★★★	Cyclic — Annual regional infrastructure rounds (Opens Q2/Q3)	dpird.wa.gov.au

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Community Gardens Grants	★★★★☆	Cyclic — Annual community amenity upgrades	wa.gov.au

6. South Australia (SA)

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program (CRSFP)	★★★★★	Cyclic — Opens late August annually Closes early October annually	orsr.sa.gov.au
Active Club Program	★★★★☆	Cyclic — Opens late August annually Closes early October annually	orsr.sa.gov.au
Open Space Grant Program	★★★★★	Cyclic — Annual council public park enhancement grants	plan.sa.gov.au
Regional Growth Fund	★★★★★	Cyclic — Annual regional infrastructure round	pir.sa.gov.au

7. Tasmania (TAS)

Funding Program	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Minor Facilities Upgrade Program	★★★★★	Cyclic — Periodic state park & infrastructure rounds	active.tas.gov.au
Active Tasmania Grants Program	★★★☆☆	Cyclic — Annual rounds for sports facility enhancements	active.tas.gov.au

8. Local Council Minor Grants (All States & Territories)

Funding Program Stream	Fit	Status & Round Dates (2026–2027)	Official Information Link
Local Council Annual / Bi-Annual Community Asset Grants	★★★☆☆	Rolling / Quarterly — \$2,000 to \$25,000 for local park BBQ, shelter & amenity upgrades	Check individual Local Government Area (LGA) council portals

Funding Success Checklist

1. Read current funding guidelines for specific eligibility constraints.
2. Confirm matching co-contribution funding requirements (often 30% to 50%).
3. Highlight sustainability, off-grid benefits, and accessibility when applying for Greenplate Electric and Solar BBQ systems.
4. Gather community support letters and landowner consent early.
5. Always verify exact closing times on official funding portals before final submission.

Disclaimer

This guide is intended as a reference only. Funding programs, eligibility criteria and closing dates may change without notice. Always verify current information on the relevant government website before applying.

Star Rating Guide

★★★★★ Excellent alignment with Greenplate products

★★★★☆ Good alignment

★★★☆☆ Possible fit depending on the project

★★☆☆☆ Limited alignment

★☆☆☆☆ Low alignment