

FOOTBALL
WEST**BUILDING
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CLUBS**

Club & Association Grant Terms & Conditions

1. About the Building Stronger Clubs Grant

Football West's Building Stronger Clubs initiative intends to future proof football in Western Australia by having good practice clubs and associations that are empowered to provide a better experience for all. This includes players, coaches, match officials and volunteers.

Eligible clubs and associations can apply for up to \$1,500 of direct funding to assist with meeting desired outcomes and building stronger Western Australian football clubs.

Football West, in addition to the \$1,500 grant per eligible club and association, will be providing support for successful applicants to complete the Football Australia National Club Development Program (NCDP) through the engagement of expert sports consultants.

2. Program areas

The Football West Building Stronger Clubs grant is targeted for projects that improve the following areas of football clubs or associations in WA:

- Governance and Policy Development
- Facilities Management, Planning or Design
- Stakeholder Engagement (incl. Government, commercial, community, schools)
- Volunteer Engagement & Recognition Plans
- Marketing / Communications Plan or Digital Marketing
- Fundraising / Grant / Sponsorship/Partnership Plan or support
- Upskilling Boards and Committees
- Financial Management Practices and Advice
- Inclusive Participation Pathways
- Football Development Pathway programs for players, coaches, referees, administrators
- IT Services or Website Development
- Strategic or Business Planning

3. Objectives

The objectives of Football West's Building Stronger Clubs grant are as follows:

- To provide direct financial assistance to WA football clubs and associations
- To improve off-field structures and processes to provide better structure for greater on-field performance
- To assist clubs to be nationally recognised through the FA NCDP
- To encourage clubs and associations to affiliate with Football West by signing the relevant Participation Agreement.

4. When to apply for the Building Stronger Clubs grant?

All applications must be received no later than **Monday 28 June 2021 5pm WST**.

Completed and eligible applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until funding allocations are exhausted or no later than the above closing date.

Football West encourages all clubs and associations to submit their applications as early as possible to allow for review. Football West reserves the right shorten or extend the application window based on budget allocations.

5. Eligibility

Football clubs and associations that meet the following requirements are considered eligible for the Football West Building Stronger Clubs grant:

- A football club or association that is based in WA and affiliated with Football West through a relevant Participation Agreement
- A commitment to meet all the grant requirements
- A club or association may only be involved in one application
- Did not receive a Building Stronger Clubs grant in 2020

6. Collaborative Applications

Football West will accept collaborative applications from associations and/or clubs for larger scale projects in the following scenarios:

- An association containing multiple clubs submits a combined application which includes one or more clubs from their association for \$1,500 each. i.e., XY Association submits an application containing themselves and two clubs for a \$4,500 project. Football West may support these applications provided that:
 - Each club or association is eligible, affiliated with Football West and hasn't previously been a recipient of a Building Stronger Clubs grant

- There is written confirmation that the clubs/associations involved are in agreeance
- Eligible clubs or associations close to each other, or ground/resource sharing may submit a collaborative application for mutually beneficial projects developing their respective entities for football in their area.

Larger scale projects can be from any of the categories mentioned in Section 2 above. Due to the greater funding commitment from Football West and expected outcomes, applicants are to discuss their collaborative applications with Football West prior to submission.

7. Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements, as a condition of Football West's Building Stronger Clubs grant:

- Must be a football club or association in the state of Western Australia
- Signed the 2021-22 Football West Participation Agreement
- Completed, currently completing or commitment to complete the FA's NCDP
- Meet relevant financial obligations with Football West
- Registration and affiliation for 2021 competitions have been completed
- Have activated all pending registrations and have no pending players in Play Football
- Commitment to complete a report back to Football West on the outcomes of the project funding was received for.
- Recognition of Football West on any social and traditional media when announcing or promoting items that the funding has contributed to.
- All actions have been completed by **Friday 30 July 2021**.

8. How to apply for the Building Stronger Clubs Grant

To lodge an application for the Football West Building Stronger Clubs grant, please complete the following steps:

- Confirm that your football club/association meets the requirements and outlined eligibility criteria in section five and six of this document
- Complete the online application form [HERE](#) outlining the project that will be completed with the provided funding
- All applications must be submitted prior to **Monday 28 June 2021 at 5pm WST** to be considered for the Football West Building Stronger Clubs grant.

9. Important Dates

Milestone	Key Date
Building Stronger Clubs grant opens	Monday 12 April 2021
Assessment and notification	Within two weeks of application
Building Stronger Clubs grant closes	Monday 28 June 2021 5pm WST
Acquittals due	Friday 30 July 2021 5pm WST

10. Funding Review

It is a condition of applying for Football West’s Building Stronger Clubs Program that applicants accept the assessment criteria and funding conditions.

All applicants will be provided with written advice about the funding decision shortly after submission of their application.

11. Terms and Conditions

By lodging an application under the Football West Building Stronger Clubs Program (“The Program”) you agree to:

1. Indemnify and keep indemnified Football West and their respective employees and officers from and against all actions, suits, claims, costs, expenses and liability which they may incur, howsoever arising, in connection with the Program or works that are the subject of the Program.
2. The club/association agrees to be held responsible for the operation, financial reporting and any consequences of any award under the Program.
3. All the information provided in your application is true and correct, and permission is given for an employee or representative of Football West to contact any relevant person or organisation in the processing of this application.
4. Not use, apply or extend any portion of the grant other than in and towards the cost of the Project unless otherwise agreed in writing by Football West.
5. The club agrees to abide by the guidelines set out above for the application process, noting the deadlines and requirements for the application to be made.
6. At the request of Football West, allow access to financial records, receipts and all other material relating to, or produced during the Program.
7. Acknowledges and agrees that no relationship of employment, agency, partnership or joint venture shall exist or be deemed to be created between, Football West and the Funding Recipient, except for any relationship set out in the Participation Agreement.



8. In the event of a breach of any of these conditions by the applicant, its representatives or employees; Football West may give written notice to the applicant requiring that, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice to;

- a. Suspend or terminate the Program;
- b. Take all reasonable steps to protect the Program,
- c. Minimise any loss resulting from the suspension or termination of the Program,
- d. Rectify the breach in the manner specified in the notice.

9. In the event of a dispute and before resorting to external dispute resolution mechanisms, the Parties to this Agreement shall in, good faith attempt to settle, by negotiation, any dispute in relation to this Agreement, and where practical, each Party shall refer the matter to personnel who have authority to intervene and facilitate some form of resolution.

10. In the event of a dispute, parties are not to inform any media organisations until such time as a resolution has been reached

11. Further information

Applicants are encouraged to contact Football West to discuss your application prior to submission. For further information regarding the Building Stronger Clubs grant or assistance to complete the online application, please contact Football West on clubsupport@footballwest.com.au or visit footballwest.com.au/

A list of previous grant recipients and their projects is located [HERE](#)