

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who can apply for the Growing Football Fund, and how much can you apply for?

For information on eligibility and funding criteria, please refer to the [Grant Guidelines](#). Eligible clubs and associations can apply for up to \$5000 (excl gst).

### When can you apply for the Growing Football Grants?

Key dates for the Growing Football Fund:

MILESTONE	DATE
Applications Open	9am AEDT, Wednesday 8 November 2023
Applications Close	5pm AEDT, Friday 15 December 2023
Announcement of successful Applicants	February 2024

Applications must be submitted at: <https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/community-grants>

### Will late applications be accepted?

No. The deadline for applications is strictly 5pm AEDT, Friday 15 December 2023.

### Can I make changes to my application after submission?

Once an application is submitted, changes will not be allowed. Therefore, it is highly recommended that applicants initially fill out the [application template](#) and subsequently then transfer the information to the application form. This will allow users to ensure correct information is entered.

### Who do I contact if I am having trouble using or submitting an application form?

Please email: [growingfootballfund@footballaustralia.com.au](mailto:growingfootballfund@footballaustralia.com.au)

### What are the steps required to become a 1-Star Club Changer club?

These are the steps to become a 1-Star Club Changer Club:

1. Head to the Club Changer website and register your club on the platform
2. Fill out your club profile
3. Complete the Women and Girls in Football module
4. Complete and submit a Women and Girls Action Plan

A Club Changer Program manager will then review your action plan with you, in which after this a 1-Star status will be rewarded accordingly.

For more information, please visit the Club Changer website:

<https://www.footballaustralia.com.au/clubchanger>

### How long will the application process take?

The process of filling out the application form itself should take no longer than 15 minutes. However, part of the application includes uploading documents such as quotations, budgets and more, which would need to be prepared prior to beginning the application form.

## **Will it be necessary to provide quotes to showcase how we will utilise any funding we receive?**

Yes, where applications include goods or services from a supplier, applications must, include supplier quotes. All successful recipients of the grant will be required to fulfill the acquittal requirements which will include proof of payment.

Please refer to the [Grant Guidelines](#) for more information.

## **How do I find out the progress and outcome of my application?**

All applicants will be notified by email on the outcome of their application by end of February 2024.

## **What if we change our mind on how we wish to spend our funding?**

Once submitted, no changes to an application will be permitted.

Successful recipients will only be able to use funds on approved activities or items, which will be listed in the [Funding Letter](#) (that applicants sign and agree to). Any spend outside of this will be deemed invalid and as a result will be required to return to Football Australia.

## **Can schools or private football academies apply for funding?**

No. This first round of funding for is only for eligible clubs and associations. Full eligibility criteria can be found on the [Grant Guidelines](#).

## **How specific should I be in the application?**

Applicants are encouraged to be as detailed as possible in their application. This will assist with providing the assessment panel a clear understanding of your club or association's proposal, and ultimately providing your application the best chance possible.

## **Are there reporting requirements for successful applicants?**

As set out in the [Funding Letter](#), successful applicants will be required to provide:

- on request from Football Australia, reports, information and materials regarding the applicant's performance of the funded activities;
- within 30 days of completing the funded activities, in the form required by Football Australia:
  - i. a statement and accompanying evidence verifying that the funded activities have been successfully completed and the grant has been spent in accordance with the Funding Letter; and
  - ii. a report which sets out the outcomes and impact of the funded activities.