

Media Release

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GRANTS TO UPGRADE OUR COMMUNITY SPORT FACILITIES

The Allan Labor Government is investing millions across the state to upgrade and build new local sports facilities.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced applications are now open for the *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (RCSIF)* and the *2024-25 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF)* to help local communities plan, design and build the sport facilities they need.

The five funding streams in the *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* will help regional communities plan and build everything from indoor stadiums and aquatic facilities, upgrades for women and girls, community facilities, all abilities infrastructure and planning to encourage more people to get involved.

Additional grants of up to \$50,000 are also available through the *Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund* to help boost participation for people with disability at the new or upgraded facilities.

The *RCSIF* is backed by the *Regional Community Sport Development Fund* and the *All Abilities Sport Fund* and since the first round of the program opened has invested more than \$20 million in 26 projects across the state.

Through *LSIF*, metropolitan councils can apply for funds towards a range of community sports infrastructure and active recreation projects including sports courts, lights, change rooms, playgrounds, skate parks, to benefit local clubs and communities.

The fund has three funding streams including community facilities, community sports lighting, and planning.

Since 2014 the Labor Government has invested more than \$2.3 billion to deliver world class community sport infrastructure that boosts participation and improves accessibility for more Victorians.

Both funds open Monday 28 October 2024, with *LSIF* closing on 17 February 2025 and *RCSIF* closing on 17 March 2025.

For more information about the funds or to apply visit sport.vic.gov.au/funding.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

“By upgrading facilities and removing barriers to entry, we are making sure even more people can get involved in local sport in their own communities.”

“These funds are making sure all Victorians, no matter where they live, have world class sporting facilities.”