



Community Grants Guidelines 2024


NORTHS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

One of the key objectives in the Norths Leagues and Services Club's ('NLSC') Strategic Plan is to be **'a club that is connected to and supportive of its community'**.

As such, NLSC has developed a **Community Grants Program**. This program, to be launched in July 2024, will provide funding to sport and community organisations ('SCO') in the Moreton Bay region with priority given to SCO's located in close proximity to the club.

1.2 ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The program will support projects in the following categories:

- Developing or improving facilities; and
- Purchasing equipment or machinery.

2.0 PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the program are:

- To better support SCO's within our network.
- To maximise ROI in terms of outcomes for the local community by using NLSC's budget contribution to leverage further funding from other grant programs.
- To support SCOs in meeting the required cash contributions for larger infrastructure grants which are generally in the order of 20-25%.
- To support SCO's in preparing strong grant applications to other grant programs as per above.
- To attract more funding and deliver more projects in our local community.

3.0 NATURE OF SUPPORT

- NLSC will assist by:
 - Providing **support funding** to back SCO projects **contingent** upon a successful grant application to another body (i.e. State, Federal, other).
 - Providing **mentoring and support and/or access to project management, grant writing and associated services** through our partner Momentum along with **administrative support and guidance generally** from NLSC personnel.

4.0 PRIORITIES

To maximise the likelihood of success it is intended to prioritise projects that align with government priorities.

5.0 GRANT PROCESS

- **Submission:** Interested parties can apply by submitting an Expression of Interest ('EOI') via the webform by the due date.
- **Assessment:** Applications will be assessed by the NLSC panel.
- **Decision:** Notification of the outcome will be provided to all applicants. If successful, arrangements and requirements going forward will be outlined in initial correspondence. If unsuccessful, feedback, direction and guidance will be provided.
- **Implementation:** Grant applications to other bodies will then be prepared and lodged. If successful, further support will be provided, if required, to deliver the project and acquit the grant/s.

6.0 ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

To inform the community and other stakeholders of this new initiative and the associated EOI process an **information evening** will be held in early FY25.

Beyond this, for successful applicants, it is likely that meetings or workshops will be provided to progress projects as per Section 3.0.

7.0 TIMELINES

Approximate Date (TBC)	Activity
July 2024	Applications open
July-August 2024	Information session at NLSC
31 August 2024	Applications close
September 2024	Supported projects announced
Sept-Dec 2024	Further work undertaken to submit grants to other bodies

8.0 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

Element	Weighting
Vision	10%
Need and benefit to the local community	30%
Alignment with government priorities (ie. likelihood of success).	30%
Project status (ie. extent of planning, support material and readiness to proceed).	30%

9.0 BUDGET

The current budget for this program is: \$100,000.

10.0 FUNDING AVAILABLE

Up to a maximum of \$20,000 is available per applicant. As such, a minimum of 5 projects will be supported per annum if each applicant was funded to the maximum amount.

In reality, it is likely that several more projects will be supported for lesser amounts.

11.0 SAMPLE SCENARIOS

Sample Project	Total Project Cost	NLSC Contribution (\$)	Funding Body (1)	Funding Body (1) Contribution (\$)	Funding Body (2) and/or SCO contribution	Funding Body (2) and/or SCO Contribution (\$)	Notes
LED sports field lighting	\$130,000	\$20,000	State Govt (DTIS)	\$104,000	SCO	\$6,000	State Govt 80%, NLSC Max \$20k, SCO Balance \$6k.
Female Changerooms	\$400,000	\$20,000	State Govt (DTIS)	\$320,000	City of Moreton Bay: \$50k and SCO \$10k	\$60,000	State Govt 80%, NLSC Max \$20K, CoMB Max \$50k, SCO Balance \$10k.
Netball court resurfacing	\$100,000	\$20,000	State Govt (DTIS)	\$80,000	N/A	N/A	
Energy efficiency upgrades	\$25,000	\$3,000	Fed Govt	\$22,000	N/A	N/A	
Equipment/ machinery	\$40,000	\$10,000	State Govt (GCBF)	\$30,000	N/A	N/A	
School playground	\$50,000	\$20,000	State Govt (GCBF)	\$30,000	N/A	N/A	
Facility upgrades/ renovations	\$40,000	\$7,000	State Govt (GCBF)	\$33,000	N/A	N/A	
Totals	\$785,000	\$100,000		\$619,000		\$66,000	