## What is the purpose of the Survival Package?

The fourth round of the Survival Package provides a further $10 million for community sport and active recreation clubs, leagues and associations, to support immediate financial demands experienced as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). This is in addition to over $39 million worth of grants already delivered over the first three rounds.

More specifically, the Survival Package is designed to support the viability of community sport and active recreation organisations so that they can return-to-play, in adherence with the [Victorian Chief Health Officer restrictions and advice](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>.

Funding can be used to purchase equipment, signage and cleaning supplies necessary to comply with an organisation’s COVIDSafe Plan. Funded organisations can also pay for ongoing fixed costs like rent, utilities, insurance or essential staff costs (excluding match/player/coach payments).

## What’s new for this round of the Survival Package?

There are no significant changes to the Survival Package for this (fourth) round.

Consistent with the third round, the Survival Package will deliver a state-wide funding round to eligible community organisations under a singular funding stream, Grassroots Operational Support.

Once again, the Survival Package **does not** provide support to State Sporting Associations (SSA) or State Sport and Active Recreation Bodies (SSARB). Support for SSAs and SSARBs was provided in rounds 1 and 2 only.

Applications will once again be accepted from both not-for-profit and for-profit organisations. Organisations interested in applying should check the detailed information contained in the program guidelines to determine if they are eligible for funding.

## Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from organisations that **did not** receive funding under **any previous round**.

Organisations that have previously received funding will be considered to receive an automatic top-up grant (see FAQ no. 7) and should not submit a new application.

Applications will be accepted from the following community sport and active recreation organisations operating within Victoria:

* **For-profit and not-for-profit Associations and Leagues** that are affiliated with a recognised SSA or SSARB and administering programs and competitions. An association or league must be comprised of member clubs and administer the competition between those clubs over the course of a season.
* **Not-for-profit Clubs** that are registered as an incorporated association, delivering recreational, instructional and/or competitive physical activity opportunities to community participants.
* **For-profit Clubs** that are affiliated with a recognised SSA or SSARB and delivering recreational, instructional and/or competitive sporting or physical activity opportunities to community participants.

## How much funding can organisations receive?

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| **New Applicants – Organisations that did not receive a grant in any previous round** | |
| **Type of organisation** | **Grant amount** |
| **Associations and Leagues** | $2,500 |
| **Clubs** and other eligiblecommunity organisations delivering sport and active recreation | $1,500 |

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| **Previous Applicants – Organisations that did receive a grant in any previous round** | |
| **Type of organisation** | Grant amount |
| **Associations and Leagues** | $2,500 (automatic top-up) |
| **Clubs** and other eligiblecommunity organisations delivering sport and active recreation | $1,500 (automatic top-up) |

## What can the funding be used for?

Funding can be used:

* To support readiness to return-to-play, in adherence with Victorian Chief Health Officer restrictions and advice.
* For fixed costs (e.g. rent/utilities/insurance), essential salary costs (not match/player/coach payments) and any other costs that keep the club viable and ready to function once restrictions ease.
* To purchase equipment and cleaning supplies necessary to comply with an organisation’s COVIDSafe Plan.

## What types of expenses are NOT supported?

The Survival Package will **not** support:

* Current or future payments made to participants/athletes/players in return for their participation in organisation’s physical activities – e.g. match/coach/player payments.
* Future affiliation fees.
* Fixed playing surfaces and structures – e.g. synthetic pitch, goal posts.
* Capital expenditure including the purchase of land – e.g. permanent shade structures, permanent fencing, fixed lighting, permanent practice wickets, ramps and other permanent structures.
* Repair of equipment, structures and playing surfaces – e.g. golf courses, turf wicket pitches.
* Non-playing/participation equipment – e.g. public address systems, banners, trophies, videos, sunshades, gazebos, carpet/lino, clubroom items, wicket covers, scoreboards, GPS, computers and IT equipment.
* Canteen items – e.g. microwave ovens, soft drink, food, alcohol and cooking utensils.
* Maintenance equipment – e.g. lawn mowers, rollers, line markers, hoses and compressors.
* Purchase or leasing of vehicles, trailers and accessories – e.g. boats, bikes, golf carts, jet-skis, go-karts.
* Any activity that delivers services to children.

## Our organisation received a grant in a previous round, what do we need to do?

**You should not submit a new application.**

Sport and Recreation Victoria will email previous grant recipients in October 2021, to advise of the process for accessing an automatic top-up payment.

If you need to update your organisation’s contact details for a previous grant, please email the new contact details to [SRVGrants@sport.vic.gov.au](mailto:SRVGrants@sport.vic.gov.au).

Organisations can check to see if they previously received a grant on the [Sport and Recreation Vitoria website](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package) <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>.

## How do I apply?

Organisations that wish to apply must provide:

* A completed online application form; and
* **For-profit clubs** and **all associations and leagues** must also provide proof of affiliation from their relevant SSA or SSARB. A proof of affiliation letter template is available from the [Sport and Recreation Vitoria website](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package) <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>.

**Step 1: Check your eligibility –** Check the detailed information contained in the program guidelines to identify if your organisation is eligible for funding.

**Step 2:** **Obtain your organisation’s information –** Ensure you have the full details of your organisation’s incorporation number or Australian Company Number, Australian Business Number, club or organisation bank account details).

**Step 3: Apply using the Department’s Online Grants Portal –** Visit the [Sport and Recreation Vitoria website](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package) <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package> then select the relevant ‘apply here’ hyperlink which corresponds to your organisation type (e.g. for-profit or not-for-profit).

**Step 4: Attach supporting documentation – For-profit clubs** and **all associations and leagues** must provide proof of affiliation from their relevant SSA or SSARB. A proof of affiliation letter template is available from the [Sport and Recreation Vitoria website](https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package) <https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>.

## What are the significant dates?

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| **28 September 2021** | Applications open. |
| **29 October 2021 @ 5.00PM** | Applications close. |
| **October / November 2021** | Applications assessed.  Assessment outcomes communicated to applicants.  Grant payments (including automatic top-up payments). |

## Who can I contact for further information?

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