

A message from Sport & Recreation Victoria for flood-affected Centres located in Victoria (for NSW Centres, see the note at the conclusion of this memo):

In light of the floods across the state, Sport and Recreation Victoria is reaching out to our sector stakeholders to update you on recently announced government support available for community sporting clubs, organisations and associations that have been adversely affected.

Applications will open on Friday 21 October for the \$5 million Community Sport Emergency Flood Assistance Program.

To find if your club is in an eligible local government area visit the <u>Financial Help for South</u> <u>Eastern Floods</u> webpage.

The Program provides financial assistance to affected clubs and active recreation organisations with swift, practical support to get back up and running.

\$5,000 grants are available to support recovery costs towards replacing sport, injury prevention and first aid equipment, canteen and clubroom items and maintenance equipment.

There's a simple online application to fill in with successful recipients expected to receive the funding within 10 working days of approval of the application.

Visit the Sport and Recreation Victoria and download the application guidelines HERE.

Applicants will not be required to provide cost breakdowns for equipment/resources they intend to claim.

With communities taking a battering in the floods, the Program will help support affected organisations return to sport and active recreation sooner, bringing communities together.

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The funding is part of the Government's commitment to help flood-affected communities begin their recovery, make community sport more accessible and inclusive, stimulate local economies, bring communities together, and build local sport and volunteer opportunities

Sport and Recreation Victoria will continue to work closely with local councils and State Sporting Organisations (such as LAVic) to ensure that the funding brings about the best local outcomes in the aftermath of the floods.

The \$5 million Program supplements other Victorian Government available flood recovery funding that will give regional Victorian communities the immediate support they need as the state's recovery from the floods begins.

Applications will close 5pm, 13 January 2023, or when funding is exhausted.

## NOTE: for Centres located in NSW:

For flood-affected Centres located in NSW, Service NSW is currently providing concessional grants. Centres are encouraged to periodically re-visit the following link for updates: <u>Disaster</u> <u>Assistance Finder</u>.

In closing, please keep the LAVic office abreast of developments at your flood affected Centre, particularly with respect to:

- Member hardship
- Equipment loss / damage
- Track damage

We're very keen to see all of our Centres get back on their feet at the earliest opportunity.

The LAVic team

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