



# The Hon Graham Annesley MP

Minister for Sport and Recreation

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### APPLY NOW FOR SPORT FUNDING

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Graham Annesley, announced applications are open for two key grant programs – the *Sport and Recreation Participation Program* and the *Sport and Athlete Development Program*.

Mr Annesley said, “Increasing participation in sport and active recreation is something I’m very passionate about, and these programs assist community based organisations and state sporting organisations to increase opportunities.”

The NSW Government’s Sport and Recreation Participation Program (SRPP) provides funding for local initiatives that help more people to be active on a regular basis.

The SRPP program focuses on helping people who often face barriers to participation in mainstream sport. (eg indigenous, disability, refugees, rural and remote).

“Not-for-profit sport clubs, community groups and local government associations can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 each,” Mr Annesley said.

Applications close on 25 August for the NSW Government’s Sport and Recreation Participation Program.

Mr Annesley also announced the opening of the Sport and Athlete Development Program.

“This program invests in innovative projects which boost the capacity of the NSW sports industry by increasing opportunities for athletes, coaches, officials, sports leaders and volunteers,” Mr Annesley said.

Eligible state sporting organisations, state wide sector groups and peak bodies are invited to apply for Sport and Athlete Development Program grants and have until 18 August to submit applications.

Funding will go to projects which support the development of sport professionals and volunteers, help reduce barriers to participation and encourage the industry to grow.

Mr Annesley said, “I’ve long held the belief sport and recreational activities are the key to a healthier lifestyle which ultimately benefits the wider community.

“I strongly urge all interested groups to lodge an application,” Mr Annesley said.

For more information on either of these grant programs or to apply please visit the Office of Communities – Sport and Recreation division website at [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/grants) or phone 13 13 02.