



# Memorandum

<b>To:</b>	All NSW Clubs
<b>From:</b>	Surf Life Saving New South Wales
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<b>Subject:</b>	Grant Opportunity - Australian Sports Commission Local Sporting Champions Program 2016/17 Round 2

**Round 2** of the 2016/17 **Australian Sports Commission Local Sporting Champions Program** is open. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12-18 participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as either an athlete, coach or official.

Funding of **up to \$500** for individual applicants is available, to contribute to the cost of **travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment** required for participation in the nominated championships.

Key points to consider when applying include:

- Applicants must be turning 12 to 18 years of age in the same calendar year as the nominated sporting championship
- Applicants must be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia
- The championship event must be endorsed by the ASC as an official championship event
- Applicants must be living more than 125km from the championship venue, and travelling greater than 250km (return) to participate in the nominated championship
- Applicants must not have received more than \$500 in federal funding for the event, or be participating in an event that involves prize money greater than \$500
- Applicants must not have received a Local Sporting Champions grant for an application submitted in the same allocation year (1 March – 29 February).

There are 36 individual grants available in each metropolitan electorate and 50 individual grants available in non-metropolitan (provincial or rural) electorates per allocation year (1 Mar to 29 Feb). For information on whether your electorate is a metropolitan or non-metropolitan please visit the Australian Electoral Commission website <http://apps.aec.gov.au/esearch/>. You may also wish to make contact with your electorate office to discuss your application and seek their support.

**Applicants should apply once you have been selected to attend the championships and your participation has been confirmed.** It is essential that you **submit your application prior to the event**. Applicants are assessed at the conclusion of each round therefore it may be up to four months before you are notified. It is therefore important that you forward plan your application to ensure you receive notification and/or funding prior to your event, or in many cases, you may not receive notification until after your attendance at the championships, in which case the grant will be a reimbursement of costs incurred.

The closing date for applications to this round is **31 October 2016**. The application and guidelines can be accessed from the following website: [http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/local_sporting_champions)

Please note, the ASC are also committed to delivering the following future rounds of this program:

Round	Opening & Closing Dates	Applicants advised of outcome
Round 3, 2016/17	Open - 1 Nov 2016 Close – 28 Feb 2017	March – April 2017
Round 1, 2017/18	Open – 1 Mar 2017 Close - 30 Jun 2017	July – August 2017

Kind regards