



# Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular 77/26-27

<b>Title:</b>	Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant 2026/27
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<b>Department:</b>	Participation
<b>Audience:</b>	Club Presidents, Club Captains, Club Administrators, Junior Activities Coordinators, Diversity & Inclusion Officers
<b>Summary:</b>	Clubs invited to apply for <b>Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants</b> for the 2026/27 season

This upcoming 2026/27 season Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is once again offering Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants of up to \$1,000 per club around Australia for affiliated surf life saving clubs.

Funding is available for the Grants until exhausted. This grant is proudly supported each year by **etrainu** (the SLSA Learning Management System provider).

The purpose of these Grants is to provide support to Surf Life Saving Clubs offering inclusion programs for people with disabilities.

## Eligibility for an Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant

To be eligible for an Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant, affiliated clubs must be delivering or intending to deliver an inclusion program for people with disabilities during the 2026/27 season.

An inclusion program refers to any program that supports people with disabilities to participate in club activities, either in a stand-alone program, delivered as a side-by-side program with club programs eg, nippers or as determined by the club to meet their resources and capacity.

## How to apply for an Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant

Clubs can apply by completing the online application [HERE](#) by the closing date of **6pm Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Clubs that have applied in previous years - successful or unsuccessful – are encouraged to apply again this year.

## How will the Grants be awarded?

SLSA, in conjunction with representative(s) from State/Territory centres, will assess applications and notify successful clubs by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2026**. Delivery of equipment will be staggered to align with 2026/27 season times depending on club location, to ensure shipping of equipment arrives safely and can be used in programs during season.

Criteria:

- Must be an Affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- Delivering or intending to deliver an inclusion program for people with disabilities
- Demonstrating how the grant will improve the program(s) outcomes being delivered?
- If the program is sustainable beyond the grant year?

**\*PLEASE NOTE\*** From this season Branch or State office(s) are not eligible to apply for this grant, eligibility is limited to individual surf life saving clubs.

## What Equipment can be purchased using the Grant?

Examples of items that are being offered under the Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants are:

- Obstacle Course Packs
- Various approved SLSA Nipper foam boards of varying sizes



- **\*NEW\*** SLSA Communication Board on A4 double sided corflute – up to 2 per club

However, any equipment will be considered if the club can demonstrate how it will be used in an inclusion program.

SLSA reserves the right to cease offering Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants or alter the value or quantities of the Grant at any time.

SLSA would like to thank **etrainu** for their ongoing support of the SLSA Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants each year.

For more information about the SLSA Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants please contact SLSA Participation Coordinator on email at: [diversitycoordinator@sls.com.au](mailto:diversitycoordinator@sls.com.au)

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