



Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW Clubs
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – ASC Local Sporting Champions Program 2026-27 Rd 2 (Closing 31 October 2026)

The **Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Local Sporting Champions Program 2026/27** is now open, **closing 31 October 2026**. Local Sporting Champions (LSC) is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors who meet the following age guidelines:

- Participants turning 13-18 attending state championships
- Participants turning 14-18 attending state or national championships
- Participants turning 15-18 attending state, national, or international championships

Funding of between **\$500 and \$750** for individual applicants is available, to contribute towards the cost of participation in the nominated championships, as follows:

- Base Grant: \$500
- Applicants travelling 800 km – 1,999 km to their nominated championships: + \$100
- Applicants travelling internationally or greater than 2,000 km to their nominated championships: + \$200
- Applicants residing in a rural electorate: + \$50

Applications can be submitted at any time during the round opening and closing dates for competitions that occur within the relevant timeframes. **For this round, eligible competitions are those held between 1 July 2026 and 28 February 2027.**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent resident status, residing in Australia
- Be participating as an athlete, coach or match official in an official state/national/international championship endorsed by Surf Life Saving Australia
- Those attending a state championship must be living more than 500km from the championships venue, and travelling greater than 1000km return to participate in the nominated championships
- Must incur out-of-pocket expenses equal to, or greater than, the grant amount they are eligible to receive
- Must not receive a Local Para Champions grant to attend the same championship or competition

Eligible expenses include competition/entry fees, transport and accommodation costs, equipment, uniforms, etc.

The application and guidelines can be accessed from the website below. We encourage you to read these before applying:
https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions.

Please note: As this is an individual application, applicants or their personal representative need to/are required to personally complete the form. For specific enquiries regarding this program, please contact the Local Sporting Champions Team email sportingchampions@ausport.gov.au

Kind regards
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