Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW Clubs & Branches
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Subject:	Grant Opportunity – ASC 2027 Women Leaders in Sport (WLIS) Individual Grants (Closing 27 November 2026)

The **ASC Women Leaders in Sport (WLIS) Program** is designed to strengthen the pipeline of experienced, capable women leaders who shape decision-making, challenge systems and contribute to a more equitable and effective sports sector.

Please note - Governance courses are no longer included in this program as a separate approach to this training is currently being developed, with further information to be released in 2027.

In this round, a total pool of $206,200 ex GST is available to support professional development and training for eligible women in the sporting sector across the following three tiers:

Tier	Funding $ (ex GST)	Total Tier Funds
Tier 1: Advanced professional development courses	$8,000 to $10,000	Approx $50,000
Tier 2: Advanced professional development courses	$4,000 to $7,999	Approx $80,000
Tier 3: Foundational professional development course	$0 to $3,999	Approx $70,000

Examples of areas of training programs include but are not limited to:

- Leadership Skills and Management
- Sports Administration
- Communications and Media
- Coaching and Officiating
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- People and Culture
- Integrity
- Finance
- Sport science, technology, engineering, math, medicine (STEMM)

Examples of institutions who offer these areas of training include but are not limited to:

- Universities
- Institutes of Technology
- TAFE
- Private Colleges

Short or standalone courses at universities or other institutions are eligible for funding. However it's important to note that course fees must be paid upfront and cannot be deferred to HECS-HELP loans.

Only one application per applicant will be accepted, if more than one application is submitted, the last submitted application will be accessed.

To be eligible to apply for an Individual grant, an applicant must:

- Identify as a woman
- Be aged 18 years or over
- Be an Australian citizen or have been granted permanent residence status
- Currently be involved in a paid or volunteer capacity for either:
    - A National Sporting Organisation (NSO)
    - A Local Club or State/Territory Sporting Organisation which is affiliated with an NSO
    - Commonwealth Games Association
    - National Institute Network
    - Media organisation as a sport journalist/writer
    - Australian Sport Foundation
- Not a current employee of the ASC
- Have not received support through the WLIS program within the last two years (Please note: this does not include participation in the WLIS workshops) OR have any outstanding WLIS acquittal and/or reporting requirements.
- Supporting organisation is not named in the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse on its list of "Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme", and not named on the Workplace Gender Equality Agency website non-compliant organisation list
- Applicants notified December/January 2027
- Course training must commence in 2027

Full details are located at: Individual grants | ASC

For specific enquiries regarding this program, please contact the WLIS Grant Team via email at wlis@ausport.gov.au or phone: 02 6214 1463

Kind regards,

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