# Frequently Asked Questions

Go for Gold Round 2: Sports Infrastructure

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## Note: This document will be updated regularly while the funding round is open.

1. **What sports may be covered by the program?**

The program is open to all sports from traditional to emerging – from athletics to BMX and sport climbing. Funding is not limited to Olympic and Paralympic sports.

Note: there are limitations that apply to swimming pools, see guidelines.

1. **If I was successful in Round 1, can I still apply for Round 2?**

Yes! Successful applicants from Round 1 are welcome to apply for Round 2. However, only one application per round per school will be accepted.

1. **How is Round 2 different from Round 1 in the program?**

Round one focused on providing grants of up to $5,000 for sporting equipment for school children to achieve their sporting best.

Round 2 is offering funding up to $5 million for new or upgraded school sports infrastructure, encouraging greater sports participation, with additional consideration to multiple schools using the infrastructure, and community use as part of the application process.

1. **Should I submit the application while I’m working on it?**

No! All questions between 2.2.1 and 2.2.5 are eligibility questions. Answers to these questions that do not adhere to the guidelines will render the application ineligible. Do not press submit. Simply save your application and only press submit once you have finished.

1. **In the guidelines it states “Queensland School Sport officers may be able to provide links to relevant sporting organisations. If schools are seeking to establish facilities as a school sport hub, they will be required to obtain the support of DoE’s Director of School Sport.” Who can be contacted?**

Please contact:

[QRSS.SportsExecutives@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:QRSS.SportsExecutives@qed.qld.gov.au) or phone 07 3513 5832.

1. **What criteria will be used to determine successful applicants?**

For Round 2, priority will be given to those schools that do not have the same opportunities to fund raise and where applications will increase active pathways in communities that may currently experience lower student participation rates in sport.

We will also prioritise applications where multiple schools will use the facilities and where schools plan to facilitate community use of sporting infrastructure.

An assessment panel will review and select successful applications according to the pre-determined criteria (see [guidelines](https://qed.qld.gov.au/programsinitiatives/department/Documents/go-for-gold-guidelines.pdf)).

1. **What type of infrastructure will be covered by Round 2?**

The infrastructure applied for in Round 2 will be different depending upon the category applied for. Applications can be made for both new infrastructure and replacing facilities that are at the end of life. The following gives examples of infrastructure that would fit within each criterion.

**Category 1**

School Sports Infrastructure projects where the amount of funding requested is $500,000 or less (excl. GST) on a location adjusted basis.

Project for category 1 funding could include the following:

* Re-marking or re-surfacing outdoor courts, permanent shade cover over existing outdoor courts, installing or upgrading irrigation on ovals, lighting, installing rainwater storage tanks for oval irrigation, universal design amenities, storage sheds, new sports fields (natural grass), accessibility upgrades and access keypads for lighting or courts (facilitating community use).

*For example, constructing a new shade structure over an existing single multipurpose sports court was recently estimated at $250,000 (in the Darling Downs South-West Region).*

**Category 2**

School Sports Infrastructure projects where the amount of funding requested is more than $500,000 and up to and including $2,500,000 (excl. GST) on a location adjusted basis.

Projects for which funding under Category 2 could be awarded include the following:

* Outdoor athletics track and field facility, small multi-purpose sports facilities and synthetic grass fields.

*For example, roof shade structure (with lighting) over an existing multipurpose outdoor court (tennis and basketball) was recently costed at $840,000 (in South East Queensland).*

**Category 3**

School Sports Infrastructure projects where the amount of funding requested is more than $2,500,000 and up to and including $5,000,000 (excl. GST) on a location adjusted basis.

Funding for swimming pools that meet the restrictions outlined in Section 4.

Projects for Category 3 funding could include the following:

* Small multi-sports indoor court facilities and outdoor courts.

*For example, six new outdoor netball and tennis courts, with lighting and carparking were recently estimated to cost approximately $2.8 million (in South East Queensland).*

1. **If the infrastructure is over $250,000, will it require a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) and/or involve community consultation? What if this process delays the completion date for the project?**

It is possible that projects may be subject to a MID, however this will become clear during the due diligence process. The Department of Education will work with the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (as the representative for the Planning Minister) to ensure timely consideration of these priority projects.

Community consultation is required on all MIDs. Any delay due to this will be taken into consideration and not affect the application. This issue should not deter schools from applying.

1. **How many schools will benefit from all of the funding?**

The application process and an evaluation of school’s proposals will determine the number of schools to benefit from the funding.

Due diligence will be undertaken on scope and deliverability of proposed projects.

1. **When are successful project to be delivered?**

Successful projects for Round 2 are expected to be delivered by December 2025.

1. **What are costs considered outside the scope of the grant.**

In general costs that are considered outside the scope of the grant are:

* Feasibility studies, planning studies, business cases
* Costs incurred or allocated prior to the date of application
* Conceptual designs
* Legal expenses
* Temporary works, other than those required to enable completion of the approved project
* Official opening expenses
* Signage
* Ongoing costs for administration, operation, maintenance or engineering, leasing
* Remuneration of employees for work not directly related to the approved project
* Overhead charges for internal costs of the eligible organisation, e.g. stores, plant and equipment
* Project costs that would have been incurred by the organisation anyhow e.g. fees for services already engaged by the organisation
* Vehicles
* Portable assets e.g. computers, furniture, desks, whitegoods
* Rent and utilities

1. **What happens if the grants are oversubscribed?**

An assessment panel will review and select successful applications according to pre-determined criteria.

The process is outlined in the [guidelines](https://qed.qld.gov.au/programsinitiatives/department/Documents/go-for-gold-guidelines.pdf) available on the [Go for Gold fund website](https://qed.qld.gov.au/programs-initiatives/department/building-education/major-projects/school-upgrades/go-for-gold).

The assessment criteria will prioritise applications up to the amount of funding available to achieve a spread of projects across the State, such that at least 50% of program funding occurs outside of South East Queensland.

1. **The Native Title link in the project plan template asks me to login. How can I access more information?**

The project plan link has now been updated. For further information please refer to:<https://www.qld.gov.au/firstnations/environment-land-use-native-title/native-title/native-title-work-procedures>

1. **Who can I contact for further support?**

For SmartyGrants system technical assistance

[service@smartygrants.com.au](mailto:service@smartygrants.com.au)

For advice on infrastructure project specific details of your application

Regional Office Infrastructure staff

For advice on the process to prepare an application

[PriorityPrograms.StrategicInvestment@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:PriorityPrograms.StrategicInvestment@qed.qld.gov.au)

For advice on sporting organisations and school sport hubs

[QRSS.SportsExecutives@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:QRSS.SportsExecutives@qed.qld.gov.au)

For advice on connecting with local Councils and local sporting organisations

https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/office-locations