



**BASKETBALL
VICTORIA**

FACILITY PLANNING GRANT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

JUNE 2026

About the Grant

Why a Facility Planning Grant?

The development of feasibility studies, master plans and business cases is often the most significant barrier to progressing new facility projects. By investing in project readiness, Basketball Victoria aims to help organisations develop evidence-based proposals that are better positioned to attract future investment from local, state and federal government funding programs.

Eligibility

Who can apply for the Basketball Victoria Facility Planning Grant?

The grant is open to eligible Basketball Victoria Member Organisations, Victorian local government authorities, and Victorian education providers, including government and non-government schools, TAFEs and universities.

Can multiple organisations apply for the same project?

No. Applicants are encouraged to discuss proposed projects with relevant stakeholders before applying. Where a project involves multiple organisations, a lead applicant should be identified to avoid duplicate applications.

Can an association apply without council support?

Associations are strongly encouraged to engage with their local government authority before applying. Depending on the project, evidence of landowner support or approval may be required.

Do I need to be financial with Basketball Victoria to apply?

Basketball Victoria Member Organisations must be financial with BV at the time of application and at the time funding is awarded. If you are unsure of your financial position with BV, please contact our accounts department.

Can an organisation submit more than one application?

Yes, however BV reserves the right to limit funding to ensure broad geographic and strategic distribution of grants.

Eligible Projects

What does the grant fund?

The grant funds early-stage facility planning activities including:

- feasibility studies
- master planning
- concept planning
- business case development
- facility needs assessments
- project readiness activities

Can the grant be used for construction or capital works?

No. The grant is specifically designed to support planning and project development activities and cannot be used for construction, refurbishment or direct capital works.

Can the grant be used to engage consultants?

Yes. Applicants are expected to engage suitably qualified consultants or professionals to undertake the approved planning work.

What types of facilities are eligible?

Projects must support basketball infrastructure outcomes in Victoria, including new facilities, facility expansion, redevelopment opportunities or shared-use facility planning.

Funding and Assessment

How much funding is available?

The standard grant amount is \$50,000 per project. In exceptional circumstances, grants of up to \$100,000 may be awarded at the discretion of the BV Board.

Is co-funding required?

Yes. Applicants are required to contribute funding on a minimum 1:1 basis. Evidence of co-funding must be provided as part of the application.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are assessed against the published assessment criteria, including strategic alignment, community benefit, project readiness, stakeholder support and the potential to increase basketball participation opportunities.

Who assesses applications?

Applications are reviewed by the Facility Planning Grant Panel, which includes representatives from Basketball Victoria, independent experts and sector stakeholders.

Will all eligible applications receive funding?

No. Meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. Applications will be assessed competitively against the available funding pool.

What makes a strong application?

Strong applications demonstrate:

- a clear facility need
- stakeholder support
- alignment with local and regional planning priorities
- realistic budgets and timelines
- a clear pathway towards future project delivery

Application Process

What information do I need to provide?

Applicants will need to provide:

- project scope and description
- consultant cost estimates
- project budget
- evidence of co-funding
- organisational information
- landowner approvals or support (where required)
- supporting documentation relevant to the project

Do I need a letter of support?

Yes. Applications submitted by organisations other than a Basketball Victoria Member Organisation must include a letter of support from the basketball association most closely connected to the proposed facility.

Can I discuss my project with Basketball Victoria before applying?

Yes. Applicants are encouraged to contact BV before submitting an application to discuss project suitability, eligibility requirements and application expectations.

Can I amend my application after submission?

Applications may only be amended before the closing date. After applications close, BV may request clarification or additional information where required.

What happens after I submit my application?

Applicants will receive confirmation of submission. Applications will then undergo eligibility review, assessment, panel consideration and final approval in accordance with the published assessment process.

Reporting and Acquittal

What are the reporting requirements for successful applicants?

Successful applicants must enter into a Funding Agreement, provide progress reports where required, and submit a final acquittal report upon project completion.

What needs to be included in the final acquittal?

The final acquittal must include:

- evidence of completed project deliverables
- a financial acquittal of grant expenditure
- copies of completed planning documents
- a summary of outcomes and next steps

What happens if my project changes after funding is approved?

Any material change to project scope, budget, timeline or co-funding arrangements must be approved by Basketball Victoria before implementation.