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**Department of Health**

## Rugby World Cup 2027 – Foundation Bid Planning Grant Opportunity Guidelines GO2890

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<b>Commonwealth policy entity:</b>	Department of Health
<b>Administering entity</b>	Community Grants Hub
<b>Enquiries:</b>	If you have any questions, contact <a href="mailto:grant.atm@health.gov.au">grant.atm@health.gov.au</a>  Questions should be sent no later than 2:00pm Canberra local time on 6 September 2019
<b>Date guidelines released:</b>	29 August 2019
<b>Type of grant opportunity:</b>	One off/ad-hoc grant
<b>Access to documentation and notification of new information:</b>	Documentation for this Grant Opportunity is only available via GrantConnect.  Please note that it is your responsibility to register on GrantConnect for this Grant Opportunity and read any Addenda and updated information that may be posted on the site between the open and close dates. Grant Connect is the official channel for the Department of Health to communicate changes to the grant process, updated FAQs, details of a new close date or further information that is helpful for your application.

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## 1. About the grant

The purpose of the grant is to provide support for a bid to host the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia. The grant contributes to the achievement of outcomes under Program 3.1: Sport and Recreation. The Australian Government aims to increase participation in sport and recreation activities by all Australians, foster excellence in Australia's high-performance athletes, protect the integrity of Australian sport, showcase Australia as a premier host of major international sporting events and improve water and snow safety.

The objective of the grant is to:

- support a bid planning process to host the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia.

The intended outcomes of the grant are to develop:

- a bid strategy to host the 2027 Rugby World Cup; and
- a financial and operational framework to assess viability and assess potential benefits from hosting the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia.

This grant will be administered by the Community Grants Hub on behalf of the Department of Health.

The grant is to be undertaken in accordance with the [Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines \(CGRGs\)](#)<sup>1</sup>

## 2. Grant amount and grant period

The Australian Government has announced a total of up to \$1.049 million (GST exclusive) to support a bid planning process to host the Rugby World Cup 2027.

For this grant opportunity, \$1,049,000 (GST exclusive) is available in 2019-20.

**Table 1. Grant Funding Breakdown**

<b>2019-20 FY</b>	<b>2020-21 FY</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>\$1,049,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$1,049,000</b>
<b>(GST exclusive)</b>	<b>(GST exclusive)</b>	<b>(GST exclusive)</b>

## 3. The grant selection process

This grant opportunity has been established as a one-off or ad hoc grant. The Department of Health considers that this is an appropriate type of selection process considering the nature of the grant is dependent on developing a competitive bid proposal within short selection

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/commonwealth-grants-rules-and-guidelines.pdf>

timeframes. The preliminary bid to host the event will be considered by the Rugby World Cup 2027 selection committee from 20 September to 9 November 2019. Rugby Australia has been targeted to bid for the 2027 Rugby World Cup as the peak national sporting organisation (NSO) and governing body for rugby union in Australia, as well as a member of World Rugby, the sport's international governing body.

### 3.1 Eligibility criteria

To be eligible to apply you must be the listed organisation.

Name of Organisation: Rugby Australia Ltd (ABN 36 002 898 544)

Rugby Australia is invited to apply for this grant opportunity as it has been assessed to have:

- capability to deliver the project activities in the project locations;
- existing infrastructure and relationships to support the project activities; and
- knowledge of, and capability to deliver the project objectives and outcomes.

Rugby Australia is an NSO with established community sporting and infrastructure networks that will be leveraged during the development of the bid strategy. Rugby Australia (then known as the Australian Rugby Union) successfully hosted the 2003 Rugby World Cup, and annually hosts international rugby union tournaments to a world class standard.

The project will operate as a proposal with constrained financial and time parameters to deliver a bid for consideration to host the Rugby World Cup 2027. There is no guarantee of continued funding once the bid is submitted. If a decision is made to expand the bid proposal beyond the planning phase, a competitive grant opportunity will be considered.

### 3.2 Eligible grant activities

To be eligible, you must develop a planning process to bid for the 2027 Rugby World Cup in Australia, which includes:

- strategic analysis, including consultation with potential event partners;
- detailed modelling of financial costs and benefits;
- relevant stakeholder engagement;
- a marketing strategy; and
- assessment of national infrastructure and operational facilities.

Costs that the grant can be used for are:

- salaries and wages for support staff, including a bid team and consultants;
- international and domestic travel;
- marketing and promotion;
- media strategy and public relations; and
- accounting fees.

The decision maker makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

Further details of the costs associated with the grant activity will be outlined in the grant agreement.

### 3.3 Ineligible grant activities

The following are ineligible activities:

- purchase of land;
- major capital expenditure;
- the covering of retrospective costs;
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation;
- major construction/capital works;
- loan capital;
- litigation; and
- lobbying and activities which support political parties or campaigns.

### 3.4 Grant assessment

The proposal must provide sufficient information to allow assessment against the following assessment criteria:

**Assessment Criterion 1:** Alignment with grant opportunity objectives and outcomes.

**Assessment Criterion 2:** How does the grant address a specific need?

- Describe how the grant will assist bid planning for the Rugby World Cup 2027?

**Assessment Criterion 3:** Does the proposed activity provide value for money?

- Demonstrate how the grant activity will provide value for the Australian sports sector and the public.

The proposal will be assessed by an assessment committee. The Department of Health may seek information from any other source, including from within the Commonwealth, whether or not the individuals or organisations contacted are nominated as referees.

## 4. Who will approve the grant?

The Assistant Secretary, Office for Sport, will make the final decision to approve a grant.

The Decision Maker's decision is final in all matters, including:

- the approval of the grant;
- the grant amount to be awarded; and
- the terms and conditions of the grant.

## 5. Notification of the grant

We will advise you of the outcome in writing, following a decision by the decision maker. We will advise you of any specific conditions attached to the grant.

### 5.1 The grant agreement

You must enter into a legally binding grant agreement with the Commonwealth. We use the simple grant agreement, represented by the Department of Health. Each agreement has general terms and conditions that cannot be changed. We will use a schedule to outline the specific grant requirements.

**Commented [RA1]:** opportunity to use the simple agreement? One year funding, previously funded, low risk agreement, one deliverable?

We must execute a grant agreement with you before we can make any payments. We are not responsible for any of your expenditure until a grant agreement is executed. If you choose to start your grant activity before you have an executed grant agreement, you do so at your own risk. You must not start your grant activity until a grant agreement is executed.

Your grant agreement may have specific conditions determined by the assessment process or other considerations made by the decision maker. We will identify these in the agreement.

The Commonwealth may recover grant funds if there is a breach of the grant agreement.

The grant agreement will state the:

- maximum grant amount to be paid;
- proportion of eligible expenditure covered by the grant;
- any financial contributions you must make;
- any in-kind contributions you will make; and
- any financial contribution provided by a third party.

## 5.2 Grant acquittal and reporting

The grantee must submit reports in line with the timeframes in the grant agreement.

Reports will include:

- progress against agreed project milestones;
- contributions of participants directly related to the grant activity; and
- eligible expenditure of grant monies.

The grantee will also be responsible for:

- meeting the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and managing the grant activity efficiently and effectively;
- complying with record keeping, reporting and acquittal requirements as set out in the grant agreement;
- participating in a grant program evaluation as specified in the grant agreement; and
- ensuring that activity outputs and outcomes are in accordance with the grant agreement.

## 6. Announcement of the grant

Your grant will be listed on the [GrantConnect](#) website, 21 days after the date of effect as required by Section 5.3 of the CGRGs.

## 7. Grant evaluation

The Department of Health will evaluate this grant to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved.

Your grant agreement may require you to provide information to help with this evaluation.