



GRANTS PROGRAM GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

Supporting Growth and Inclusion in
Ford Aussie Hoops Centres

FORD AUSSIE HOOPS GRANTS PROGRAM

The purpose of this document is to outline the governance framework for the Ford Aussie Hoops Grants Program. This program aims to support and encourage Ford Aussie Hoops centres in Australia by providing financial incentives for Ford Aussie Hoops-related initiatives. The governance principles outlined in this document will ensure transparency, fairness, and accountability in the allocation and management of the program's funds.

Objectives

The objectives of the 2025 Ford Aussie Hoops Grants Program is to increase the number of Ford Aussie Hoops programs delivered in rural and remote regions of Australia, and secondly to support initiatives that promote engagement and inclusion in established Ford Aussie Hoops programs. Details of both streams are as follows:

Rural/Remote Grants

- Allocate \$8,000 per grant round to support the growth of rural/remote Ford Aussie Hoops centres.
- Distribute the funds in the form of 8 grants, each valued at \$1,000.
- Support centres in growing participation in rural and remote communities.

Initiative Grants

- Allocate \$7,000 per grant round for initiative grants to Ford Aussie Hoops centres.
- Distribute the funds in the form of 7 grants, each valued at \$1,000.
- Encourage centres to develop innovative programs, events, or activities that promote engagement, inclusion, and skill development.

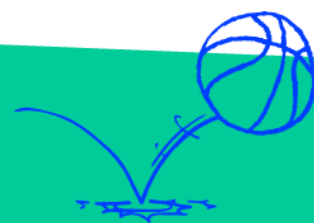
Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for either the Rural/Remote or Initiative Grants Program, Ford Aussie Hoops centres must meet the following criteria:

- Be recognised as a Ford Aussie Hoops centre by Basketball Australia.
- Provide a 250-word proposal outlining the intended use of the funds and the expected benefits.
- Provide a clear plan of action, including measurable goals and expected outcomes.
- Demonstrate the ability to execute the proposed initiative effectively.
- Comply with all relevant laws and regulations related to the proposed initiative.

For rural/remote grants, priority will be given to initiatives that:

- Establish new program delivery sites in regional or remote areas not currently services by existing Ford Aussie Hoops centres.
- Promote opportunities for people from remote indigenous communities to participate in Ford Aussie Hoops programs.
- Support the transition for Ford Aussie Hoops participants in rural or remote areas into club or association basketball.



- Expansion of established Ford Aussie Hoops centres in rural and remote areas that provide additional opportunities for participation (i.e. establishment of a secondary session to split age groups; secondary session focused as a girls only session etc.)

For Initiative Grants, priority will be given to initiatives that:

- Promote the inclusion of people with disability (wheelchair and intellectual disability).
- Lead to an improved transition from Ford Aussie Hoops into club and association basketball.
- Engage or provide support to disadvantaged communities.
- Establish new girls-only Ford Aussie Hoops programs

Governance Committee

Composition

The governance committee for the Ford Aussie Hoops Grants Program shall consist of representatives from Basketball Australia, and may also include independent representatives as appropriate.

Responsibilities

The governance committee is responsible for:

- Reviewing and assessing grant applications.
- Ensuring compliance with the eligibility criteria.
- Evaluating the proposed initiatives and plans.
- Making fair and informed decisions regarding the allocation of funds.
- Communicating the outcome of grant applications to applicants in a timely manner.
- Monitoring the progress and impact of the funded initiatives.
- Reviewing the governance framework periodically and recommending any necessary updates.

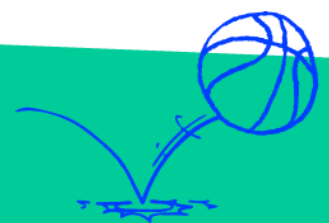
Application and Selection Process

Application Submission

Ford Aussie Hoops centres wishing to apply for Rural/Remote or Initiative Grants must complete the application form. Application forms must be completed and submitted by 5 March (Round 1) and 20 August (Round 2). No late applications will be accepted.

Review and Assessment

The governance committee will evaluate all applications based on the eligibility criteria and the merit of the proposals. The committee may request additional information or clarification from applicants if necessary.



Grant Allocation

The governance committee may consult with the respective state or territory federation as part of the overall assessment and will make final decisions regarding the allocation of funds. Allocation of funds will be made ensuring equitable distribution and taking into account the overall impact of the proposed initiatives.

Reporting and Accountability

Grant Agreement

Upon approval of a grant, the successful Ford Aussie Hoops centre will be required to enter into a grant agreement with Basketball Australia. The agreement will outline the terms and conditions of the grant, including reporting requirements, fund utilisation, and any other relevant obligations.

Final Reporting

Ford Aussie Hoops centres receiving grant funds must submit a final report to Basketball Australia upon completion of the program. These reports should detail the implementation progress, utilisation of funds, and outcomes achieved. Where a program commencement is delayed, an interim progress report may be requested.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Basketball Australia reserves the right to conduct periodic on-site visits to assess the progress and impact of the funded initiatives. Centres are expected to cooperate with these monitoring activities and provide accurate and timely information as requested.

Program Review

The governance framework and the Ford Aussie Hoops Grants Program as a whole will be periodically reviewed by Basketball Australia to ensure its effectiveness, relevance, and alignment with the program's objectives. Any necessary updates or modifications to the governance framework will be proposed by the governance committee and implemented with approval from Basketball Australia.

Confidentiality

All information submitted by Ford Aussie Hoops centres as part of their grant applications will be treated as confidential. Governance committee members and program administrators shall handle all information with strict confidentiality and use it solely for the purpose of evaluating grant applications.

