



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 2026 Ford Aussie Hoops Grants Program are to support associations that are effectively transitioning Ford Aussie Hoops participants into the next stage of their respective basketball development pathways (Transition to Play), and to strengthen initiatives that enhance engagement, retention, and progression within established Ford Aussie Hoops programs. Details of both streams are as follows:

Transition to Play Grants

- Allocate \$10,000 per grant round to support associations that are effectively transitioning Ford Aussie Hoops participants into the next stage of their basketball development pathway.
- Distribute the funds in the form of 10 grants, each valued at \$1,000.
- Support programs that strengthen the connection between Ford Aussie Hoops and the next stage of the basketball development pathway, including competition, bridging programs, or skills academies.

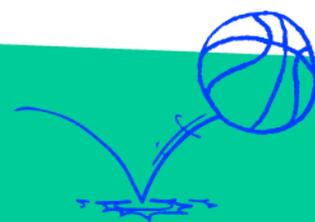
Initiative Grants

- Allocate \$10,000 per grant round for initiative grants to Ford Aussie Hoops centres.
- Distribute the funds in the form of 10 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 Transition to Play or Initiative Grants Program, Ford Aussie Hoops centres must meet the following criteria:

- Centres must have a current signed Ford Aussie Hoops Centre Agreement in place.
- Centres must be compliant with all relevant Basketball Australia policies and program guidelines.
- Centres must actively use the National Ford Aussie Hoops participant packs and merchandise in the delivery of their program.
- 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 Transition to Play grants, priority will be given to initiatives that:

- Support associations in effectively transitioning Ford Aussie Hoops participants into the next stage of their basketball development pathway, including competition, bridging programs, or skills academies.
- Provide opportunities for participants to progress from Ford Aussie Hoops into club, association, or school competition.
- Expand established Ford Aussie Hoops programs by creating additional pathways or sessions that encourage skill development, retention, and progression (e.g., targeted programs for emerging players, or development-focused sessions).
- Encourage innovative approaches that strengthen the link between Ford Aussie Hoops and ongoing basketball participation and engagement.

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

- Establish new program delivery sites in regional or remote areas not currently serviced by existing Ford Aussie Hoops centres.
- Expansion of established Ford Aussie Hoops centres to provide additional opportunities for participation (e.g., establishment of a secondary session to split age groups, or a secondary session at another venue to better cater for catchment area).
- Establish new girls-only Ford Aussie Hoops programs

Governance Committee

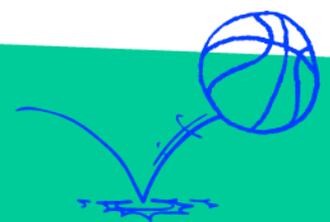
Composition

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 Transition to Play or Initiative Grants must complete the application form. Application forms must be completed and submitted by 13 March (Round 1) and 21 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

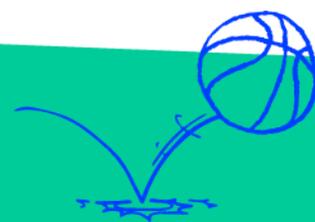
Ford Aussie Hoops centres receiving grant funds must submit a final report to Basketball Australia upon completion of the program. These reports should detail the implementation progress, utilisation of funds, and outcomes achieved. Where a program commencement is delayed, an interim progress report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

