

Blind Sporing Council

INC Grants

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Executive Officer's Message

I am delighted to invite Australian athletes and sporting affiliates to apply for grants from the Blind Sporting Council INC. (BSC). The pinnacle funding body for blind sports; people and programs in Australia, BSC provides financial and in-kind support through their grants *programs* to assist members of the community who are blind and vision impaired (B&VI) to participate in sport. These range from funding athletes to compete at state, national or international competitions, to providing a local sporting club blind tennis balls so blind and vision impaired (B&VI) members of that community can actively participate.

The funds distributed by BSC have made a positive and lasting difference for many Australians living with a vision impairment. Through this support, BSC has helped Commonwealth Games medallist Brad Henderson purchase equipment so he can train on, have provided funds to Kieran Modra; 5 time Paralympic Champion Tandem Cyclist, funds have been distributed to provide programs such as the blind judo clinic that was delivered by Blind Sports SA, or to Blind Tennis World Champion Ricky Segura to assist with his pursuit of performance.

Sport is an important part of the fabric of our community and BSC is committed to assisting those Australians who are B&VI achieve their sporting goals. We have already demonstrated this through over 20 years of funding blind sport and consistently demonstrate our commitment by consistently funding athletes, programs and events, including our annual EPS Rising Star Scholarship winner presented at our Eye 2 Eye Gala. Following on from previous funding, BSC is always finding new ways of assisting those in the community who are B&VI to participate in sport.

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of the Blind Sporting Council INC. I welcome your funding application

Kieran Murphy
Executive Officer
Blind Sporting Council INC.

The Blind Sporting Council INC

The Blind Sporting Council INC. trading as Eye Play Sport (EPS), is a *not for profit* raising funds for blind and vision impaired members of the community to participate in sport. Established over 20 years ago, the organisation services the Blind and Vision Impaired (B&VI) community across Australia by providing grant and scholarship opportunities to Individual Athletes, Event Organisers, Support Persons and Programs.

Purpose of Grants

EPS offers 5 types of grants: Athlete, Support Persons, Equipment, Event and Program. The purpose of these grants are to provide funding for:

- Athletes to attend state, national and international sporting competitions and training camps.
- Support persons to travel with athletes who are B&VI to assist at competitions or training camps
- Individuals and groups to purchase specific equipment such as tandem bicycles or blind cricket/tennis balls.
- Running programs that will offer B&VI members of the community an opportunity to participate in a sport & Rec program
- Organization's to host state, national or international competitions for athletes who are B&VI

Types of Grants

Individual Athlete Grant

The Individual Athlete Grant (IAG) provides funding opportunities to those who are B&VI to participate in State, National or International Competitions and Training Camps. These funds could assist with expenses such as; travel, uniform, entry fees etc. To be eligible, you must:

- Be an Australian Citizen
- Be Engaged in a comprehensive training and competition program with intent to continue over the next 12 months
- Have met any specific qualifying criteria to compete or participate at the competition or training camp

Support Persons

The Support Person Grant (SPG) provides financial assistance to support persons travelling with a B&VI Athlete to a state, national or international competition or training camp. To be eligible, you must inform, entry fees etc. To be eligible, you must:

- Be accompanying an Australian athlete to a competition or training camp that they have qualified for.
- Be available to assist the athlete for the designated period of time
- Be over the age of 18

Program Grant

The Program Grant (PG) provides funding for organisations and associations to run sport and recreation programs that will benefit B&VI members of the community. To be considered for funding, the program must meet the following eligibility criteria::

- The program must be delivered in Australia
- The purpose of the program must be to provide opportunities to members of the community who are B&VI to participate in a sport or recreation program where it otherwise wouldn't be practical.

Equipment Grant

The Equipment Grant (EG) provides funding opportunities to individuals, sporting groups, associations and organisations to purchase specific equipment to be used for blind sport. Examples of equipment could be a tandem bicycle or blind tennis/cricket balls. Specific Eligibility criteria must be met, these are listed below: Be Engaged in a comprehensive training and competition program with intent to continue over the next 12 months

- You must be an Australian Citizen, or the sporting group, association or organisation must be based in Australia
- The purpose of the equipment is to:
 - Increase participation amongst the community in blind sport
 - Assist athletic performance by providing funding for high performance racing/training equipment
 - Assist B&VI members of the community to participate in sport by having specific equipment such as blind tennis balls and tandem bicycles.

Event Grants

The Event Grants (EVG) are for organisations running state, national or international level competitions or training camps. Eligibility criteria are listed below.

- The event must be held in Australia
- The event must be a state, national or international competition or training camp
- The event sport must be
 - A Paralympic Sport
 - Have a minimum national governing body such as Goalball Australia

How to apply

Applicants can download the grant application form online at www.eyeplayssport.org.au/grantapplicationforms alternatively you can request a copy by emailing kieran@eyeplayssport.org.au. Upon completion of your application form, you can submit it by emailing kieran@eyeplayssport.org.au or via post – 278 Anzac Highway Plympton 5045.

The funding process

Once an application form has been submitted via email to kieran@eyeplaysport.org.au, typically the following process occurs:

Screening

The application is screened to ensure all relevant questions are answered, important documents are attached and the application meets the eligibility criteria.

Assessment

A Funding Assessment Committee appointed by the board of directors for the Blind Sporting Council INC is established, the Committee assesses all applications and makes suggested recommendations to the Blind Sporting Council INC Board of Directors for approval.

Recommendation

The Board Of Directors reviews the suggested recommendations and approves or declines any applications.

Notification

Once the application has been assessed, notification of the outcome from your application will be sent to you via email. If you are successful in attaining funding from the Blind Sporting Council INC, you may be required to participate in media and marketing promotions. You will be notified at the time of a successful funding application of any marketing or media obligations associated with the funding.