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Driving social inclusion through sport and physical activity

Migrant groups, people with physical and intellectual disabilities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be the focus of a new initiative aimed at ensuring all Australians can participate in sport and physical activity.

Minister for Youth and Sport, Richard Colbeck, says 57 clubs and organisations across the nation will benefit from a \$19 million funding allocation aimed at addressing issues facing the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

The program, *Driving Social Inclusion through Sport and Physical Activity*, is designed to strengthen communities through participation.

“Sport and physical activity is a key element of a stronger, more resilient, more connected life,” Minister Colbeck said. “This is even more important as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The grants are the outcome of an open competitive process run by the Federal Government last year, with more than 850 applications received.

All projects that have been awarded funding were recommended by the Department of Health.

The program will also target female sporting groups. It is part of the Government’s \$71 million investment in social cohesion initiatives to build stronger communities.

“It is important for all Australians to have opportunities to lead an active and healthy lifestyle,” Minister Colbeck said.

“Supporting organisations to promote sport and physical activity as a powerful tool for inclusion is a key part of addressing this problem.

“Australians want to get moving again. We want sport and recreation – with all the health, economic, social and cultural benefits – back in our communities.”

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and community-based group sport and physical activity resumes, grant recipients have been given an extended timeframe to December 2022 to deliver funded activities.

Senator Colbeck reiterated advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), recommending the resumption of sport and recreation activities must be done safely and not compromise the health and safety of individuals and the community.

Further information about the *Driving Social Inclusion through Sport and Physical Activity* program is available [here](#).

A list of the successful applicants can be found below.



Australian Government

Department of Health

Driving Social Inclusion through Sport and Physical Activity program: Successful applicants

Organisation	Project Name	State / Territory	Funding (ex-GST)
Havelock Housing Association	Havelock Housing - Building Communities	ACT	\$343,890
MARSS Australia Inc.	Harmony Sports Program	ACT	\$273,700
Warehouse Circus Inc.	Circus Where You Are	ACT	\$211,741
Diabetes NSW	Beat It Lite - your journey to a healthier and more active life	ACT, NSW, QLD	\$1,052,216
Lung Foundation Australia	Lungs In Action Community Exercise Program	ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC	\$395,260
Blind Sports Australia	Opening up the Australian landscape for Blind and Vision Impaired people to engage in sport in their local communities	ACT, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, WA	\$247,120
Core Community Services Limited	South West Sydney Sport Connect	NSW	\$475,747
Equestrian New South Wales	Para Dressage activities for people with a disability	NSW	\$220,530
Healthy Cities Illawarra Incorporated	Active Connections	NSW	\$403,065
Mt Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency Inc.	Swim Safe	NSW	\$53,042
Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra Limited	Multicultural Communities Social Football	NSW	\$56,453
South Coast Women's Health and Welfare Aboriginal Corporation	Dead or Deadly - Choose your life	NSW	\$300,000
The University of New England	The Armidale newly-arrived migrant, refugee and friends regional sport network	NSW	\$204,252
Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service	Worimi Sports Leadership Project - Forster/Tuncurry	NSW	\$131,474
Wesley Community Services Limited	Wesley Wellness Pathways - Sport and Physical Activity for Community Housing Tenants within Sydney	NSW	\$195,000
Barnardos Australia	Barnardos Western NSW - Cool in the Pool	NSW	\$100,000
Waves of Wellness Foundation Ltd	Waves of Wellness Surfing Experience	NSW, QLD, VIC	\$250,082

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Fair Game Australia Limited	Inclusive Game On Fitness program	NSW, WA	\$270,644
Swimming Northern Territory Inc.	Safe eNTRY culturally safe swimming program	NT	\$204,704
YWCA Australia	National expansion of Encore - connecting women who have experienced breast cancer through exercise activities	NT, QLD, SA, VIC	\$984,694
Basketball Queensland Limited	Basketball Queensland Indigenous Pathways Program	QLD	\$365,062
Cairns Regional Council	Go Sport for Everyone	QLD	\$195,920
Down Syndrome Queensland Ltd	DS Get Active	QLD	\$334,658
Logan City Council	Swim Logan	QLD	\$644,080
Multicultural Australia Ltd	Connecting through Sport	QLD	\$1,133,900
Queensland University of Technology	Connect and play - Promoting healthy communities through social inclusion and sport	QLD	\$590,622
STEPS Group Australia Limited	STEPS Stepping Into Bundaberg Sport	QLD	\$164,970
Suncoast Spinners Wheelchair Basketball Inc.	Wheelchair Rugby Social Program	QLD	\$243,140
Volunteering Gold Coast Inc.	Creating Accessible Beaches across Gold Coast	QLD	\$149,560
Adelaide Northern Division of General Practice Limited	Physical activity and community engagement program	SA	\$565,289
Mind Australia Limited	Everyone starts their journey to physical fitness and better health by taking just One Small Step	SA	\$497,570
Murray Mallee General Practice Network Incorporated	Pony Partnership - Participate in Life	SA	\$106,020
Nunukuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Incorporated	Nunga Activate program	SA	\$607,876
Pashtun Association of SA Incorporated	Multicultural Cricket Competitions	SA	\$84,313
Umoona Tjutagku Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	Young and Adult sports Program	SA	\$246,750
Migrant Resource Centre (Southern Tasmania) Inc.	Moving Together - Championing Diversity in Sports and Recreation in Tasmania	TAS	\$298,000
Starting Point Neighbourhood House Inc.	Adventure Play through the Northern Suburbs	TAS	\$433,640
Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities Inc.	Supporting women of colour to be healthier and happier	VIC	\$357,939

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Comm Unity Plus Services	Active Communities - culturally inclusive exercise program for newly arrived women and children in Brimbank	VIC	\$66,702
Horsham Golf Club	Inclusive, interactive and holistic activities from Horsham Golf Club	VIC	\$179,000
Polish Community Care Services Incorporated	Let's Get Active - Community Sports Program	VIC	\$150,000
Somali Australian Council of Victoria Inc.	Women's basketball for culturally diverse communities	VIC	\$92,440
Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre Inc.	Dance Up Australia	VIC	\$506,364
Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council Inc.	Inclusive Sports for the Newly Arrived	VIC	\$250,000
University of Melbourne	Co-designing, implementing and evaluating an intervention to tackle racism and Islamophobia in junior sport	VIC	\$315,500
Victoria University	Change makers - Empowering sports to enhance social inclusion for migrants and refugees	VIC	\$330,784
Victorian YMCA Community Programming Pty Ltd	Aboriginal Camping and Active Recreation Project	VIC	\$310,038
Learning and Life Centre (Huddle) Ltd	Huddle Up multi-sport program for children, young people and women from multicultural backgrounds	VIC	\$158,613
55 Central Inc.	Peer Up - Peer led sport and physical activity	WA	\$363,400
Carers Association of Western Australia Incorporated	Filming our Future - Our Choice, Our Voice, Our Way	WA	\$335,500
Communicare Inc.	Make Your Move	WA	\$613,687
Glass Jar Australia Limited	Seven Sisters Program - Netball, Teamwork, Resilience	WA	\$246,152
Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre Inc.	Connect, Move and Play (CoMaP)	WA	\$632,875
Shire of Derby/West Kimberley	Sports Fusion 2020	WA	\$360,800
Shire of Katanning	Sport Engagement and Inclusion Program	WA	\$89,571
The Royal Life Saving Society WA Inc.	CaLD and Aboriginal Swimming and Water Safety Education - Western Australia	WA	\$514,784
Yiyili Community Indigenous Corporation	Yiyili Aboriginal Community BMX Youth & Family Engagement Program	WA	\$86,000

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TOTAL			\$18,995,132

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