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Federal Government grants shine a light on women in sport

The determination of some of Australia's most inspiring female sporting champions and administrators are being supported as part of a Federal Government grant initiative.

More than 280 women across 39 sports will benefit from the 2020 Women Leaders in Sport program.

With an aim of assisting with professional development, 53 individuals and eight organisations will share \$254,000 in funding with another 160 women invited to participate in leadership workshops around the country.

Minister for Women Marise Payne said the program was part of the Australian Government's commitment to increasing the number of women in leadership positions.

"It's been an incredible year for women in sport," Minister Payne said. "Ash Barty's French Open singles triumph was the first by an Australian woman in 46 years, Hannah Green took out the Women's PGA Golf Championship and Australia's unstoppable female cricketers won The Ashes.

"These high-profile achievements must be matched by opportunities for women to become industry leaders so that females at every level of sport have role models to look up to.

"This program helps deliver stronger outcomes for sporting organisations and supports economic growth."

Minister for Youth and Sport Richard Colbeck said the program would help female coaches, officials and administrators shape the future of Australian sport from grassroots to elite level.

"It will provide development opportunities to help aspiring women reach their leadership potential," Minister Colbeck said.

He said while 53 recipients would benefit directly, another \$133,000 will be invested into organisations including athletics, gymnastics, motorsport and gridiron.

The pool of talented grant recipients include experienced administrators like Paralympics Australia chief financial officer Lori Dotti through to Australian weightlifter Kaitlyn Fassina and Geelong Cats AFLW team captain Melissa Hickey.

“The Australian Government is delivering significant investment to benefit women in all roles across sport, including \$150 million to support the development of female change rooms at sporting grounds and community facilities,” Mr Colbeck said.

The [Women Leaders in Sport](#) program, a partnership between Sport Australia and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet’s Office for Women, has provided professional development to more than 24,000 women since its inception in 2002.

A full list of recipients is available on the Women Leaders in Sport [website](#).

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