



CRICKET NSW

Example Assessment Criteria & Submission Questions from a Previous Funding Round

This guide provides example assessment criteria and submission questions used in a previous round of the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund (ACIF). It is intended to help prospective applicants understand the kinds of information typically required to submit a competitive application.

Note: These examples are provided as a reference only. Each funding round may have different requirements. Always refer to the official application documentation during an open round.

Criterion 1: Increased Participation

The proposal supports increased participation in cricket, particularly in priority segments such as 5–12-year-olds, women and girls, and CALD community members.

Example:

The project involves the installation of new practice nets and the resurfacing of an existing pitch at a community ground. The upgraded facilities will support the introduction of a new junior girls' competition (U12s) and a school engagement program targeting CALD communities. Local schools and community groups have expressed interest in using the facilities for introductory programs and social cricket formats.

Criterion 2: Clear Scope and Methodology

The project's scope and methodology are well defined.

Example:

The project includes:

- Removal of the old synthetic pitch surface
 - Installation of new shock pad and synthetic turf
 - Construction of three enclosed training nets with lighting
 - Timeline: 12-week construction period from January–March
 - Delivery by a qualified sports contractor with previous experience in cricket facilities
- Detailed project plans and costings have been prepared and included with the application.
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Criterion 3: Strategic Alignment

The proposal aligns with Australian Cricket and State/Territory Infrastructure strategic priorities.

Example:

The proposal aligns with the **NSW Cricket Infrastructure Strategy** by addressing a facility shortfall in a growth LGA. It also supports Cricket Australia's strategic objective of increasing female participation by creating a welcoming, fit-for-purpose space for women's and girls' cricket. The facility will also be promoted as a hub for Cricket NSW school and inclusion programs.

Criterion 4: Location-Based Need

The proposal is located in an area of participation and/or population growth, or areas with identified current or forecast facility supply deficits.

Example:

The proposed site is located in a fast-growing suburb identified in the local government's sport and recreation plan as having limited access to formal cricket facilities. Junior participation in the local club has grown by 40% over the past two seasons, and current facilities are at capacity. This project addresses an urgent need for additional training and playing space.

Criterion 5: Partner Support and Contributions

The proposal demonstrates support by partners, including local government and other land managers, and confirms financial contributions.

Example:

The project is supported by a partnership between the local cricket club, the City Council (landowner), and a local school.

- Council has committed \$50,000 in co-funding and will oversee project management
 - The club will contribute \$10,000 and provide in-kind support through volunteer labour
 - Letters of support from all partners are included in the application
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Criterion 6: Return on Investment

The project delivers a strong return on investment.

Example:

For a total project cost of \$120,000, the upgrades are expected to:

- Increase participation by 100+ new players annually
- Enable year-round access for 8+ community groups and school programs
- Reduce ongoing maintenance costs by installing low-maintenance materials
The improved facilities will also attract regional carnivals and contribute to local economic activity.

Example Submission Questions

These are the types of questions that may appear in the application process:

1. **Why is this project strategically important for cricket?**
What will this project achieve, and what impact will it have on the local cricket community?
2. **How does this project align with the strategic directions of Australian Cricket and your state/territory cricket body?**
3. **How are project partners contributing to the project?**
Include financial, in-kind or logistical support.
4. **How will the project be delivered?**
Include timelines, milestones, and the experience of those involved.
5. **Is the project included in any relevant strategic planning documents?**
(e.g. NSW/CA Infrastructure Strategy, Local Government Master Plan, Open Space Strategy)

Final Notes

These examples are provided to support applicants preparing for future cricket infrastructure funding opportunities. Always refer to the **current guidelines** when applying, as specific requirements may vary by round.

For more information or to stay informed about upcoming grants, visit:

🔗 Full guidelines are available at [ACIF Guidelines](#)

🔗 Application are to be made through [CNSW Grants](#)

or Contact your local Cricket Staff [here](#) for more information