



ACIF Example Assessment Criteria & Application Questions

This guide provides example **assessment criteria** and **application 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: Strategic Alignment

The proposal aligns with both Australian Cricket and State/Territory Strategic Infrastructure Priorities.

Criterion 2: Increased Participation

The project specifically supports increased participation in cricket, particularly in priority segments such as 5–12-year-olds, women and girls and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community members.

Criterion 3: Scope and Methodology

The project's scope and methodology is well defined.

Criterion 4: Partner Support and Contributions

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

Criterion 5: Return on Investment

The proposal delivers a strong return on investment.

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Example Submission Questions

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

1. Why is this project important for your club/organisation? What will the project achieve? What impact will this project have on the local cricket community?

Detail the need for the project and address the benefits that are associated with this project being approved and completed. Is this upgrade important for recruitment and retention? Will the facility be open to community use or available for hire? Example of new nets allowing trainings to be safe and at a higher standard to due quality run ups etc. Local community will also get to utilise the nets during non-cricket training hours etc.

2. Please outline how this project will increase participation. Will it increase participation growth and/or retention of participants aged 5-12?

Detail your current participation base and show some evidence of how this project may support growth and/or retention. You could send surveys to players asking them about their experiences with the facilities and this could be used as evidence etc.

3. How are project partners contributing to the project?

Detail who are the partners and if they are involved financially, how much it will be used by these partners, letters of support. These partners could be local MP's, council, other sporting codes, sponsors etc.

4. How will the project be delivered?

Detail timelines and who will be engaged to deliver the project, also mention who is the project manager or lead. State that this will meet Community Cricket Facility Guidelines and by registered/approved trades and suppliers. SACA use PM Sports and GABBA sports as preferred suppliers.

5. How does this project align to the South Australian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy?

This document is on our website and will be crucial in the overall rating of this application. Read through your region and the overall strategic pillars to ensure the project is addressing the strategy.

SA Infrastructure Strategy

The six strategic responses below are from the National Community Cricket Infrastructure Strategy, it would be beneficial to address at least one:

1. Improve existing playing field and pitch quality to maximise in high-demand areas
2. Seek to achieve minimum standards for existing cricket infrastructure



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3. Expand where cricket can be played via use of existing community infrastructure and innovative approaches
4. Deliver new fit-for-purpose playing fields and facilities in strategic locations
5. Provide gender-inclusive amenities and other enabling and accessible facilities
6. Invest strategically to improve asset resilience during period of intense rainfall and drought

6. How has this project included Environmentally Sustainable Design considerations?

Consider what materials can be used during the build, how you are removing existing facilities and their disposal method, solar/lighting being used and consider the water usage/irrigations depending on the project.

Supporting Documentation

Plan/Design Documentation

Suppliers will provide this to you and could be a floor plan of a changeroom or renditions of practice net facility etc.

Final Cost Estimate/Quote

Quotes should be a preferred supplier to maximise quality and alignment with Community Cricket Facility Guidelines, preferred suppliers listed below:

PM Sports – Josh Shepherd 0401 849 981 josh@pmsports.com.au

Gabba Sports – Amanda Willcox 0499 107 120 amanda@gabba.com.au

Photos of Existing Facility

Images of existing site.

Letter of Support & Confirmation of Funding Sources

Attach letters of support from some of the following where applicable: local council, local members of parliament, other users of the site (other sporting codes), local school. It is also valuable to know what funding contributions have been confirmed to indicate how shovel ready you are. Ensure in-kind contributions do not exceed 20% of the total project cost and you allow for a 5% contingency within your budget.



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Landowner consent

Consent approving the project is allowed to go ahead on the site you are applying for, this might be council land, and this consent is separate to council funding allocation.

Project Delivery Schedule

Timeline of when you wish to start and complete your project, being specific as possible is preferred and include any milestones.

Final Notes

It is essential to have a conversation with your local Cricket Officer at SACA or the Community Facilities Lead prior to starting an application.

It is always helpful to add aedwards@saca.com.au as a collaborator when starting an application to help support your draft application.

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 grant eligibility guidelines are available at [ACIF Guidelines](#)
- ⌚ Application are to be made through [SACA Grants](#)
- ⌚ [South Australian Cricket Infrastructure Strategy](#)
- ⌚ [Community Cricket Facility Guidelines](#)



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