



## **Hardship Individual Major Hardship Grant**

### **Terms and Conditions**

#### **Eligibility**

- 1.1 Applicants must be a member of a Netball Victoria affiliated netball club, association, or league at the time of application.
- 1.2 Applicants must be located in an area that has been directly impacted by a declared major disaster, including but not limited to floods, bushfires, severe storms, or other community emergencies.
- 1.3 Netball Victoria reserves the right to determine eligibility at its sole discretion.
- 1.4 An applicant may be eligible to receive the grant if the applicant has already received a grant from Netball Victoria in the same year for a different purpose. The applicant is not eligible to receive more than one grant for the same purpose.
- 1.5 Applicants must not owe any unpaid fees from a prior season of netball or owe any other outstanding fees to the club, association or league.

#### **2. Application Requirements**

- 2.1 Applicants must complete and submit the official application form within the specified application period.
- 2.2 All information provided must be true, complete, and accurate at the time of submission.
- 2.3 Applicants must provide a letter of support from their club, association or league to outline how they were affected by the major disaster.
- 2.3 Netball Victoria may request additional information or documentation to verify the details provided in an application.
- 2.4 Failure to provide requested information within the required timeframe may result in the application being deemed ineligible.
- 2.5 It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all requested information in the application form. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

#### **3. Evidence of Impact**

- 3.1 Applicants must provide sufficient information demonstrating how the disaster has directly impacted them through a support letter.
- 3.2 Netball Victoria may require supporting documentation, including but not limited to photographs, insurance documentation, local authority declarations, repair quotes, or other relevant evidence.

#### **4. Assessment and Approval**

4.1 All applications will be assessed by the Netball Victoria grant assessment panel.

4.2 Applications will be assessed against eligibility criteria, demonstrated need, the extent of disaster impact, and available program funding.

4.3 Submission of an application does not guarantee funding.

4.4 Netball Victoria reserves the right to approve full, partial, or no funding for any application.

#### **5. Use of Grant Funds**

5.1 Successful applicants may, at Netball Victoria's discretion, be required to enter into a grant agreement with Netball Victoria prior to receipt of grant funds.

5.2 Grant funds must only be used for the purpose approved by Netball Victoria.

5.3 Any proposed variation to the approved use of funds must be submitted in writing to Netball Victoria and approved by Netball Victoria prior to the expenditure of funds.

5.4 Funds must not be used for purposes that are unlawful, unrelated to disaster recovery, or inconsistent with the objectives of the grant program.

#### **6. Funding Period**

6.1 Grant funds must be expended within a period of three months from the date of payment unless otherwise approved in writing by Netball Victoria.

6.2 Netball Victoria may approve an extension to this period at its discretion upon written request from the recipient.

#### **7. Payment of Funds**

7.1 Successful applicants must hold a valid Australian bank account for the purposes of payment.

#### **8. Reporting and Acquittal**

8.1 Successful applicants may be required to submit a grant acquittal report detailing how the funds were used.

8.2 Netball Victoria may require supporting documentation, including financial records, receipts, photographs, or other evidence of expenditure.

8.3 Failure to provide an acquittal request may affect eligibility for future funding programs administered by Netball Victoria.

#### **9. Recovery of Funds**

9.1 Netball Victoria reserves the right to require partial or full repayment of grant funds where:

- the funds have not been used for the approved purpose;
- false or misleading information was provided in the application;

- the grant conditions have not been complied with; or
- funds remain unspent after the approved funding period without prior approval.

## **10. Compliance and Insurance**

10.1 Applicants must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and relevant Netball Victoria policies.

10.2 Applicants must maintain appropriate insurance coverage, including public liability insurance, where required.

## **11. Public Acknowledgement**

11.1 Netball Victoria may require successful applicants to acknowledge the support of Netball Victoria in communications, publications, or promotional materials relating to the funded activity.

## **12. Privacy**

12.1 Personal and organisational information provided in applications will be collected and used by Netball Victoria for the purposes of administering the grant program.

12.2 Information will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy legislation and Netball Victoria's Privacy Policy (available from <https://netball.com.au/privacy-policy>).

12.3 Netball Victoria may share the personal information collected with third parties such as Smarty Grants and Xero Accounting Solutions and other companies engaged to carry out functions and activities on Netball Victoria's behalf, including direct marketing or otherwise in accordance with Netball Victoria's Privacy Policy. In certain circumstances, the information collected may be disclosed overseas. Netball Victoria's Privacy Policy contains information about how the applicant may access and request correction of personal information and provides information about how a complaint will be dealt with by Netball Victoria. If the applicant does not wish to receive promotional material from Netball Victoria or third parties, the applicant must advise Netball Victoria by email or telephone or via the specific opt-out procedures in the relevant communication.

## **13. Right to Amend or Cancel**

13.1 Netball Victoria reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time.

13.2 Netball Victoria may suspend, vary, or cancel the grant program at its discretion.

## **14. Acceptance of Terms**

14.1 By submitting an application, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to comply with these Terms and Conditions.

## **15. Acceptance of Hardship Individual Major Hardship Grant**

15.1 By accepting the grant, the applicant grants Netball Victoria a non-exclusive licence to reproduce, publish, perform, communicate, adapt or otherwise use stories, photographs and images of the purpose for which the grant was awarded to the applicant at any time from the time of the application for any purpose (including commercial purposes) free of any charge.

15.2 The successful applicant agrees to notify Netball Victoria of any circumstance that is likely to impact on the ability to use the funding for the approved purpose or a major impact (adverse or otherwise) on the project for which the funding was approved.

15.3 Upon submission, all applications become the property of Netball Victoria. The applications may be entered into a database for future promotional, marketing and/or publicity purposes.

15.4 Netball Victoria accepts no responsibility for late, lost, misplaced or misdirected applications.

15.5 Except for any liability that cannot be excluded by law, Netball Victoria will not be liable for any failure to submit an application where such a failure arises out of any technical difficulties or equipment malfunction (whether or not under Netball Victoria's control).

## **16. No Right of Appeal**

16.1 Any decision made by the Netball Victoria grant assessment panel in relation to the Hardship Individual Major Hardship Grant is final and not subject to appeal.

16.2 Netball Victoria is not liable for any costs or expenses incurred by an applicant in preparing and lodging an application, including required documentation, irrespective of whether the application is successful or not.

## **17. Indemnity**

17.1 The applicant agrees to indemnify Netball Victoria and its agents, servants, contractors and employees from and against all actions, proceedings, costs, damages, claims, demands, expenses, losses and liabilities whatsoever arising from the approved purpose if the applicant is granted the funding.