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GRANTS RESTRUCTURE BENEFITS COMMUNITY AND GRASSROOTS SPORT

Grassroots community sporting and recreation organisations are to be given greater and easier access to funding under new arrangements announced today.

Announcing the funding restructure, Recreation and Sport Minister, Tom Kenyon said the changes were in response to an extensive review of State Government sporting grants conducted this year – the first since 2002.

“The review highlighted the sport and recreation sector’s concern about the sustainability of lower profile sports which are so vitally important to overall participation levels,” Mr Kenyon said.

“This has been the catalyst for the realignment of Office of Recreation and Sport grant funds to enhance assistance to under-resourced sports.

“While the total pool of grant funding available to sports has not changed, we have been able to make some important changes to how this money is distributed with untied core funding being simplified and reduced, and a greater emphasis placed on project based grants.

“This move is designed to create more accountability and put the onus on the sports to deliver better programs to South Australians.

“Other notable changes include the redirection of an extra \$500,000 to support the development of sport and recreation infrastructure and the creation of a simpler grants application process,” Mr Kenyon said.

“Both these measures will benefit participants and volunteers involved in community based sport and active recreation.

“The changes reflect the views expressed during a public consultation period earlier this year with more than 700 submissions received through online surveys, community workshops and focus groups,” Mr Kenyon said.

“The review examined the nature and distribution of current grant programs, participation trends, and the approach adopted by other State and Territory agencies.

“As well as the overall funding pool being maintained, many other features of the current grants program will also remain unchanged,” Mr Kenyon said.

“These include the popular Active Club Program which will continue to distribute \$2.35million a year to local sport and recreation clubs across the State for minor facility projects, equipment and programs to improve their management and administration. To assist clubs and volunteer run organisations in accessing this program, the application process will be vastly simplified.

The new funding arrangements include:

- An additional \$500,000 allocated to facility development, resulting in nearly \$7.2m now becoming available through the Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program (CRSFP).
- The Sport and Recreation Sustainability Program (SRSP-\$3.1m) will replace the former Statewide Enhancement Program funding for core business activities for state sporting organisations. The SRSP will see the introduction of a simplified application process with a maximum allocation of \$100,000 per organisation.
- A Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program (SRDIP-\$4.073m) will be created to replace project funding for the Statewide Enhancement Program, Move It! and Inclusive Recreation, Inclusive Sport programs.

The full Grants Review report and program fact sheets will be available online from Tuesday at: www.recsport.sa.gov.au.

A list of frequently asked questions to assist the industry will also be available on the website.