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## Suncorp Spirit Fund Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

### **Q: How will funds be distributed to communities?**

A: The grants will support netball community-identified and community-led initiatives.

Funds from the Suncorp Spirit Fund will go out primarily via a grant application process. Once applications are received, they will be assessed, considered by an Advisory Committee and endorsed by the Confident Girls Foundation Board, and the outcome notified.

### **Q: What are the timelines for the Grants Application process?**

The grants application process will commence on 19 October 2020 and will close 16 November 2020.

Once applications are received, they will be assessed, considered by an Advisory Committee and endorsed by the Confident Girls Foundation Board by 7 December 2020, and the outcome will be advised from 14 December 2020.

The funds received from this grants process need to be expended within 12 months of the executed Agreement.

As the current relief efforts are still very much underway, the Foundation will monitor the situation and donations received to see what additional support is required in coming months and years.

### **Q: How much can I apply for?**

A: There will be one tier of grants available, providing grants up to the maximum amount of \$2,500.

Don't build your budget based around the maximum amount that is available for each grant. Think about the budget your project realistically requires and write your application around this amount.

### **Q: Is there a minimum amount to apply for?**

No there isn't. The Spirit Fund can help fund small projects.

### **Q: What Assessment Criteria will the Advisory Committee apply?**

Applications are considered against the points listed below. Applicants are strongly encouraged to bear these in mind when writing their applications.

Grant Assessment Criteria are as follows:

1. Evidence that netball organisation grant recipient is located in a natural disaster affected area.
2. Projects that strengthen social connectedness, emotional wellbeing and resilience, and assist netball communities to recover and heal from natural disaster.
3. Projects that offer a clear public benefit for some or all of the netball and broader community impacted by the natural disaster.
4. Projects that offer value for money - both to the netball and broader community and the Confident Girls Foundation.
5. Projects that have outcomes or performance indicators against which the project can be evaluated.

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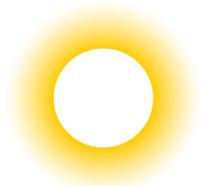
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**Q: What information should I put in the budget?**

A: Be realistic and show value for money. The Foundation wants to maximise the number of projects it can support so be realistic about your requirements. If you are in a regional area and are having trouble getting quotes, let us know in your application. You can guesstimate to your best ability or ask for a verbal quote or online quote. You won't be marked down for this!

Give a reasonable level of detail. The Foundation wants the Application process to be as easy as possible, we do not want this to take a great deal of time to complete, but please give enough information so that the Application can be accessed.

**Q: Can I include indirect, overhead and administrative costs in my application?**

A: The Foundation recognises that some overhead and administrative costs may be directly attributable to the projects or activities being funded. In such cases, the Foundation will consider funding these expenses to a reasonable level, usually not more than 20% of the total amount requested.

**Q: Do I include GST in the budget?**

A: Do not list GST as a stand-alone line item. If you are paying GST on goods and services, include it for that line item. If you are not paying GST on other items, do not include it. There is no need to indicate the total amount of GST in your budget, or indicate which items include GST.

**Q: What do you mean by demonstrated need?**

To help you think about this in relation to your application, identify what are the problems / issues you are trying to solve / improve.

- Why is your project necessary?
- Can you demonstrate how this project will fill a gap?
- Will it benefit a broad group of people, and not just an individual?
- What will happen if the project does not proceed?
- We need you to tell us about the problem and how your project will fix or address the issue or initiate positive change.

**Q: Will all applicants receive funding?**

A: No. The Foundation expects that the application process will be competitive. It is anticipated that there will be multiple applicants competing for the funding available. Successful organisations will be those that best demonstrate a need for the project, provide a cost-effective budget and can demonstrate that the organisation applying has the capacity to deliver the project.

Nothing in the Foundation's grant process should be construed to give rise to any contractual obligations or rights, express or implied, by the issue of this grant application or the lodgement of a proposal in response to it. No contract will be created unless and until an Agreement is executed between the Foundation and an Applicant.

Applicants will not be considered approved until they have signed the Foundation's Grant Agreement. Refer to the example Agreement on the website.

**Q: Can I get assistance with my Application?**

A: The Foundation is run by a small number of staff. Due to the large number of Applications we expect to receive, unfortunately it is not possible for us to provide assistance.

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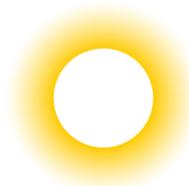
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## **Q: What if my Application is successful?**

A: You will be contacted by the Foundation if your Application has been successful from 14 December 2020.

All grants are subject to the Foundation's Grant Agreement. The Agreement outline obligations for grantees, such as reporting and evaluation, after a grant has been awarded. Payment will be processed following execution of the Agreement and receipt of an Invoice(s).

Successful organisations will be required to lodge a report, detailing the achievements and evaluating the success of activities for which funding was given. The Foundation will provide a template to complete to assist you in this process.

## **Q: What if my Application is unsuccessful?**

A: There are no appeals for unsuccessful Applicants. You may wish to apply again in the next round of the program.

## **Q: Do you have deadlines for Expressions of Interest?**

A: Yes. The Foundation strictly enforces closing dates. Applications received after the closing date of 16 November 2020 will not be accepted.

## **Q: Do you provide feedback if my Application is unsuccessful?**

A: The Foundation is run by a small number of staff. Due to the large number of Applicants we receive, unfortunately it is not possible for us to provide formal feedback for unsuccessful Applications.

## **Q: Does the Confident Girls Foundation support wildlife affected by natural disaster?**

A: The Confident Girls Foundation charitable purposes do not allow funds to directly support animal welfare.

## **Q: Who will make decisions about where the money goes?**

A: The Confident Girls Foundation has a very thorough due-diligence process to ensure that funds make the greatest impact possible. Applications are assessed by an Advisory Committee made up of representatives from the Foundation, Suncorp and a community organisation. The Advisory Committee is chaired by the CEO of the Foundation. All grants are endorsed by the Foundation Board.

The Advisory Group can seek information about an Application from Netball Australia's State and Territory Netball Member Organisations and Suncorp Super Netball Clubs.

The Advisory Group can seek information about an Application from state and territory government organisations.

The Foundation reserves the right to engage a third party to carry out assessments of an applicants' financial, technical, planning and other resource capability.

## **Q: Where is the funding for the Grants coming from?**

The Suncorp Spirit Fund was created through the generous donation of Suncorp. You can read more about Suncorp and their Team Girls program by visiting <https://www.suncorp.com.au/about-us/partnerships/teamgirls.html>

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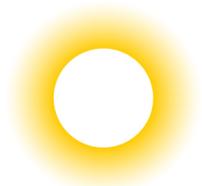
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The Foundation also receives funding from a variety of sources - a full overview of funding can be viewed within the Confident Girls Foundation Donor Report which can be found at [confidentgirlsfoundation.com.au](http://confidentgirlsfoundation.com.au).

### **Q: What are the Confident Girls Foundation administration fees?**

A: Traditionally, Foundation programs have a maximum of 20% administration fee to support the operations of the Foundation and invest in reserves for future grants programs.

The Foundation's priority focus is on:

- Natural Disaster Relief, including fire, flood, drought, hail, storm, cyclone and other.
- Indigenous girls and women.
- Girls from socio-economic disadvantaged areas.

### **Q: Something has changed with our project - what should we do?**

A: If your project has been delayed and you need an extension, your group can't run the project that you have been funded for, or some other unforeseen obstacle has come up, please get in touch with us by email [info@confidentgirls.com.au](mailto:info@confidentgirls.com.au).

If something has gone wrong, please contact the Foundation as soon as possible. We'd rather hear from you and talk about the situation as we may be able to provide assistance.

### **Q: What if I can't find the answer to my question?**

A: If you can't find the answer, please email your question to [info@confidentgirls.com.au](mailto:info@confidentgirls.com.au).

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