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Para Coach Capacity Building and Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant Program TEST

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Grant Program information

This Grant Program is a Project Para initiative introduced to strategically increase:

- the coaching capacity of targeted Para Coaches through a grant that enables them to: spend more time coaching Para athletes and/or coach a group of Para athletes who currently lack required coaching support (**Para Coach Capacity Building Grant**);
- the number of HP Para Coaches through offering an incentive to targeted Olympic Coaches to expand their focus to include Para athletes (**Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant**)[\[1\]](#).

Applications must be made by an eligible organisation (Section 4.1, Guidelines), on behalf of a targeted coach, to address an identified coaching need.

When applying, eligible organisations must indicate which Grant they are applying for and the grant amount they are requesting.

If submitting more than one application, please email Jenni Banks (jenni.banks@ausport.gov.au) advising the rank order of your applications.

Para Coach Capacity Building Grant

- The amount available for the Para Coach Capacity Building Grant is **up to** \$40,000 (excluding GST).
- Eligible organisations may submit more than one application to the Para Coach Capacity Building Grant Program with one (1) Para coach identified per application.

Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant

- The amount available for Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant Program is **up to** \$10,000 (excl GST).
- Eligible organisations may submit more than one application to the Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant Program with one (1) Coach identified per application.

****Please note that the SmartyGrants system locks you out after 20 minutes of inactivity. Activity in the system is saving a page or moving onto the next page, typing answers on the same page does not reset the timer. It is recommended that you save your application frequently, particularly on the long answer questions, so that you don't lose your work.**

[\[1\]](#) In this context, "Olympic Coaches" includes any coach of HP able bodied athletes who is not currently coaching Para athletes.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications must be submitted by an **eligible organisation**, and not individual coaches.

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To be eligible to apply for the Grant Program, the following criteria must be met:

Organisation

- Be an ASC recognised NSO/D for a Paralympic sport or a NIN Partner (collectively referred to as 'eligible organisations').
- Have a HP Strategy and/or Coach Development Plan in place which identifies the coaching need to be addressed by the targeted coach (or be partnered with an organisation that has identified that need – e.g., a NIN partner partnered with an NSO/D).
- Identify, select and support a coach with the ability, qualifications, experience and commitment required to meet the identified coaching need.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of the coach (including targeted athletes), in consultation with the coach.
- Provide/source additional funds should the funding amount not be sufficient to support the coach.
- Confirm that the coach targeted for the Grant Program:
 - is an Australian citizen or has been granted permanent residency status;
 - has the ability, qualifications, experience and commitment required to meet the identified coaching need;
 - is willing to undergo Safeguarding and Integrity checks from ASC Safeguarding and Sport Integrity Australia (organised by the ASC);
 - is interested and available to meet the identified coaching need;
 - will commit to and deliver agreed coaching support to Para athletes identified by the relevant NSO/D and/or NIN Partner during the 2026/27 financial year.
 - will engage fully and be willing to work collaboratively with the Program (NSO/D, NIN partner, AIS) staff and athletes.
 - will be open to feedback and monitor their own progress during the year and be willing to provide feedback.
 - will be highly motivated and committed to improving their craft as a Para coach.
 - will complete the evaluation tasks for the Program:
- Submit a financial acquittal, written report and recommendations and an evaluation of the Grant Program to the SmartyGrants platform by 5 April 2027

Coaches - Para Coach Capacity Building Grant

- Be currently coaching (or have previously coached) a Para athlete or athletes at the level required to meet the identified coaching need of the eligible organisation.

Coaches - Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant

- Be currently coaching (or have previously coached) able-bodied athletes at the level required to meet the identified coaching need of the eligible organisation.
- Be committed to and capable of attracting and developing Para athletes within the grant period (i.e., 2026/27 financial year).
- Be committed to coaching Para athletes beyond the grant period (i.e., 2026/27 financial year).

Important note: In the case of nominations from NIN partners, the coach must also meet an identified need of the relevant NSO/D and be endorsed by the NSO/D's Paralympic Performance Manager or Paralympic Head Coach or equivalent role, as relevant to the NSO/D.

[\[1\]](#) In the case of coaches who have not yet been identified/selected, the eligible organisation confirms that any coach appointed to meet the identified coaching need will meet these criteria.

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Acknowledge the organisation meets all eligibility criteria: *

- Yes
- No

Please indicate which eligibility criteria you may not meet and reasons? *

Streams of Funding and Grant Information

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Stream of Funding

Select the Grant you wish to apply for *

- Coaches - Para Coach Capacity Building Grant
- Coaches - Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant

Organisation Type

Which organisation are you applying on behalf of?

- NSO
- NSO/D
- NIN

Grant Information

Total grant amount requested (up to \$40,000 for Para Coach Capacity Building Grant and up to \$10,000 for Olympic to Para Coach Incentive Grant).

Grant amount requested by organisation: *

Must be a dollar amount.

Contact Information - Organisation

Organisation Details *

First Name Last Name

Position / Title *

Organisation *

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Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Primary Address *

Address

Is the Coach Identified

Has the Organisation identified the targeted coach? *

- Yes
 No

Targeted Coach Details (Where the Coach is already known)

Coach Details *

First Name

Last Name

Position / Title *

Organisation *

Email *

Must be an email address.

Mobile Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Address *

Address

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Gender *

Date of Birth *

Must be a date.

Targeted Coach Details (Where the Coach is not known)

When do you expect to appoint the coach? (Approximate date) *

Any other comments? *

When do you expect the coach to start coaching to meet the identified coaching need? (Approximate date) *

Any other comments? *

What abilities, qualifications, experience and commitment do you require from the targeted coach to meet the identified coaching need? *

Project Plan

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Written Responses

Please provide a high level overview of the identified coaching need/gap/opportunity that the coach will address. Please specify the number of athletes, classes/events and potential number of medals in Paralympic Games events (to the extent known). *

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Start Date *

End Date *

Please provide supporting evidence that highlights the need/gap/opportunity (if available). *

What are the objectives and desired outcomes of the plan (include potential benefit and impact to sport)? *

What are the coaches roles and responsibilities (including hours, number of sessions, other contacts per week)? *

What are the coach requirements (i.e., required abilities, qualifications, coaching background and experience)?

Location

Budget and Co-Contributions

As part of the project plan, please provide as much detail as possible regarding the expenditure of the grant:

Budget Description	Amount	Co-Contributions	Amount

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Budget and Co-Contribution Totals

Total Budget Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Co-Contribution Amount

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget + Co-Contributions Total

This number/amount is calculated.

What other support will be provided? *

Are there any expected challenges with the coach and/or grant? *

Please provide information regarding how this project will be evaluated at the end. *

Supporting Information

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Supporting Documentation - HP Strategy/Coach Development Plan

Please provide the relevant section of your organisation's HP Strategy and/or Coach Development Plan, highlighting the identified coaching need.

Please upload your supporting letter(s) regarding the strategy and how it would help the identified coach.

Attach a file:

Supporting Documentation - Coaches CV

Please upload the Identified Coaches CV *

Attach a file:

Endorsement Letter

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Please upload an endorsement letter from the relevant NSO/D (signed by the NSO/D National Performance Director, Paralympic Program Manager or Paralympic Head Coach or equivalent role, as relevant).

The letter should indicate that:

- the grant will help meet a coaching need identified by the NSO/D.
- the NSO/D supports the grant application/targeted coach (letter where known).
- The NSO/D is working in partnership with the NIN partner to meet the identified coaching need.

Note: As per the Guidelines on p.9, NIN Partner applications must meet a coaching need identified by the relevant NSO/D and the application must be endorsed by the NSO/D Paralympic Program Manager or Paralympic Head Coach or equivalent role.

Endorsement Letter Upload *

Attach a file:

Submission of application

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Terms and Conditions

If selected for funding, you will be requested to agree to the Terms & Conditions and enter into an ASC Grant Agreement.

Certification, Privacy and Personal Information

Personal information submitted via the online application is collected by the ASC for the purpose of considering applications and administering the program. The information collected may be disclosed to other government agencies for this purpose.

The details of successful applicants, including organisation name; the value of the grant awarded; and a brief description of the purpose for the grant, may be released by the ASC to the public and the media, and may be placed on the ASC website, including for use of promotional purposes.

The ASC Privacy Policy can be found at https://www.ausport.gov.au/legals/privacy_statement

If you have any concerns about the privacy of your information please contact privacy@ausport.gov.au

I, the applicant *

Certify that the information supplied in this application is true and correct, and that I will contact the ASC immediately should any details change.

I also *

Understand that this application will not necessarily result in funding approval.

I consent to *

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the ASC holding the personal information I have provided, and managing it under the provisions of the ASC Privacy Policy.

Supporting Documentation

HP Strategy/Coach Development Plan

Note: As per the Guidelines (p.9, NIN Partner applications must meet a coaching need identified by the relevant NSO/D and the application must be endorsed by the NSO/D Paralympic Program Manager or Paralympic Head Coach or equivalent role.

Please upload your organisation's HP Strategy and/or Coach Development Plan, highlighting the identified coaching need.

Attach a file:

Important note: NIN partners, please also upload the relevant NSO/D's HP Strategy, highlighting the identified coaching need.

Budget

Income

\$

Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

This number/amount is calculated.