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Clubs benefit from boosted investment in CitiPower Canteen Grants

The number of clubs and the value of grants issued under the CitiPower and Cricket Victoria canteen grants program has increased in the latest round of applications after a tough year for fundraising for local clubs and organisations.

Grants valued at \$68,700 will be shared between 18 cricket clubs in the third round of the program which is improving electrical safety within club facilities.

Metropolitan and regional cricket clubs within the CitiPower, Powercor and United Energy distribution network regions were invited to apply for grants to replace or upgrade electrical appliances, electrical wiring and power boards, switchboards or related infrastructure.

Grants are awarded based on a range of criteria, prioritising clubs needing assistance to improve the safety of club cricketers and volunteers using the facilities.

CitiPower General Manager Corporate Affairs, Joanne Pafumi, said many of the 100 applications received in this round commented on how difficult it had been to fundraise for their clubs during the COVID restrictions in 2020.

“It is great to see teams enjoying being back on the field this season,” Ms Pafumi said.

“We hope these grants will help the players and their supporters enjoy their time off-field at the clubs too.”

The \$250,000 five-year grant program commenced in 2019 and supported 26 clubs with grants totalling \$104,000 in the previous two rounds.

Cricket Victoria CEO Andrew Ingleton welcomed the news.

“We know all too well how tough the last six months have been in Victoria and these grants will be very welcome news for clubs across the state. With almost \$70,000 invested in the latest round of this program, we’re seeing real benefits and safety improvements for players and volunteers alike.”

The successful round three recipients applied for support ranging from \$1,500 and \$5,000.

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**GRANT RECIPIENTS
ROUND THREE, JANUARY 2021**

Club	Grant	Description
Ballarat-Redan Cricket Club, Alfredton	\$3,750	Based in Alfredton on the edge of Ballarat, the grant will support the replacement of a faulty oven which was second hand when it was acquired by the club over ten years ago.
Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club, Bamawm	\$5,000	This canteen at this regional club is operational six days a week. The grant will address electrical hazards observed with major appliances, some of which are over 25 years of age. Safety switches and a new circuit will also be added to the canteen.
Bendigo United Cricket Club, Bendigo	\$5,000	The Bendigo United Cricket Club is one of the oldest cricket clubs in Australia having originated in 1853. The funding will replace and upgrade appliances currently not fully functional for this large club.
Bonbeach Cricket Club, Bonbeach	\$3,000	A faulty freezer that struggles to keep working in summer will be replaced through the grant for this expanding club which has introduced two women's teams in 2020.
Buckley Ridges. Cricket Club, Dandenong	\$4,000	One of the oldest cricket clubs in the greater Dandenong region catering to the needs of a changed demographic. The grant will replace a range of essential canteen appliances at the end of their lives.
Bulleen Cricket Club, Bulleen	\$3,000	The grant will replace an unreliable fridge and pie warmer which are over 25 years old. The club fields three senior turf sides, a one-day senior side, a veterans' side and eight junior sides.
Carnegie Cricket Club, Carnegie	\$4,000	A demographically diverse club, Carnegie Cricket Club will replace a fridge which has become a safety hazard.
Carnegie United Cricket Club, Clayton	\$3,000	CUCC Kings is one of the fastest growing clubs in the South East Cricket Association. The grant will support the replacement of aging electrical appliances, some of which have been donated second and third hand and are well beyond their life expectancy.
Carranballac Cricket Club, Carranballac	\$3,250	Small country club reliant on funding to maintain their club's shed. The grant will replace aging appliances like a 30- year old pie oven.
East Belmont Cricket Club, Belmont	\$4,500	A club built on the strong bonds between its members of all ages and ability levels, the grant will replace an oven which requires regular maintenance and repairs.
Glen Waverley Cricket Club Inc, Glen Waverley	\$3,200	One of the largest cricket clubs in the south east region with over 230 participants, grant funding will reduce the risk of electrical fire by replacing an unreliable oven and rangehood, as well as a freezer.

Jan Juc Cricket Club, Jan Juc	\$5,000	Formed in a local bar on a Friday night in 1981, Jan Juc Cricket Club will use grant funding to upgrade electrical infrastructure in the canteen.
Monash Cricket Club, Mount Waverley	\$3,000	Grant funding will replace an unreliable fridge that struggles to keep food and drinks cold and is prone to breaking down.
Northcote Cricket Club, Northcote	\$5,000	Funding through the grant will support Northcote Cricket Club in reinstating their club canteen with updated electrical infrastructure and a new fridge.
Omega Cricket Club, Moorabbin	\$5,000	Grant funding will enable Omega Cricket Club to improve electrical power points, replace a leaking fridge and improve aging electrical appliances.
Waurm Ponds Deakin Cricket Club, Waurm Ponds	\$1,500	A volunteer-run community club with three senior teams in the Geelong Cricket Association, members include local residents, university staff and alumni, and international students from India, Sri Lanka and Singapore. Grant funding will replace a fridge which is at end of life, removing the risk of an electrical fault in the canteen.
Watchem Panthers Cricket Club, Watchem	\$2,500	A small town in Regional Victoria, Watchem Cricket Club has been back in operation for 5 seasons after more than 20 years in hiatus. As the only sporting club left in town, grant funding will replace an unreliable fridge.
Werribee Centrals Cricket Club, Werribee	\$5,000	The funding will support electrical works to replace old wiring and a switchboard, as well as install additional points to replace long extension cables.