



Club Development Grant Program



Masters Swimming Tasmania’s mission is to provide, at club and state level, an environment to encourage all adults, regardless of ability, to swim regularly and compete if they wish, in order to promote fitness and improve their general well-being.

The Masters Swimming Tasmania Club Developments Grants Program (CDGP) assists clubs and their members by supporting the provision of a professional environment which enhances the ability of clubs to grow and develop their training environments.

The intent of the grants program is to provide financial assistance to clubs, which may not have sufficient financial resources, to implement strategies that develop and grow club membership and, masters specific, administrative and coaching skill levels which are not eligible for funding under any other MST program.

Items eligible for financial support and grants limits for eligible items, and restrictions

Item	Grant limit	Club restrictions
Timing equipment (stop watch, pace clock)	\$150	1 st year club only
Club Banner (pull up, hanging)	\$100	1 st year club only
Promotional brochures	\$100	1 st year club only
Notice boards (fixed or movable, white board)	\$150	1 st year club only
Public Notice of club inauguration	\$40	1 st year club only and does not require matching funds
Gear cage	\$150	1 st year club
Poolside training aids - non personal, shareable ¹	\$100	None
Outreach program promoting the expansion of masters swimming ²	\$250	None

Interpretive notes

1. Personal training items include items such as kickboards, pull boys, snorkels, training fins, tempo trainers, paddles, wearable drag items, hip rotators, personal sport watches.

Non-personal training aids which are shareable between club members include items such as parachutes, stretch cord with belt (designed for use in the pool), medicine balls, fitness balls.

2. The intent of this item is to assist established clubs to design and implement community based programs targeted at specified regions and/or have recruitment potential – eg Launceston outreach to George Town, Hobart Aquatic outreach to Huonville.



On application, the Branch Management Committee will assess the application against the items eligible for support and has the power to provide the financial support on the following basis.

- A clubs may at any time lodge a submission with the Secretary of MST for a CDGP.
- Grants for normal club operating activities are not eligible under this program.
- Any grant is only payable from the branch’s approved annual grant’s budget.
- As a guide, the maximum grant from MST is \$500 and must be matched by the club from within it’s fundraising resources. This condition does not apply to a Club in it’s 1st year of operation.
- A club application can be for multiple eligible items.
- A club will not be eligible for a grant if one has been approved for the club in either of the previous two calendar years unless the previously approved grant was to a newly established club.
- Clubs need to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest in the financing of the delivery of any element of the program.
- An outreach program grant will require the presentation of an extensive detailed business case to the BMC and will include a cost benefit analysis.
- Paid advertising, except as specified in the eligibility list or as part of an approved outreach program, is not is not eligible under the grants program.
- Grant funds are to be expended within 3 months of the approval of the grant. The timing of payments is subject to agreement between the club and the Branch Treasurer who has the discretion to advance authorized funds. The Treasurer is to act in every way feasible to facilitate grant outcomes.
- Clubs will be required to provide a written report, including a financial statement, which
 - includes invoices or proofs of purchase that materially substantiate the matching requirements of the grant;
 - details how grant money was expended as well as the measures of success and how the benefits gained will be maintained by the club.
- Grants are to be individually disclosed in Branch financial reports.
- The Branch will publish these grant criteria and summaries of the result of approved grant applications in the news section of it’s web site including the date of the approval.
- A list of grants covering the previous 5-year period is to be included with all branch finance reports.
- All grant correspondence is to be addressed to the MST Secretary email address, as published on the MST web site in the Contact us section.

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