

Surf Life Saving Australia – Circular 57/22-23

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Summary:	Clubs invited to apply for Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants for the 2023/24 season

This 2023/24 season Surf Life Saving Australia (SLSA) is once again offering Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants of up to \$1,000 per club around Australia. Funding is available for the Grants until exhausted. This grant is proudly supported by etrainu (the SLSA Learning Management System provider) to the value of \$10,000 nationally, each year.

The purpose of these Grants is to provide support to affiliated Surf Life Saving Clubs offering disability inclusion programs.

Eligibility for an Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant

To be eligible for an Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant, affiliated clubs must be delivering or intending to deliver a disability inclusion program during the 2023/24 season.

A disability inclusion program refers to any program that supports people with disabilities to participate in club activities, either in a stand-alone program or delivered as a side-by-side program with nippers.

How to apply for an Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grant

Clubs can apply by completing the online application <u>HERE</u> by **16**th **June 2023**. Clubs that have applied in previous years, and were successful, may still apply again this year

How will the Grants be awarded?

SLSA, in conjunction with representative(s) from States/Territory, will assess applications and notify successful clubs by **21**st **July 2023**. Delivery of equipment will be timed for the start of the 2023/24 season.

Criteria includes:

- Must be an Affiliated Surf Life Saving Club
- Delivering or intending to deliver a disability inclusion program
- How the grant will improve the program(s) being delivered
- If the program is sustainable beyond the grant year?

Grants may be paid retrospectively to successful clubs for approved equipment that has already been purchased. Clubs must advise SLSA prior to the purchase of equipment to ensure that the equipment is approved to be covered by the Grant.

What Equipment can be purchased using the Grant?

Examples of items that are being offered under the Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants are:

- Obstacle Course Pack (10 packs via gift vouchers available)
- Torpedo 54" or 57" Board with 4 straps by Demon Surfboards (up to 10 available)
- Original softboard (8'6) by G-Boards (2 available)
- Soft Nipper Boards (6'10) by Infront Surfcraft (2 available)
- Soft Nipper Boards (6'0) by Bennett Surfboards (2 available)



However, any equipment will be considered as long as a club can demonstrate how it will be used in a disability inclusion program.

SLSA reserves the right to cease offering Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants or alter the value or quantities of the Grant at any time.

SLSA would like to thank etrainu for their ongoing support of the SLSA Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants each year.

For more information about the Inclusive Beaches Equipment Grants please contact SLSA Member Development & Participation Coordinator: Sharon Deans sdeans@slsa.asn.au.

