



Capital Development Policy

Policy and Guidelines

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Introduction

Objective of the Capital Development Policy

The Capital Development Policy has been established to create clear guidelines and criteria for assessing and approving funding for capital projects at NSW greyhound race tracks. The Capital Development Policy replaces the former Greyhound Industry Development Fund (GIDF) and all related documentation with respect to the now obsolete fund.

Consistent with the GIDF, the Capital Development Policy provides GRNSW and NSW greyhound clubs with the appropriate framework to ensure that key racing infrastructure can be funded at each venue. Capital infrastructure projects relative to the Capital Development Policy will be funded through the Industry Infrastructure & Maintenance (IIM) fund.

Acronyms

GRNSW	Greyhound Racing New South Wales
IIM	Industry Infrastructure & Maintenance
SRWMF	Safety, Racing & Welfare Maintenance Fund
WHS	Workplace Health & Safety
EW	Emergency Works
IFIL	Interest Free Interminable Loan
IBL	Interest Bearing Loan

Industry Infrastructure & Maintenance Fund

The IIM fund consists of two separate funding categories that NSW greyhound race clubs can apply to for capital expenditure:

Safety Racing & Welfare Maintenance Fund

The [Safety Racing & Welfare Maintenance Fund \(SRWMF\)](#) was introduced in May 2013 to refocus club and industry expenditure on projects that improve the level of safety and compliance at NSW greyhound race tracks. The SRWMF scheme only funds projects that directly relate to maintaining and increasing the safety, racing and welfare standards at each greyhound track.

Each club's SRWMF allocation will be made available on an annual basis dependant on their specific racing category. Unlike the former Maintenance & Venue Improvement Allowance clubs are no longer able to accrue funds to rollover into future financial years. The intention is that all projects relating to the Safety, Racing or Welfare categories should be funded through the SRMWF to ensure that ongoing maintenance is being completed at each venue.

Other

Projects funded by GRNSW outside of the SRWMF will be categorised as Other. Unlike the SRWMF, Other projects may relate to both racing and non racing infrastructure. A club may apply for funding for Other projects provided that the work is required and the club is not in a position to fund the project.

GRNSW, in direct consultation with the clubs, will consider all project applications provided the club submits a minimum of three contractor quotes and the project is required to be completed. A club may be required to provide additional project and funding information at the request of GRNSW. The amount of requested funding from GRNSW will determine what Other project classification the club will need to apply for. The three types of Other projects are:

Small Works - \$0.00 to \$14,999 excluding GST

Medium Works - \$15,000 to \$250,000 excluding GST (IFIL Funded)

Large Works – Greater than \$250,000 excluding GST

Non-TAB clubs that wish to apply for funding from GRNSW should note that a minimum of forty per cent of major capital work costs is required to be funded or sourced directly by the club. GRNSW will fund a maximum of sixty percent of the total project at Non-TAB race tracks, however all NSW greyhound clubs are encouraged to investigate other funding options prior to submitting an application for funding, for example, contributions from local councils.

Application, Assessment and Eligibility for Capital Funding

Application Process

Applications for funding through the IIM will be considered by GRNSW provided they are submitted using the following process:

1. The project has been clearly identified by the club.
2. No work relative to the project has commenced prior to the application being submitted.
3. The club has sourced a minimum of three quotes on a like for like basis by qualified contractors.
4. The club has identified an ideal timeframe to complete the project.
5. The club has completed all requested information contained in the IIM application pack.

In the event that a club has already commenced a project before an application has been submitted or approved, the works will not be considered. If a project is approved and or funded by GRNSW and evidence shows that the correct application process was not followed, the project and all relative funding will be cancelled and will be the responsibility of the club.

No retrospective applications will be considered under any circumstances.

Assessment Criteria

Applications for funding through the IIM will be assessed according to the following objectives:

1. Statutory compliance (such as WH&S compliance);
2. Operational reliability
3. Racecourse image
4. Operational efficiency
5. Other asset improvements

Additional Project Consideration

Applications for all forms of funding through the IIM will be given further consideration using, but not limited, the following guiding principles:

1. Is the project required?
2. Is the project the sole responsibility of the club?
3. Is the project the best course of action to achieve the desired outcome?
4. Does the project relate to racing or non-racing infrastructure?
5. Has a similar project recently (0-5 years) been approved at the venue?
6. Has the club maintained the asset/infrastructure to a decent standard prior to application?
7. Has the club sourced additional funding from other sources, such as local or state governments?
8. Is the club in a position to self-fund elements of the project?
9. Is the project consistent to other approved projects throughout the sport?

Approval of IIM Funding

The Board of GRNSW will determine funding applications above \$50,000 with all applications below this level being delegated to the Chief Executive for decision and subsequent reporting to the Board.

IIM Funding Models

There are three types of funding provided under the IIM, they are described as follows:

Grant

For a project with total costs of less than \$15,000 (excluding GST), funding will be provided by way of a Grant.

Interest Free Interminable Loan (IFIL)

For a project with total costs of more than \$15,000 (excluding GST), funding will be provided by way of an IFIL.

Interest Bearing Loan (IBL)

The GRNSW Board can, at its discretion, approve funding by way of an Interest Bearing Loan. This approval would only be considered likely where a club wishes to pursue a project which does not fit within GRNSW's short to medium term capital development and asset renewal plans, and sufficient surplus IIM funds are deemed available.

The interest rate imposed for all IBL's offered under the Capital Development Policy will be tied to the NSW Treasury Corporation's interest rate for the comparable period.

Treatment of IFIL's

IFILs are repayable to GRNSW should the race club:

- Cease to conduct greyhound racing at the venue; or
 - Carry out its racing activities in such a manner as to jeopardise its financial stability;
- and/or
- Dispose of the freehold property on which the improvements are located (if land is owned by the club).

An IFIL remains repayable to GRNSW indefinitely. If a club wishes to have an IFIL extinguished (after the disposal or scrapping of an asset) the club must apply in writing to GRNSW stating the facts of the case.

GRNSW retains the right to receive the proceeds from the sale of an asset which is subject to an IFIL and to make such receipt a precondition of the IFIL being extinguished.