

TASMANIA

**GAMING CONTROL (COMMUNITY SUPPORT
FUND) REGULATIONS 2022**
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GAMING CONTROL (COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND) REGULATIONS 2022

I, the Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Gaming Control Act 1993*.

Dated 20 .

By Her Excellency's Command,

Governor

Treasurer

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the *Gaming Control (Community Support Fund) Regulations 2022*.

2. Commencement

These regulations take effect on 1 July 2023.

3. Interpretation

In these regulations –

Act means the *Gaming Control Act 1993*;

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Community Support Fund means the account of that name established under section 151A of the Act;

Department website means a website available to the public that is operated by, or on behalf of, the Department;

recipient, in relation to the Community Support Fund, means the recipient of an allocation of money from the Community Support Fund.

4. Distribution of Community Support Fund

The Department may, with the written approval of the Minister, make an allocation of money from the Community Support Fund for any of the following purposes:

- (a) gambling harm prevention and harm minimisation programs or initiatives;
- (b) direct support programs, services or initiatives aimed at the minimisation, or prevention, of gambling harm, or both;
- (c) research activities relating to the minimisation, or prevention, of gambling harm, or both;
- (d) community capacity building and community development projects, programs or initiatives.

5. Approval of Minister for allocation of money

- (1) The Department may request the Minister to approve an allocation of money from the Community Support Fund if –
 - (a) the allocation is to a State Service Agency for a purpose specified in regulation 4; and
 - (b) the allocation satisfies one or more of the criteria specified in regulation 6; and
 - (c) the Commission has advised the Department that, in the opinion of the Commission, the allocation of money would be consistent with these regulations.
- (2) An allocation under subregulation (1) may be subject to such conditions that the Minister considers relevant including, but not limited to, a requirement that all or part of the money be further allocated by the State Service Agency to such agency or organisation as is specified in the approval.

6. Criteria in consideration of allocation

An allocation of money from the Community Support Fund must satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) there is a link between the location of gambling losses and the location of the proposed spending;

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- (b) there is collaboration and partnering between the recipient and other organisations to maximise the reach and delivery of programs and initiatives that support prevention and treatment of gambling harm;
- (c) the allocation of money is for the support of long-term programs aimed at reducing gambling harm;
- (d) the allocation of money is a one-off allocation for a major initiative aimed at reducing gambling harm;
- (e) the allocation is for the provision of ongoing specialist support for people impacted by gambling;
- (f) the allocation is for investment in programs, infrastructure and activities that act as protective factors against gambling harm, including community engagement and health and well-being initiatives;
- (g) the allocation is for the support of funding for research and the evaluation of gambling risk factors, attitudes, behaviours and impacts.

7. Ministerial guidelines

- (1) The Minister may issue to a Community Support Fund recipient written guidelines specifying

requirements in relation to the management of money from the fund.

- (2) It is a condition of any allocation of money from the Community Support Fund that the recipient complies with any guidelines issued by the Minister under subregulation (1).

8. Ministerial review

- (1) The Minister is to –
 - (a) cause a review of the efficacy of the distributed Community Support Fund to be carried out every 5 years; and
 - (b) cause the findings of each such review (or a report of those findings) to be published on the Department website.
- (2) In addition to the money otherwise payable out of the Community Support Fund under these regulations, the costs and expenses incurred in the conduct of a review under subregulation (1) may be paid out of the Community Support Fund.
- (3) Money payable out of the Community Support Fund under subregulation (2) may only be paid with the approval of the Minister.

9. Expiry of regulations

These regulations expire on 1 July 2029.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Treasury and Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations)

These regulations provide for the distribution of the money in the Community Support Fund.

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