



# HUME CITY COUNCIL SPORTS AID GRANTS

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION**

The Sports Aid Grant Program is designed to encourage high achievement and excellence in sport by financially supporting young Hume athletes with the expenses associated with attending representative level sporting events.

### **1. Objectives:**

- 1.1. To provide individuals with support and encouragement that will help them to develop to their full potential within their chosen sport.
- 1.2. To provide financial assistance to individuals to assist with the costs associated with attending representative level sporting events.
- 1.3. To encourage greater participation in sport by promoting positive role models to the community.

### **2. What will be funded:**

- 2.1. Competition and tournament entry fees.
- 2.2. Travel and accommodation costs associated with event participation.
- 2.3. Other costs associated with participation in the competition/tournament may be considered.

### **3. What will not be funded:**

- 3.1. Tours and competitions that are friendship/exposure competitions. Including international and interstate tours organised by schools and private tour groups.
- 3.2. Participation in tournaments that are not recognised by the relevant National or State Sporting organisation as a part of their athlete development pathway.
- 3.3. Any tournaments or competitions where the participants are not selected based on merit with a fair and transparent selection process available to all residents.
- 3.4. Expenses associated with the travel costs of accompanying family members.

### **4. Eligibility Criteria:**

- 4.1. Applicants must be permanent residents of the City of Hume (evidence of residential address is required at the time of application).
- 4.2. Applicants must be under 21 years of age at the time of application.
- 4.3. Applications must be received seven days prior to the event taking place. Late applications will not be considered.
- 4.4. Applicants must be competing in a sporting event that is competitive in nature and has a set of rules and a code of conduct.
- 4.5. Applicants must be competing in a sport that has a recognised National Sporting Organisation as assessed by the Australian Sports Commission. This includes Disability Sports Organisations.
- 4.6. Applicants must provide a letter of support verifying their selection from the relevant accredited National or State sporting association. Applications at a regional level may provide a letter from their local club. School Sport Australia and School Sport Victoria events are eligible for funding.
- 4.7. Applicants can apply for one category of funding per application.
- 4.8. Athletes will be funded by Council only once in each category.
- 4.9. Applicants agree to supply evidence as requested by Council within 30 days following the event/competition. Evidence can be provided in the form of photos, media articles, printed results, receipts or a letter from the relevant Governing Body.



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## 5. Funding Available:

### **National Representation with International Travel - Maximum grant \$750**

*Example: An athlete representing Australia, a State Association, or Club at an endorsed international event that is a part of a recognised development pathway.*

### **State Representation with Interstate Travel - Maximum grant \$400**

*Example: A member of the Victorian State under 16 Soccer Team competing at the national championships in Brisbane.*

### **Regional Representation - Maximum grant \$150**

*Example: Member of the Broadmeadows Broncos representative basketball team competing at a State level competition within Victoria.*

**In cases where several Hume residents have applied for funding for the same sport, Hume City Council reserves the right to cap total funding for that sport at \$2000 for the financial year.**

## 6. Celebration Evening

A Celebration Evening will be arranged once per year to celebrate the achievements of Sports Aid Grant recipients. Attendance at this event is **COMPULSORY** for all successful applicants.

## 7. Closing Dates:

Applications are open throughout the year until allocated funding is exhausted.

Applications must be submitted seven days prior to the event taking place.

Once allocated funding is exhausted the program will be closed until the next financial year.

## 8. Application Procedure:

The Sports Aid Grants are administered by Hume City Council as follows:

- 8.1. Applicants must read the Guidelines thoroughly;
- 8.2. Applicants must complete and return the Grant Application form and required documents at least seven days prior to the event taking place.
- 8.3. Applications will be assessed by Council Officers. The selection panel will, where necessary, consult with the applicants club, coach or sporting association.
- 8.4. All applicants will receive notification of the outcome in writing within 28 days of receipt of their application.
- 8.5. Applicants that receive a Sports Aid Grant and do not attend their event must return the grant in full.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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