

**1. Purpose & Scope**

1.1 This policy is to outline the criteria for financial support available for local athletes who are participating in a representative competition at regional, state, national or international level. The grant is provided by Council to assist individuals residing in the Charters Towers Regional Council Local Government area, in meeting the costs associated with participating in a representative sporting event.

**2. Commencement of Policy**

2.1 This Policy will commence from 15 February 2023.

**3. Application Of Policy**

3.1 This Policy applies to individuals participating in a representative sporting competition, seeking financial assistance towards the costs associated with attending the event.

**4. Definitions**

| Term                        | Definition   |
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| <b>Local Athlete</b>        | A local athlete who is participating in a representative competition at North Queensland, State, National or International level.  |
| <b>Eligibility Criteria</b> | Provision of criteria to be met to be eligible for funding.  |
| <b>Funding Limit</b>        | A maximum of \$2,000, per applicant, per calendar year.  |
| <b>Residing Resident</b>    | Applicants with a residential address in the Charters Towers Regional Council Local Government area. This excludes temporary residents e.g., boarding students with a College address or persons working in the area with an accommodation provider address. |

**5. Policy Provisions**

**5.1. Eligibility**

To be eligible, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- Must be an Australian Citizen
- Reside within the Charters Towers Regional Council Local Government area continuously for at least 12 months
- Is representing North Queensland, Queensland or Australia or equivalent in an officially recognised North Queensland, State, National or International event
- Be amateur in status
- Provide written verification of selection from the relevant organisation
- Must provide evidence of associated costs to participate in the competition
- Must provide statutory declaration of applicant's financial contribution and residency
- Applications must be received prior to the competition. (NOTE: Applications for competitions that have already occurred will not be considered)
- The level of funding available to individual athletes will be based on a progressive scale, the higher the level of representation, the greater the financial support (See Section 5.2).
- Funding from this source has not exceeded \$2,000 per applicant, per calendar year.

**5.2. Level of Representation**

The level of financial support will be based on the following:

- Representing North Queensland within Queensland - \$250
- Representing Queensland within Queensland - \$500
- Representing Queensland Interstate - \$1,000
- Representing Australia within Australia - \$1,500
- Representing Australia Overseas - \$2,000

Payments will be capped at \$2,000 per applicant, per calendar year.

**5.3. Applying for the Grant**

Applications without the requested documents will not be considered. Applications must include:

- Sufficient evidence to meet the eligibility criteria
- A completed Financial Support for a Local Athlete Application Form F0601
- Evidence of associated costs to compete in the competition
- A signed Statutory Declaration confirming the athlete’s financial contribution and residency

**6. Variations**

6.1 CTRC reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time.

**Associated Documents**

- *Financial Support for a Local Athlete Application Form F0601*
- *Financial Support for a Local Athlete – Records Register F0662*

The document is to be reviewed upon changes to relevant legislation, or every two years if no changes have been required to be enacted.

| Document Review                |                  |                           |                            |
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