

## Policy Type

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Council

## Policy Purpose

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To provide a framework of funding for sporting clubs and individuals that supports activities and builds their capacity to participate in sport and recreation. This specifically includes:

- (1) Support sporting clubs to undertake minor and major upgrades, alterations and additions of infrastructure to the City or State Government (where authorised) property to benefit the respective club(s) and the City.
- (2) Support sporting clubs to purchase essential sports equipment to ultimately provide better opportunities to attract and retain participation for sport.
- (3) Support local junior athletes financially to travel to State and National sporting competition.
- (4) Support sporting clubs with applications for other external funding opportunities with associated discretion on applying appropriate timeframes for the purpose of meeting grant deadlines.

## Policy Statement

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To approve applications for the Sport and Recreation Champion Club Grants in accordance with the evaluation and selection criteria set out below.

- (1) Major Capital Works Grant
  1. The maximum grant available is \$50,000 and the City contribution towards projects will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
  2. Two grant rounds will be offered each financial year, closing dates will be displayed on the City of Cockburn's website.
  3. The following eligibility criteria will apply:
    - (a) The project will be completed within one year of the award of grant funding.
    - (b) Contributions of voluntary labour and donated materials can be recognised as a component of the applicant's contribution – refer to 'Sport & Recreation Club Grants Guidelines for Applicants' for further details.
    - (c) Additional information must be attached to the application form i.e. quotes
    - (d) Once a club has a successful application, they cannot apply for the grant again for three years and until they have acquitted all previous grant funding.

(2) Minor Capital Works Grant

1. The maximum grant available is \$4,000 per project.
2. The City's contribution towards projects will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
3. Applications are open all year round.
4. Clubs may receive only one successful application in each financial year.

(3) Sports Equipment Grant

1. The Sports Equipment Grant is up to \$1,000 per project. The City's contribution towards projects will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
2. Sporting Equipment can include any sport specific items and/or storage options which assist with ensuring equipment is stored safely and efficiently.
3. Applications are open all year round.
4. Clubs may receive only one successful application in each financial year

(4) Junior Sports Travel Assistance

1. The Junior Sport Travel Assistance program provides up to \$400 towards travel cost for individual athletes representing WA or Australia in a competition that aligns with the definition of sport as recognised by the Department of Cultural Industries, Sport and Tourism. This is defined as:  
  
*"a human activity involving physical exertion and skill as the primary focus of the activity, with elements of competition where rules and patterns of behaviour governing the activity exist formally through organisations and is generally recognised as sport."*
2. Applicants must be travelling a minimum 100kms outside of the City of Cockburn.
3. Junior athletes applying must be residents of the City of Cockburn.
4. Applications are accepted throughout the year with closing dates being the first Friday of March, June, September, and December and successful applicants paid at end of month.
5. Applications are open to any person aged 21 years or younger as of the competition closing date.
6. Successful applicants will only be eligible for funding once in any 12 month period.

7. An application for funding may be made up to three months before the date of travel.

(5) Additional Criteria

1. Applicants must have no outstanding debt or financial obligation with the City of Cockburn before funds can be granted towards any project.
2. No additional funding will be provided over the approved application.
3. For the Major Capital Works Grant, Minor Capital Works Grant and Sports Equipment Grant the following applies:
  - (a) Open to incorporated sport or recreation clubs only.
  - (b) Sporting Clubs must have memberships open to the residents of the City and should show they are servicing a significant number of local residents.
  - (c) The City reserves the right to impose special conditions on the funding.
4. For the Minor and Major Capital Works Grants specifically; sporting clubs must be based or operating within the City of Cockburn:
  - (a) Under a lease or seasonal hire arrangement on City owned or managed property.
  - (b) Under a substantive lease with the State Government on land owned or managed by an authorised government department.
5. Preference will be given to applications from clubs that are named after Cockburn, one of its suburbs, or one of its landmarks, over clubs that are named, or contain in their name, a suburb or local government area that is outside of Cockburn.
6. Sporting clubs that receive funding from the City will be encouraged to change their name to remove reference to other local government areas or suburbs that are not within the City of Cockburn.

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