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BACKGROUND:

Sport and Recreation plays an important role in keeping our local community vibrant and active. The City of Cockburn is fortunate to have a number of local sporting clubs that provide a variety of sporting opportunities to the wider community.

The following Sport and Recreation Champion Club Grants have been developed by the City to further reflect commitment to support local sporting clubs by contributing to junior elite athletes travel costs, the purchase of essential sports equipment, implementing healthier canteens, minor capital works projects and annual capital works projects:

Junior Sport Travel Assistance (JSTA) - program helps local athletes by providing financial assistance for travel to State and National competitions.

Healthy Canteen Incentive (HCI) - is to assist local sporting clubs provide healthier food options to the City of Cockburn community at sport & recreation facilities.

Sports Equipment Grant (SEG) - is to aid in upgrading sporting equipment with the aim to increase community participation in sport and recreation.

Minor Capital Works Grant (MCWG) - aims to support sporting clubs to undertake the timely development and minor upgrading of infrastructure located on Council owned property.

Major Capital Works Grant (MJCWG) - is designed to plan and implement projects to develop, modify, upgrade, or extend sporting, recreation and community facilities.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of providing funding for Sport and Recreation Club Grants is to:

- support sporting clubs to undertake minor and major upgrading, alterations and additions of infrastructure to Council property to benefit the Club and the City;
- support sporting clubs to purchase essential club sports equipment to ultimately provide better opportunities to attract and retain participation for sport.
- Encourage sporting clubs to provide healthier food option to their club members and the wider City of Cockburn community.
- Support local elite athletes financially for travel to State and National sporting competition.

POLICY:

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

- (1) The maximum grant available through the Major Capital Works Grant is \$50,000, Council's contribution towards projects will not exceed 50% of the total project cost. Two grant rounds will be offered each financial year, closing dates will be displayed on the City of Cockburn's website.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The MJCWG will only be available to incorporated and not-for-profit sport or recreation clubs.
 - Clubs must be based or operating within the City of Cockburn under lease or seasonal licence on Council owned property.
 - Clubs must be servicing a significant number of local residents.
 - No additional funding will be provided over the approved application.
 - Grants will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
 - The project will be completed within one year of the award of grant funding.
 - 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.
 - Additional information must be attached to the application form i.e. quotes
 - Once a club has a successful application, they cannot apply for the MJCWG again for three years and until they have acquitted all previous grant funding.
- (2) The maximum grant available through the Minor Capital Works Grant is \$4,000 per project. Council's contribution towards projects will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
 - (3) The Healthy Canteen Incentive is a one-off payment of up to either **\$150** towards healthier food options purchased through the Star Choice Buyers

Guide or up to **\$300** towards healthier food options equipment. Two grant rounds will be offered each financial year; closing dates will be displayed on the City of Cockburn's website.

- (4) The Sports Equipment Grant is up to **\$1,000** per project. Council's contribution towards projects will not exceed 50% of the total project cost.
- (5) The Junior Sport Travel Assistance programs provides up to \$400 towards travel cost for athletes representing WA or Australia 100kms from their residence. Junior athletes applying for the JSTA must be residents of the City of Cockburn. Closing dates are the first Friday of March, June, September, and December.

Sport and Recreation Club Grants will only be open to incorporated sporting clubs only.

Sporting clubs must be based or operating within the City of Cockburn under a lease or seasonal licence on Council owned property.

Sporting Clubs must have memberships open to the residents of the City and should show they are servicing a significant number of local residents.

Applicants must have no outstanding debt or financial obligation with the City of Cockburn before funds can be granted towards any project.