

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS GRANT

Overview

This category is designed to support people (i.e. athletes, coaches, umpires, referees and team managers) who are excelling at sport and representing Parramatta at a state, national or international level.

Category Objectives

- Support people (i.e. athletes, coaches, umpires, referees and team managers) who are excelling at sport and representing Parramatta at a state, national or international level;
- Reduce financial pressure on individuals and families presented by excelling in representative sport;
- Role modelling active lifestyles and fair play to the Parramatta community;
- Promote and develop athlete pathways;
- Leverage off/disseminate knowledge and experience with other athletes;
- Develop leaders to promote participation pathways in their chosen sport or recreation fields.

Available Funding

Approximately \$20,000 per financial year is available for the Representative Sports Grant. Applicants are eligible to receive funding to cover 50% of participant expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000 (ex GST) as per below, whichever is lesser:

- i. International competition = \$ 1,000
- ii. National competition = \$ 500
- iii. State competition = \$ 200

City of Parramatta Council will only fund one application over a financial year, regardless of the number of applications received from an organisation or individual.

Program Timelines

Applications are open all year round.

Applicants must submit an application at least 4 weeks before the sporting event start date. The assessment and approval process can take longer than 4 weeks resulting in applicants being notified of a funding decision after the event has occurred. Applicants are encouraged to apply well in advance of their competition so that, if successful, they may receive funding prior to their event. Please contact the Community Grants Officer 9806 5110 or grants@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au if you did not receive enough notice for the competition and are unable to apply 4 weeks in advance.

For successful applicants who are notified after their competition date, payments will be conditional on proof of competition attendance. Successful recipients in this category are required to:

- Submit an acquittal report within 4 weeks of the competition outlining how you fared and proof of competition attendance.

Failure to acquit the grant will affect any future funding requests.

Conditions for Program Eligibility

To be eligible for funding applicants must:

- A resident of the Parramatta LGA for twelve months or more;
- Be participating in an amateur competition with no appearance fees;
- Be participating as an athlete, coach, umpire, referee or team manager in:
 - An official state championships endorsed by the relevant Sport Australia (SA) recognised national sporting organisation (NSO), or
 - An official state school sport championship endorsed by a School Sport Australia member body, or
 - An official national championships endorsed by the relevant SA recognised NSO, or
 - A national school sport championships endorsed by School Sport Australia, or o an international competition as a member of an official Australian team, endorsed by an SA recognised NSO or School Sport Australia.
- Not have outstanding debts to Council;
- Not have overdue progress or acquittal reports for previously funded grants.

Further Conditions

- Applicants under the age of 18 years must have their applications submitted by a parent or guardian;
- No more than three people will be funded to attend the same competition.

Supporting Documentation

- Evidence of Parramatta LGA residency for twelve months or more;
- A letter of selection from the state or national body (as listed in the program eligibility) must accompany the application. Ideally this letter would detail the total cost of participant expenses;
- Proof of cost of participant expenses;
- Evidence of insurance coverage (where this is not covered by the organising body)

Contact Details

If you need assistance in understanding these Guidelines, or have any questions, please contact the Community Capacity Building Team on **9806 5110** or email grants@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au.

Assessment Criteria

	CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Criterion A	The quality and clarity of the budget. Event costs are clear and evidence provided of event expenses.	25%
Criterion B	Clarity of documentation to support the application. Documentation clearly and concisely states event details, applicant's selection and event expenses. All documentation required is included in the application.	25%
Criterion C	Degree to which the proposal is clearly explained and submitted within an acceptable timeframe.	25%
Criterion D	Degree to which the event supports the applicant to further their sporting pathways	25%