

Grants and Benefits Policy

October 2014

Authority and Other Information	
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Legislative Reference	Section 77 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>
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Strategic Plan Reference	3.9
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Department responsible for implementation	Executive Services
Department responsible for policy	Executive Services
Publication of policy	A copy of the Grants and Benefits Policy, October 2014 be placed on Council's website and copies be made available for inspection at the Customer Service Centre

1. Purpose and Background:

Traditionally Huon Valley Council's Community Grants Program provides financial and in-kind assistance to support community projects, events and programs that have a clear community benefit.

Any funds remaining from the budget allocation for community grants is allocated at the discretion of the Mayor.

The purpose of this policy is to outline the general principles for consideration and approval of a request from members of the Huon Valley community for financial assistance.

Grants and Benefits are provided in accordance with section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

2. Policy statement:

The objective of Council's Grants and Benefits are to support individuals of the Huon Valley community who are chosen to represent Tasmania/Australia in their area of excellence, ie. sporting, educational, arts and/or related to community benefit.

3. Application:

A grant of financial assistance, to the maximum value outlined in this policy may be provided to:

Individual residents living within the Huon Valley who are chosen to represent the Huon Valley or Tasmania in intrastate, interstate or international competition or activity. The donation shall be a contribution towards the cost of travel, accommodation or entry fees.

The following eligibility requirements will apply:

- The applicant must be a resident of the Huon Valley municipal area.
- Grants apply to participants, competitors or official roles (eg. judge, coach).
- The participant must be participating as an amateur.
- A maximum of one donation per individual per financial year applies.
- Applications on behalf of a team will be considered as one grant allocation.
- The majority of members within the team are to be residents of the Huon Valley municipal area.

Grants and Benefits will not generally be provided for the following

- Where assistance is reasonably available from another source;
- Where substantial assistance has previously been provided by Huon Valley Council;
- Any individual or team who has received a Community Grant allocation in the same financial year is ineligible.

4. Definitions:

Assistance will be provided, depending on available budget within the following structure, up to a maximum of:-

Intrastate representation	\$200.00
Interstate representation	\$350.00
International representation	\$700.00
Sporting Team (Maximum)	\$500.00

5. Procedures:

Requests for Grants and Benefits are to be assessed in accordance with the above eligibility guidelines by the General Manager to determine whether the request will be submitted to the Mayor for consideration.

Once a decision has been made by the Mayor, the General Manager is to advise the applicant in writing of the Council's decision and to arrange for the appropriate cheque to be drawn and forwarded to the applicant.

Applicants determined as unsuccessful in accordance with the above guidelines will be advised accordingly.

Once the annual budgeted amount allocated for grants has been exhausted, no further allocations will be made for the same financial year.

6. Review:

This policy is to be reviewed at least every two years. The policy review date is October 2016.