



Title: Financial Assistance to Sporting Ambassadors

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Related legislation:

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Policy:

1. Purpose

This policy describes the way that Council will provide financial assistance to sporting ambassadors.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the policy are to:

- Provide financial assistance to eligible sporting ambassadors to compete in their chosen events.
- Ensure the best use of Council's funds by allocating financial assistance in accordance with set criteria.

3. Scope

This policy applies to members of the public seeking financial assistance from council to assist them with their costs in competing in their chosen sporting events, and to Council staff with delegated authority to determine applications from sporting ambassadors for financial assistance.

4. Definitions

Sporting ambassadors – Residents of Canterbury City Council competing in sporting events within Australia and overseas.

Delegated authority – In accordance with the provisions of section 377 of the Local Government Act Council has assigned some of its functions and duties to the General Manager. In turn the General Manager has sub-delegated some of these functions and duties to staff in accordance with section 378 of the Act.

5. Principles

During each year, Council receives a number of requests from sporting ambassadors for financial assistance towards their costs to compete in their chosen events. Council has resolved that the General Manager and the Director Corporate Services be conjointly authorised to determine applications for assistance from sporting ambassadors.

5.1 Eligibility criteria

Due to the diversity of applications that are received, including different sports at differing levels of representation, each application for assistance needs to be considered on its merits. In determining whether an applicant should be granted assistance, the following factors will be considered.

- the applicant is a resident of the City and the length of time they have been a resident;
- if the applicant is a team, the percentage of members that are residents of the City and the length of time they have been residents;
- the sport and the nature of representation involved;
- the perceived benefit to the community of supporting the representation.

Financial assistance to sporting ambassadors will be provided only once each financial year to a single athlete or to a team.

5.2 Level of Assistance

The level of assistance provided to sporting ambassadors will be:

1. Maximum level of assistance to teams competing in overseas events - \$750.
2. Maximum level of assistance to an individual athlete competing in overseas events - \$500.
3. Maximum level of assistance to teams competing in events within Australia - \$500.
4. Maximum level of assistance to an individual athlete competing in an event within Australia - \$250.