BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES ACHIEVEMENT GRANT POLICY

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Last Reviewed:	**Review: Note:** This Policy is reviewed when any of the following occur: 1. The related information is amended or replaced. 2. Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Chief Executive Officer. Notwithstanding the above, this Policy is to be reviewed at intervals of no more than two years.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide a framework to financially support residents of the Barcoo Shire who have qualified or been selected by a peak body to represent Regional (Central West QLD or North West QLD), Queensland or Australia in sporting events or arts/culture/academic excellence activities. The funds are provided to assist with the travel and event related costs of attending these events.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council may award an Individual Sports and Activities Achievement Grant to an individual who meets the eligibility criteria, through a financial assistance payment. Applicants are eligible for more than one Individual Achievement Grant per financial year.

DEFINITIONS

An **Individual Sports and Activities Achievement Grant** is a non-repayable monetary award based on specific eligibility criteria.

TIMEFRAME

Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

Applications **must be lodged within three months before or after the event.** Late applications due to extenuating services may be considered at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An individual is eligible for an Individual Sports and Activities Achievement Grant if he/she:

- is a current resident of the Barcoo Shire.
- **For sporting activities -** is participating as an athlete, referee or umpire in an official regional (Central West QLD or North West QLD), State, or National event and provides official written confirmation of their selection to participate in the competition. The confirmation must include the applicant's name and the name of the event for which they are selected.
- **For Arts/Culture/Academic Excellence activities –** is participating in a non-sporting event that is an official competition or event, equivalent to representing Regional (Central West QLD or North West QLD), Queensland or Australia and can provide official written confirmation including the applicants name and the name of the event for which they are selected.
- Must be of school age: Prep – Year 12.

EXCLUSIONS

The following will not be funded:

- Applicants who are not a resident of the Barcoo Shire.
- Applicants who cannot provide evidence of selection in a Regional (Central West QLD or North West QLD), State or National competition/event/activity by the recognised state or national organisation.
- Applications for training camps, tours and coaching clinics.
- Applications for students who may be from the Barcoo Shire, but are representing another region (e.g. boarding school children representing Darling Downs).
- Applications received outside of the application timeframes unless approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

PROCEDURE

- All applicants must complete the Individual Sporting and Activities Achievement Grant Application Form and adequately address all eligibility criteria before it can be considered by Council.
- If the applicant does not attend the event, the applicant is required to repay the full amount of the funding awarded.
- If Council approves an Individual Sporting and Activities Achievement Grant application, payments to the successful applicants are made on the following basis:

Representation Type	Amount
Individuals selected for Regional representation (CW & NW QLD)	$250
Individuals selected for Queensland representation	$500
Individuals selected for National representation	$1,000

- Councillors will be advised monthly via an appropriate report on any successful applications.