

STARLAND COUNTY POLICY MANUAL

FUNCTION:	Recreation / Park Facilities and Programs
FUNCTION NUMBER:	720
POLICY:	Amateur Team Grants
POLICY NUMBER:	720-31
DATE:	February 9, 1999 (C99-036)

HISTORY:

The Amateur Team Grant is a municipal grant that was converted from a similar funding program that was operated by the Starland Recreation and Parks Board. Policy has existed for the payment of the Amateur Team Grant since 1984. With the demise of Provincial funding from the Community, Recreation and Cultural Grant program, the Amateur Team Grant was transferred into a municipally funded recreation grant. Annually a budget for this program is established by Council and is distributed on review of applications received.

The grant is typically provided to minor league baseball, hockey, curling and figure skating programs. For the purposes of the grant application, Canskate (preschool), Canfigure and CFSA (Senior Figure Skating) programs are recognized as individual teams. All other team or individual sports will be counted as one team for the purposes of the grant application. (ie. If a minor hockey association has three individual teams [Peewee, Novice and Bantam], they are funded as one team.

The purpose of the grant is to assist with the operational costs of running a junior athletic program, and the funds can be used to purchase equipment, pay for coaching, or facility and ice rental.

CONDITIONS FOR AMATEUR TEAM APPLICATIONS:

1. The application for an amateur team must be submitted by the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association, other than an educational organization or school council. (For example, the application for an amateur team grant from a novice hockey team must come from the Minor Hockey Association)
2. The Amateur Team must be utilizing a facility located within Starland County, and the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association must also be based within Starland County's boundaries.
3. A suitable financial statement for the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association must accompany the application for funding.
4. A list of all participating children under the age of 18 years must accompany the application.
5. Submission of a statement of how the grant funds are expended must be submitted to the County within 12 months of the issuance of the grant in order to be eligible for future funding.

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GRANT ALLOCATION CONDITIONS:

1. Each participant would be funded at a level of \$50.00 / participant.
2. The maximum allocated to any one Parenting Body or Affiliated Association in any one fiscal year (January 01 – December 31) is \$2,000.00.
3. Final approval of any grant application is subject to the approval of the Council of Starland County.
4. Review of the financial information presented should indicate a need for the funding assistance provided.
5. Approved funding must be within the budget allocation for Amateur Team Grants.

OTHER FUNDING POLICIES:

1. Adult teams (those with members 18 years of age or older) are not eligible for funding.
2. For the purposes of the grant application, Canskate (preschool), Canfigure and CFSA (Senior Figure Skating) programs are recognized as individual teams.
3. Cheques will be issued by Starland County to the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association.

POLICY AMENDMENTS:

January 09, 2007 (change in rates)

January 12, 2010 (change in rates)

