

POLICY MANUAL



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HISTORY:

Referee and Coaching Clinic Grants are municipal grants that were converted from a similar funding program that was operated by the Starland Recreation and Parks Board. Policy has existed for the payment of these grants since 1984. With the demise of Provincial funding from the Community, Recreation and Cultural Grant program, the Referee and Coaching Clinic Grants were 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 sports teams that require specific coach training programs / or referee training to operate. Funding is based on the number of individuals that are involved in taking the prerequisite courses.

The purpose of the grant is to assist organizations with their coaching and refereeing training costs. It is often difficult for organizations to get accredited coaches and attract referees. This program is intended to remove these barriers.

CONDITIONS FOR REFEREE AND COACHING CLINIC GRANTS:

1. The application for either grant program must be submitted by the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association, other than an educational organization or school council. (For example, the application for a hockey referee training grant for an individual must come from the Minor Hockey Association)
2. The Referee or Coach must be actively working out of 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 copy of a paid receipt for the referee or coaching clinic must accompany the application for funding.



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GRANT ALLOCATION CONDITIONS:

1. A grant amounting to the full cost of the referee clinic or training program will be paid by the County to the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association.
2. A grant amounting to 50% of the full cost of coaching clinic expenses will be paid by the County to the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association.
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. Only the cost of the training program itself is eligible for reimbursement. Expenses including accommodation and mileage are not eligible.
6. Approved funding must be within the budget allocation for Referee and Coaching Clinic Grants.

OTHER FUNDING POLICIES:

1. Cheques will be issued by Starland County to the Parenting Body or Affiliated Association.

POLICY AMENDMENTS:

January 09, 2007