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Young Athlete Receives Sporting Grant

Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, today announced a sporting grant for a young athlete, Bryce Taylor, under the Local Sporting Champions program.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance to Australia's young sporting men and women, giving them the opportunity to compete in state and national championships.

Ms Burke commended the program for giving young people the financial assistance they need to continue to compete at a high level.

"The program provides valuable assistance to young athletes," Ms Burke said.

"It's vital that we give our young local athletes every chance to be their best".

Grants of \$500 for eligible individuals and \$3000 for eligible teams are available to successful applicants. The grants are open to young people participating in state and national sporting championships as an athlete, coach, umpire or referee.

The grants of \$500 awarded to Mr Taylor assisted him to represent Victoria at the 2011 National Under 23 Championships in baseball. Although having represented Victoria in baseball previously, the 2011 Championships were the first time Mr Taylor had represented Victoria as a senior player.

"I was really proud to have the opportunity to represent Victoria again, and the grant from the Local Sporting Champions program helped me take that opportunity", Mr Taylor said.

"I now have the opportunity to play college baseball in America", Mr Taylor said.

Ms Burke congratulated Mr Taylor.

"The grant recognizes the hard work Bryce has put into his baseball. I congratulate him on his success, and wish him all the best in baseball in the future".

More information on the Local Sporting Champions program can be found at http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/juniors/get_involved/local_sporting_champions.

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