

CS.103 Home Owner Grant Policy

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1 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to provide a financial incentive for the construction of new residential dwellings within the Townships in the Quilpie Shire Area.

2 SCOPE

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for a one-off Grant of up to \$20,000.00 to offset expenses associated with building a New Home or relocating and substantially renovating an existing dwelling located outside of the Townships of Quilpie Shire.

3 STATEMENT

This policy is an initiative of Quilpie Shire Council to provide financial assistance to home owners to expand the housing stock within the Quilpie Shire Townships. It is intended to support and does not replace the support provided to new home buyers by other levels of government. Eligible applicants will be able to apply for the Quilpie Shire Home Owner Grant. The Grant is paid per new home or relocated & substantially renovated dwelling; not to each of the applicants for the same home/ dwelling.

Quilpie Shire Council recognizes that because of COVID-19 there are opportunities for people to relocate to areas outside the east coast and particularly into less densely populated areas. The council has resolved to offer financial incentives to increase the likelihood of persons relocating to the area and establishing new residential dwellings.

The potential benefits to the Quilpie Shire Council local government area include:

- Population increases.
- Economic development; and
- Job creation.

4 DEFINITIONS

<u>Council</u>	Quilpie Shire Council
<u>Quilpie Shire Home Owner Grant</u>	<p>A Grant of up to \$20,000 towards building a New Home (valued at less than \$750,000), depending on the style of the property.</p> <p>New home: The Grant is paid on 10% of the value of the New Home to the maximum value of \$20,000. e.g., New Home value \$200,000.00 X 10% = \$20,000.</p> <p>Relocated home: The grant is paid on 10% of a market appraisal or bank valuation within six (6) months of moving into the home. e.g., bank valuation \$120,000.00 X 10% = \$12,000</p>
<u>Grant</u>	Quilpie Shire Home Owner Grant
<u>New Home</u>	<p>A new home is a house that has never been occupied as a place of residence or sold as a place of residence. The dwelling must be classified as a Class 1a dwelling as set out in the Building Code of Australia with a total area of all floors greater than 100m².</p> <p>The Grant may also be available for new homes that have been moved from one site to another, if the new home has not been occupied since being fixed to the new site (including kit homes, manufactured homes).</p>

<u>Relocated home</u>	A relocated home is a house that has been relocated from another site to a vacant block of land and has been substantially renovated. A house cannot be relocated from within the same townships or from another township in the Quilpie Shire. The dwelling must be classified as a Class 1a dwelling as set out in the Building Code of Australia with a total area of all floors greater than 100m ² .
<u>Value of the property</u>	The applicant will be required to indicate the value of the property to calculate the grant. The applicant will be required to provide evidence of this value. For a New Home, this can be in the form of an executed Building Contract for the construction of the dwelling. For a relocated home, this will be a market appraisal, bank valuation or Queensland Government Owner-builder cost summary annexure with a signed statutory declaration.
<u>Townships</u>	Is the areas identified in Council’s Planning Scheme as ‘Township’ within the Zones of Quilpie, Adavale, Eromanga, Toompine and Cheepie.

5 RELATED POLICIES | LEGISLATION | OTHER DOCUMENTS

IX #	Details
213252	New Home Owner Grant Procedure
213251	Application Form