

Introduction

The Grant to Clubs category is available to support Sports Clubs who can clearly demonstrate their potential perform at a high level within their respective sports or who aspire to develop within their sport.

There are three strands available:

1. Education and Competition: (up to £1,500)
2. Specialist Equipment with a lifespan exceeding 5 years: (up to £7,500)*
3. Facility improvement: for applicants that wish to improve performance and increase participation levels or capacity through minor improvements to facilities. (up to £10,000)*
4. Applications to strands 2 or 3 will only be accepted from a club every 2 years.
5. Applicants can apply annually under strand 1.

These conditions should be read in conjunction with the Standard Terms and Conditions for all Leisure Grants.

Examples of Eligible items (not exhaustive)

Strand one: Education and Competition (50% funded up to a maximum £1,500)	Strand two: Specialist equipment (50% funded up to a maximum of £7,500)	Strand three: Facility improvement (Minor Works) (50% funded up to a maximum of £10,000)
Coaching education courses	Timing systems	Club Extensions to increase space for increased participation.
Travel costs to team competitions	Tackle bags / contact shields	New (<i>not replacement</i>) Flood lighting to add playing training time in darker months.
Accommodation to travel to competitions	Bowling machines	Changing facilities to attract new sections of the community i.e. female, male, disability
Specialist coaching		Primary works to a new pitch or sports surface.
Bus hire to travel to specialist competitions		
Set up costs (New clubs only up to £300)		

Council will not fund the following (not exhaustive) in this category:

- Any salaries associated with events or coaches
- Equipment purchase (available only for new clubs)
- Equipment Hire
- Clothing
- Club membership
- Insurance costs
- Alcohol/ refreshments
- General running costs for clubs rates, electricity etc.
- Specialist coaching assessments or officials
- Facility improvements to a facility where there has been a negligible approach to proper management of the facility.
- Equipment with a short life span e.g. balls, bibs or similar
- Safety equipment which is necessary as a basic requirement for the sport i.e. hockey goal keepers padding, high performance goggles/swimming costumes, helmets, gloves
- Fencing
- Storage facilities

Useful definitions:

- National level: e.g. Regional league, country competition:
- Local level e.g. local leagues and competitions
- Levels of membership within the club e.g. Juniors, Seniors, Women, Men, Vets, Individuals with Special requirements (6 categories)

If you are not sure whether you meet the eligibility criteria, or you need more guidance on the application form, please contact the Leisure Grants Officer on 028 94463113

Evaluation Criteria

If your sports club has met all of the eligibility conditions, we will use the following criteria to score your application.

1. Compliance with good governance: Constitution, Organisation's Management/Development Plan, Sports Development Plan, Equal Opportunities (<i>only if you employ staff</i>), Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk of Harm policy
2. Key Achievements over the last 12 months: e.g. results, new members etc.
3. Levels of membership in the club e.g. Juniors, Seniors, Women, Men, Vets, Individuals with Special requirements
4. How will the Grant enhance club development? The project is clearly defined well planned and has provided excellent rationale and evidence to justify investment: e.g. Increased number of participants, increased number of club categories, improved performance levels, engagement with the community / schools/ other organisations, new education opportunities