

## Information for Applicants

### CATEGORY: Grant to Athletes



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## Introduction

The Grant to Athletes category is available to Elite and aspiring high performers who can demonstrate that they are competing (or have the potential to compete) at the highest level in their sport.

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

1. Individuals must be a resident of the Borough;
2. Applications will only be considered from individuals competing at the following levels:
  - 2.1.1. International (individual or as part of a team) at elite level\*.
  - 2.1.2. National (individual or as part of a team) at elite level\*.
  - 2.1.3. Provincial\*
  - 2.1.4. Veterans/ Masters

\*Elite level: Northern Ireland, Ireland, Great Britain, United Kingdom or if the particular sport is administered and organised only on an County/Provincial / Ulster basis (e.g. Rugby and Badminton) then this will also be considered.

Generally, self-entry competitors are not deemed eligible with the exception of those sports which are administered exclusively (at elite level) in this way e.g. Golf.

Normally a maximum of 5 applicants from any one club may only apply each financial year

3. Applicants must provide a selection letter for competing at national or international level. Failure to submit this information will deem the application ineligible.
4. Applicant sports must be recognised by Sport NI, Irish or a UK Governing body;
5. Only one application for support of up to a maximum of £1,500 (50 % funded) will be normally considered in any financial year.
6. There are ten Bursaries available each year (100% funded) for those who can demonstrate a financial requirement. Evidence must be provided\*\*

#### **\*\*100% Bursary: The evidence currently accepted is as follows:**

- Under 18 with family receiving income based Jobseeker's Allowance, Housing Benefit, ESA, Income Support or receiving Working Tax Credits

NB the Working Tax Credits must be less than £16190.00 annual taxable income and is reviewed and kept in line with [www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk).

7. Retrospective applications will not be considered.

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.

**Council will not fund the following** (list not exhaustive):

- o Individuals who are:
  - i. Professional Athletes
  - ii. Not residents in the Borough;
  - iii. Are competing in a sport that is not recognised by Sport NI, Irish or a UK Governing body;
- o Costs not clearly linked to the athletes sport
- o Costs that are already covered by other funding or income sources
- o Clothing and kit
- o Equipment
- o Refreshments
- o Club membership
- o Road Tolls
- o Car, Travel or personal insurance
- o Coach / parental accompaniment to travel to events alongside athlete (coach must apply independently).
- o Individuals who are on training or development squads
- o Parental accompaniment to attend competition

**8. Evaluation Criteria**

If you have met all of the eligibility conditions, we will use the following criteria to score your application.

Criteria
1. Key Achievements over the last 12 months e.g. rankings, medals, selection for elite squads.
2. At what level are you competing i.e. International, national, regional, provincial
3. How will you acknowledge Council support if your application is successful

**Examples of eligible items with category caps** (list not exhaustive): funded up to a maximum of 50%

	Maximum amount that can be awarded
Travel costs Flights/Ferry/trains/bus	
Fuel costs (fuel costs must reflect proximity to Venues listed on application and date of event)	
Specialist coaching	
Physio Treatment	
Entry fee to competitions	
Accommodation	