



Sports Development Grants

ARDS AND NORTH DOWN
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT



Capital Grants

- £45,000
- Up to £5,000, 50% matched funding
- 1 Tranche per year
- Detailed application form
- Weighted scoring to pass threshold
- **CLOSED** – With 12 applications



Sports Forum Grants

- **Anniversary Grants**
- **Club Travel and Accommodation**
- **Coaching**
- **Equipment**
- **Events**
- **Goldcard**
- **Individual travel and accommodation**
- **Seeding**
- **Schools Club Pathway (NEW)**

What is the Ards and North Down Sports Forum

- It is a voluntary organisation of the Sports Development team, affiliated sports clubs and organisations and associations based or delivering sport within the Ards and North Down borough.
- The role of the forum is to:
- Act as a consultative body between council and the sporting community
- provide grants (see below) to support local sports organisations and athletes
- Inform its members about relevant sporting news
- Contribute to sports development in the area





Anniversary Grant

- **£750 per club per year**
- **Financial assistance to clubs celebrating special anniversaries (e.g. 15th, 25th, 50th etc...)**
- **3-month lead time for applications**



Coaching Courses

- **£500 max per year, per club**
- **To help obtain specific and recognised coaching qualifications.**
- **Sport must be listed by SportNI, Sport Ireland etc...**
- **Must be provided by a recognised training provider**
- **75% coaching course limit***
- **Course must be book before applying**

Equipment

- **£1,000 max per year per club**
- **Must not be purchased before LoO**
- **Open 1st April 2023 to 27th October 2023**
- **Fundamental equipment will be capped at £300**
- **Do not include office equipment**
- **Does not include first aid/medical equipment (Defib)**



Events

- £1,000 max per year per club
- Event grants must;
 - Benefit the local community
 - Show sustained participation in sport
 - Detail expected outcomes
- Includes road closures, first aid hire, external coaches for example.



Goldcard



- **Elite Athletes within Borough**
- **Requires athletes to be training for specific event/competition**
- **Requires letter from recognised governing body**
- **Concessionary access to council facilitates**
 - **Gym Facilities**
 - **Swimming pools**
 - **Health Suite**
 - **Cryo-Spa**
 - **Pitches and court hire**



Individual/club travel and accommodation

- £14,500
- £500 per person or club
- Club travel is £500 max per year
- Individual is £500 max per year

Seeding



£250 PER CLUB PER YEAR



£500 BUDGET LIMIT



CLOSES FRIDAY 27TH
OCTOBER

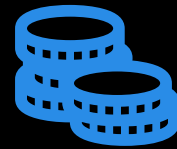


NEW CLUBS OR
SECTIONS NEED TO BE 3
MONTHS TO 12 MONTHS
OLD

Schools Club Pathway (NEW)



£500 max per year per club



£5,000 provisional budget



Supporting clubs
connecting to local schools

Case Study – North Down Cricket Club

- Applied for £500
- Provided coaching in 6 schools
- Spent 6 weeks in each schools
- Used £500 to pay for coach's time
- Can be used to book transport, pitches/courts or get equipment for the coaching



How to fill in a Grant Application Form



- **Important reminders**
 - Please ensure all sections of the application form are completed
 - Applications must be submitted before an Event has started and Equipment should not be purchased until Letter Of Offer has been received.
 - Letters - Travel/accommodation and/or Goldcard Applications must include a Selection Letter from the recognised National Governing Body confirming the athlete has been selected to represent NI/Ireland/GB/UK/Ulster at a specific high-level event
 - Financial – Please retain all relevant receipts/Invoices etc and submit with Bank Statement showing related transactions. Submit as early as possible.
 - Deadlines – The grant may be withdrawn if these are missed
- **Direct queries to**
Sportsdevelopment@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

IMPORTANT INFO



Valid and Current up to date documents



Keep all receipts!



New affiliated clubs can only apply 3 months after their registration date



Applications are assessed on the first Tuesday of each month



Where to find us?

Applications forms

Guidance notes

Information on the Sports Forum

<https://www.leisureardsandnorthdown.com/sports-development>

Thank You

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