

GRANTS CRITERIA – PUBLISHED OCTOBER 2009 TALENTED INDIVIDUALS AND SPORTS COACHES

North Hertfordshire District Council is committed to developing talented sports coaches and sporting young people, who are residents of the District of North Hertfordshire. Each year, a dedicated fund is provided. This fund is administered through Sport North Herts, a Community Sports Network representing statutory, private and community organisations that are committed to the delivery and development of sport.

NB: For all applicants, sufficient evidence must be attached to the application that provides proof of the level of participation e.g certificates, newspaper clippings, copies of results. Please do not exceed 5 pages of evidence.

1. APPLICATIONS FROM ATHLETES

1.1 Activities for which funding will be considered:

Athletes can apply for grant assistance to subsidise any of the following;

- Sports equipment
- Travel expenses within the UK
- Clothing specific to the sport
- Training and competition fees

1.2 Qualification Criteria:

In order to be eligible a grant, individuals must:

- Be aged 19 years or below, or 23 years or below if disabled or in full time education.
- Represent either the East of England, one of the UK nations or Great Britain in their chosen sport **OR** have been placed on a '2012 development programme' or similar within their sport.
- Have been a permanent resident within the boundaries of North Hertfordshire District Council for a minimum of 12 months prior to the closing date for applications (11th December 2009).
- Have not received any direct financial assistance from North Herts District Council or Sport North Herts within the **current** financial year (1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010).

2. APPLICATIONS FROM COACHES

2.1 Activities for which funding will be considered:

Talented individuals or coaches can apply for grant assistance to subsidise any of the following;

- Sports equipment
- Travel expenses within the UK
- Clothing specific to the sport
- Training and competition fees

- Coaching qualifications at level 2 and above

2.2 Qualification Criteria:

In order to qualify for a grant, individuals must meet the following criteria:

- They are coaching athletes of a regional or national standard, or athletes that have been placed on a 2012 development programme or similar within their sport.
- They hold a minimum Level 1 coaching qualification recognised by the sport's National Governing Body.
- They are a permanent resident within the boundaries of North Hertfordshire District Council for a minimum of 12 months prior to the closing date for applications (11TH December 2009).
- Have not received any direct financial assistance from North Herts District Council or Sport North Herts within the **current** financial year (1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010).
- Coaching is not their primary source of income.

3. HOW APPLICATIONS ARE PRIORITISED:

In the event that there is competition for awards, the panel will prioritise applications based on the following criteria:

- Priority will be given to competitors or coaches in sports represented at the Olympics, Paralympics or Commonwealth Games.
- Any funds drawn down by an athlete or coach in previous financial years may also be taken into account in that priority may be given to applicants who have not received financial assistance previously.

***Sports grants are awarded twice in each financial year, in June and January.
All enquiries regarding sports grants should initially be directed to;***

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