

## Criteria for the Talented Young Sports Performer Grant



For a number of years, Stroud District Council (SDC) has been a keen supporter of sports performers and clubs in the community. The recently formed Culture, Sport and Tourism division of the authority would like to progress this tradition further and has set up a grant aid scheme for talented young sports performers aged 5 to 21 years and disabled performers (all ages). The scheme enables assessment of applicants via the Youth Council system, in consultation with the Regeneration Through Sport Manager's officer recommendation.

Nationally and locally there are very few opportunities offering financial support for individuals, particularly talented sports performers. The creation of a Talented Sports Performers Grant Programme via the SDC Youth Council enhances opportunities for people living in the Stroud District to access further funding and enable ownership of the decision making process between the Youth Council and the Sports Development Team.

### CRITERIA:

- **This is a revenue grant programme to assist athletes (not facility/capital funding) in following areas: specialist equipment of non personal nature, training costs, travel/fuel costs, competition entry, facility hire, coaching costs**
- No retrospective grants will be offered
- Grants are facilitative funding assistance – not on-going – total number that can be applied for are 3 (over 3 years)
- Grant to be spent within 12 months of receipt of cheque
- Only 1 application per financial year per athlete
- Maximum amount £250/£300 (recommended amount £150) dependent on time of application/ opportunities created as result of grant/non mainstream (lesser financially backed sports) should be favoured eg: disability specific sports, badminton, cycling, volleyball, table tennis, synchronised swimming
- Grants will not be considered for athletes who are semi-pro/professional status – athletes must be amateur status
- Athletes to provide written evidence, receipts, feedback 6mthly/12mthly to monitor their progress and expenditure (copies to Youth Council, RTSM) and take part in a press coverage on receipt of their cheque.
- Grants will be assessed according to set criteria and based on financial need, community involvement and supporting evidence as follows:-

### Each applicant to be considered and marked against generic criteria:-

- Age range: 5-21 (age range exempt for disabled athletes)
- Level competing at: National/International (regional level will be considered in certain cases pending which sport/support offered by NGB)
- Have to have sought external funding via two or more of the following bodies:
  - NGB
  - Sportsaid Southwest
  - Foundation for Sport and Arts
  - Sponsorship local/national
  - via their club through A4A
- What can they offer their local community:
  - profile raising (media coverage/sdc photo opps)
  - Coaching involvement

- Are they linked in to local/national initiatives (Active Sports Pgm)
  - Do they assist at school/club level in sessions
  - Do they assist with taster sessions locally/nationally
- Supporting evidence:
  - Pictorial/written statements
  - Media coverage
  - References
- Budget breakdown:
  - Breakdown of income/expenditure
  - List of reqs against income/expenditure
- Publicity:
  - Successful applicants to give due credit to SDC for it's contribution (eg: mention in press releases, newsletters, leaflets)

**Additional points:**

- Provide written evidence (1 para) of how they link to the broader community in Stroud
- Provide written evidence (1 para) of how the applicant will sustain further funds after the one off facilitative grant