

# SPORT BEDFORD GRANTS



## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Please read this information in conjunction with the Sport Bedford Application Form. It will help you decide which of the three grant award categories to apply for and outlines what information you should provide on your application form.

If you need any further details on applying for funds from Sport Bedford (SB) please contact the Sport Bedford treasurer on 01234 365776 or email Mr J Lloyd at: [j.lloyd@btinternet.com](mailto:j.lloyd@btinternet.com)

*You can request a version of this Information for Applicants form in an alternative format (larger font, Braille, audio tape of different language) by contacting our Equal Opportunities Department on 01234 227228*

## INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

### How to apply

- ★ Application forms are available from:  
All DSD Leisure Facilities  
The Sports Development Unit (BBC) 01234 221700  
To download at [www.bedford.gov.uk/sport](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/sport)
- ★ Applicants can normally only receive a grant once in any 12 month period.
- ★ Unsuccessful applicants can reapply.

### Who can apply

- ★ Applicants must live within the Borough of Bedford or represent a club based within the Borough.
- ★ The sport must be recognised by Sport England. (see [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org))
- ★ Applications can only be received from individuals and not via clubs.

- ★ Applicants should be within one of the three categories that Sport Bedford support. There is no age restriction in any category. All grants will be considered on their merits. However, the grants committee will be aware of the implications in relation to over training in young people.
- ★ The assistance of Sport Bedford and Bedford Borough Council should be acknowledged where appropriate and highlighted on any publicity material. The Bedford Borough Council logo along with the Pride in Bedford logo must be added to all printed material. The logos are available from the Borough Council Sports Development Unit.

### How much can you apply for?

- ★ There is normally a limit of £300 or 50% of the total costs (whichever is the smaller). A full breakdown of costs must be provided.

# GRANTS FOR TALENTED AMATEUR SPORTS PEOPLE

## The Background

Funding is available to assist amateur sportsmen and women to reach their aims in search of excellence. Sport Bedford assists in the allocation of grants to talented individuals. Grants are available to assist with travelling expenses, training/coaching fees, and the purchase of specific items of sports clothing/equipment.

## Criteria

- ★ The applicant's sport must have a governing body recognised by Sport England.
- ★ Applicants should be performing at County level or above with the potential to progress (this should be evidenced by a letter of support from club/coach/NGB).
- ★ Applicants will normally be 12 years or over on the 31st December of the year of application. However, all applications will be considered on their individual merits. (The committee will be mindful of the dangers of over training in young people and take this into consideration when making decisions.)
- ★ Consideration can also be given to individuals who represent clubs based within the Borough and consequently raise the profile of the town/club.
- ★ Grant awards for funding individuals to participate in National events, competitions and training organised by or required by the governing body concerned can be considered but will not be a priority.

*(It is expected that bodies outside Bedford who are responsible for representative selection should be responsible for funding those it selects.)*

- ★ Sport Bedford will not finance schools' competition, championships and training and is unable to offer grants to teams or groups of individuals forming a team.
- ★ Applicants must not be in receipt of a National Lottery Talented Athlete Award.

## Priority

- ★ Where funds are limited top priority will be given to an applicant who is a resident of Bedford, trains with and represents a Bedford club. If Bedford cannot provide appropriate facilities and/or training, consideration is given to those who have to train with and represent bodies outside the Borough.
- ★ Priority will be given to applicants who are able to demonstrate continuous improvement over the last 2 years.
- ★ The degree of difficulty in achieving national recognition will be taken into account, e.g., it is far more difficult to be recognised in a sport with a high number of aspirants than it is in a sport with a few participants. Greater consideration will be given to those who also obtain support from their own or their family efforts.
- ★ Any grant would normally be limited to 50% of the total costs or £300 (whichever is the smaller), but other needs would be considered. A breakdown of costs must be provided.

## GRANTS FOR AMATEUR COACHES/OFFICIALS

### Background

- ★ To provide financial assistance for prospective coaches/officials in clubs lying solely in the bounds of the Borough of Bedford and offering their services to sport in the borough.
- ★ To encourage formal basic qualifications in coaching/officiating for the development and protection of participants in sport. Special priority will be given to applicants who wish to coach/officiate young children.

### Criteria

- ★ Applicants must be members of, have the support of and be coaching /officiating for a club in the Borough of Bedford and must offer their services for not less than a further two years in the branch of sport for which the grant was received
- ★ Level 1 & 2 courses only — No funding for level 3 or courses that are solely for financial gain.

- ★ Courses of study and qualification must be recognised by the particular governing body of sport or by Sports Coach UK. Any grant would normally be limited to 50% of the course fees or £300 (whichever is the smaller), but other needs would be considered. A breakdown of costs must be provided.
- ★ Any grant would be for those who would not gain income as a result of attendance on a course. Only one application will be considered in any one financial year

### Priorities

- ★ Those who wish to work with children.
- ★ Those of proven commitment
- ★ Those who have shown potential coaching/officiating ability
- ★ Those whose financial need is greatest and whose club's financial need are greatest.

## GRANTS FOR DISADVANTAGED SPORTS PEOPLE

### The Background

Funding is available to assist disadvantaged sports people increase their group/their own participation in sport. Help can be given to assist with the cost of specific events, purchase of equipment and hire of facilities

### Criteria

- ★ The applicants sport must have a governing body recognised by Sport England

- ★ The applicant should outline the disadvantage clearly within the application form. The disadvantage could be; Physical, Economic or Social
- ★ Top priority will be given to an applicant/group that is based in the borough of Bedford.