

LUTON SPORTS NETWORK - LARGE GRANTS SCHEME – SPORTING INSPIRATION FOR ELITE ATHLETES

Eligibility

The scheme is open to both able-bodied and disabled athletes. Priority will go to those taking part in Great Britain or their home country in international competition at World, Olympic, Commonwealth or European level and including of course the Paralympic equivalent competitions. Some of these people will already be on a development pathway. We also recognise that some are on the cusp of making that breakthrough and so we hope with a little extra support from us, this could make the difference.

The scheme will support any athlete who lives in the Borough of Luton. If an applicant studies or trains outside of the Borough they can still apply, provided their family home is here. Applicants who may be studying at a College or the University of Bedfordshire will not be eligible unless they also have a family home within Luton. The Major Grants Sporting Inspiration Award panel will meet at least once a year to assess applications. All applicants will be advised of these dates.

All recipients must be willing to attend an annual celebratory event and all athletes competing at a national level or above must be willing to attend at least one community event within a 12 month period following the receipt of a grant. All grant recipients will also be expected to agree to provide short regular reports to contribute to mid-year press releases including details of their performance and how the grant has been spent in accordance with the information provided prior to the award.

Grant awards

Athletes will be awarded a grant of up to £2,000 depending on the level at which they are competing. We anticipate being able to support up to 10 beneficiaries over the next 2 years, subject to the assessment of the nominations/applicants and funding being available.

The funding categories are as follows:

Under 18 - "Junior" Awards" – maximum of 4 - Up to £1,000

Over 18 - "Talented Awards" x 4 – maximum of 3 - Up to £1,500

Senior "GB or Home Country Representation" maximum of 3 – Up to £2,000

With an overall "CAP" of £10,000, subject to funding in the initial round.

All future applicants must be competing at a representative level of Regional, National or World class to be considered for a grant.

Timeline

The fund will be made available from the summer of 2018. There will initially be a small number of awards which will be made on a solicited basis through the recommendations of our National Governing Body of Sport partners. This will allow us to understand the impact of these awards and the ability to engage with commercial partners and potential sponsors. It is expected that the fund will then be opened up to applications in early 2019.

How to Apply

Please complete the on line application form. This can be accessed via the following link (insert)

Alternatively, please email grants@lutonsportsnetwork.com