

GUIDELINES RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF GRANT AID BY STEWARTRY SPORTS COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL

A Partnership has been formed between Dumfries and Galloway Council and Stewartry Sports Council to provide grant aid to Sports Clubs and individuals within Stewartry. The scheme is intended to assist affiliated clubs, organisations and individuals to develop their sport at all levels.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GRANT SCHEME

- To increase and encourage the number of participants in sport within Stewartry.
- To improve the standard of playing performances at all levels.
- To encourage and improve coaching and officiating standards.

Grants are available under the following headings:

Start Up

- Grants up to £200 may be awarded to enable new clubs/organisations (operating less than 6 months) in order to become viable units, e.g. basic equipment, first aid kits, receipt books.
- The sports club/organisation must have a Child Protection Policy in place from their national governing body of sport or have adopted the Child & Venerable Adult Protection in Sport guidelines and policies from Leisure and Sport before applying for grant aid.

Equipment

- Grants up to 50% of costs up to a maximum of £500.
- Equipment which a sports club/organisation would not be expected to provide for its normal activities and which has coaching or player improvement significance. E.g. football teams would not be eligible to apply for footballs but may apply for agility/fitness equipment which could enhance performance.

Excellence

- Grant aid to a maximum of £250 is available to support and encourage talented athletes with the costs of attending Regional, National squad or team training, competing in selected events associated with the squad or team selections trials etc. The award is to assist with travel and accommodation.

Development

- Grant Aid up to a maximum of £500 is available for projects/schemes undertaken by affiliated clubs to encourage participation in and/or to increase standards in their particular sport.
- Clubs must be able to indicate the purpose of the project and to submit a detailed programme of activities and projected budget. It may be of use for the sports club/organisation to contact the Coach and Sports Development Officer at the initial planning stages.

Example of Development Grants

- Individuals from clubs attending national governing body awards for coaching or officiating.
- Clubs/organisations organising local clinics or seminars for coaches or officials.
- Schemes, events or courses where the aim is to encourage new members into a particular sport e.g. 'Introductory Courses', 'Open Days', 'Come and Try' events.

Event Sponsorship

- Sports Clubs/Organisations can apply for up to £500 for funding towards holding local/regional/national competitions/events. This funding can go towards the cost of venue hire, officials. Stewartry Sports Council at their discretion can award a one-off payment of up to £1000 under exception.