Have you applied for yours?

Applications are open from 1 April 2015
Introduction

Leicester City Council’s Sports Regeneration unit is offering sports clubs, groups, individuals and coaches the opportunity to improve their sport and increase the number of people participating.

Aims of the grants:
The objective of the grants is to raise the standards of sport in Leicester at all levels and to increase participation in sport. These standards can be raised through improving performance levels, developing coaches or increasing participation levels.

Who is eligible for sport regeneration sport and coach education grants?
Applications can be made by national governing bodies of sport, sport development groups, schools, clubs, individuals and coaches who operate within the boundaries of Leicester City.

What will be funded?
There will be four categories of grant:
• Sports Regeneration Sports Grant
• Sports Regeneration Coach Education Grant
• Sports Regeneration Talented Athlete Grant
• Sports Regeneration Event Grant

Please note: There are four separate application forms for each grant. Contact the Sport Regeneration team on 0116 233 3127 or visit our website leicester.gov.uk/sportsfunding to download the forms.

When?
• Applications will be accepted from 1 April 2015.
• Project, coaching courses or grants awarded must be completed by 31 March 2016.

Eligibility
• Locality – a club must operate within the boundaries of Leicester City, or if for an individual, live in Leicester.
• All clubs must declare any grants received or applied for from Leicester City Council. (This will not affect the application unless the grant applied for is funding the same project.)
• All applications must be endorsed by their local national governing body officer.
• Funding cannot be retrospective i.e. a club cannot be reimbursed for previous work.
• A club can only receive a maximum of £500 funding within a one year period.
• Grants will be decided solely on the basis of the information included on the application form.
• We will only support projects and individuals in sports which are listed as a Sport England recognised sport.
Sports Grant

Applications can be made by national governing bodies of sport, sport development groups, schools, clubs, individuals or coaches who operate within the boundaries of Leicester city. Grants of up to £500 are available for participation based projects which can demonstrate sustainability, partnership working and in kind or cash contributions. Equipment may be funded, but only in exceptional circumstances. Projects must be new, or build on and extend current provision.

Groups who can demonstrate long term development plans to increase and sustain participation can apply for increased amounts of funding.

For example:
A sports group may want to run a participation initiative to attract new participants in to that sport. They may need £150 for a venue for six weeks, £150 for coaching costs and £50 for marketing materials. The group would need to demonstrate some in kind or cash contribution, such as equipment or contributions to volunteer expenses. They would also need to demonstrate the exit route for participants once the project had ended.

Coach Education Grant

Applications can be made by any individual who supports a city sports club and can demonstrate a long term commitment to that club or sport.

Individuals will be allowed to apply for:
Minimum Operating Standards: First Aid, Safeguarding, Equality etc. up to 50% or a maximum of £20.

Level 1
up to 50% or maximum of £100

Level 2
up to 50% or a maximum of £150

Level 3 or higher
up to 50% or a maximum of £200

Individuals applying for level 1, 2 or 3 qualifications will require a reference from a member of the club or group they will be supporting.

For example:
A Level 1 badminton course is £215. The Sport Regeneration Coach Education Grant could support a maximum of £100. The applicant would also need to demonstrate how their course would benefit their organisation and sport in the long run.

Talented Athlete Grant

Applications can be made by anyone who competes at county, regional, national or international level in a Sport England recognised sport, to help them to reach their full potential. Individuals applying will require a reference from either a national governing body officer or a member of the club or group they are part of.

Individual grants of up to £250 are available and can be used for:

Travel ✓  Equipment ✓  Personal development ✓

The applicant should live in Leicester, though the sports club they are part of may operate outside of the city boundaries. Individuals can apply each year and applications will be treated on merit. Those athletes who were awarded grants last year must demonstrate considerable progress over the last 12-18 months to receive further funding.

Event Grant

The Sport Regeneration unit is pleased to offer a small funding opportunity for groups to access partnership funding for events. Grants are available for one off events taking place in the city of Leicester. This could range from open days to promote local sports clubs to one off competitions that will attract teams from the East Midlands or the rest of England. Up to £500 is available to support such events.

For example:
A local sports club may wish to hold a tournament which will attract clubs from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. They may require £250 to hire a venue for a full day, £100 to pay for referees or officials, £100 for refreshments and £50 to cover the expenses of volunteers.

To download the forms visit our website
leicester.gov.uk/sportsfunding
How will the grants be decided?
The sport regeneration unit has an assessment panel that will evaluate each application and score it against predetermined criteria to decide whether an application is successful or not.

Funding may not be available for all eligible applicants, since funds are awarded from a limited annual allocation; once that allocation is committed, new awards cannot be made.

Funding agreements, monitoring and evaluation
If an application is successful the club will be required to sign a funding agreement that sets out the commitments made by Leicester City Council and the club or individual.

The club will also be expected to co-operate with monitoring systems that enable the sports regeneration unit to evaluate the project and monitor how funds are spent.

Individuals applying for coach education grants will be required to demonstrate at least 10 hours of voluntary work in the community after gaining their qualification.

Grants must be spent within 12 months of being awarded.

Grants are awarded on the basis of a single application and there should be no assumption or expectation that further funding will be received.

Good news and publicity
All sport regeneration sport and coach education grants have opportunities to create good news stories of people and local communities. As part of your funding agreement we ask that you publicise that you received funding from Leicester City Council’s Sports Regeneration Services and that you share examples of your activity and publicity with us e.g. photos and newsletters. You may be asked to complete a case study on your project too.

Help to complete an application
If you need assistance in completing the form please contact:
Sports Regeneration Services on 0116 233 3127 or sports.services@leicester.gov.uk.

Receiving your application
All applications will be formally acknowledged within five working days.