

# SOUTH LANARKSHIRE SPORTS COUNCILS

## SPORTS GRANTS SCHEME

### *INTRODUCTION*

A partnership has been formed between South Lanarkshire Council/ South Lanarkshire Leisure and local Sports Councils in respect of a structure providing Grant Aid to Sports Clubs within South Lanarkshire.

The scheme is intended primarily for Sports Clubs involved in the development of sport. The Grants Project will also be of assistance to Club Members wishing to attend Coach Education Schemes which will be of future benefit to the Club.

A limited budget for the scheme will be provided by South Lanarkshire Council's Community Resources Department / South Lanarkshire Leisure. However, the local Sports Councils of Clydesdale, East Kilbride, Hamilton and Cambuslang and Rutherglen will act as Agents on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council / South Lanarkshire Leisure and administer applications and the allocation of funds during the financial year.

## **1 OBJECTIVES OF THE SPORTS GRANT SCHEME**

The main objectives of the scheme are as follows:-

- 1.1 To increase and encourage the number of participants in sport within South Lanarkshire.
- 1.2 To improve the standard of playing performances at all levels.
- 1.3 To encourage and improve coaching and officiating standards throughout South Lanarkshire.
- 1.4 To create partnerships in the provision of sport between the Council and local Sports Clubs.
- 1.5 To help Sports Clubs and Community Groups to develop their own sporting opportunities.

## **2 GRANT CRITERIA – CLUBS**

The Sports Councils' Grants Committees will take into consideration the undernoted areas when considering applications.

(i) ***Start a Club***

Consideration will be given to new Clubs being formed to develop sports.

Grant up to a maximum of £200.00.

(ii) ***Equipment***

Assistance to existing Clubs in respect of purchasing equipment to assist with the development of their sport. (For exceptions see 3.1)

Grant up to a maximum of £250.00.

(iii) ***Coach Education Courses***

In normal circumstances the Grant Scheme will support Club Members attending courses to gain instructors or coaching certificates which would be of benefit to Clubs within South Lanarkshire.

Grant 50% of course fee up to a maximum of £200.00. (In exceptional circumstances consideration will be given to a 75% grant up to a maximum of £300.00.)

(iv) ***Courses for Officials***

In view of the importance which Sports Councils attach to the improvement of officiating standards, applications will be considered on their merits.

Grant – 50% of course fee up to a maximum of £100.00.

(v) ***Coaching Clinics***

Assistance to Clubs organising a special Coaching Project involving an invited coach of National or International status.

Grant of 50% of tutor's fee up to a maximum of £100.00.

(vi) ***Prestigious Team Championships***

Sympathetic consideration will be given to applications from teams within South Lanarkshire who have qualified through their governing body's championships to represent their country at prestigious events outwith Scotland.

In some instances this type of application may be referred to an International Sports Trust.

Grant up to a maximum of £250.00.

(vii) ***Additional Grants***

(a) ***Sports Council Loan Scheme***

Assistance for Capital Projects up to a maximum of £500. May be made available by way of an interest free loan from a Local Sports Council Loan Fund and will be repayable over a period not exceeding five years.

### **3 PROJECTS OUTWITH CRITERIA**

3.1 Applications will not be considered for team strips, outfits or uniforms.

3.2 Assistance will not be available for personal equipment, administration costs, travelling expenses and referees fees etc associated with normal domestic competition.

3.3 No financial assistance will be given to the organisation of Club Tournaments.

### **4 CONDITIONS OF GRANT**

4.1 Clubs must be affiliated to their local Sports Council and to the appropriate governing body.

4.2 Grants will only be considered retrospectively where there are exceptional circumstances.

4.3 Applicants should be able to demonstrate the need for the proposed Project and the benefit to the development of the Club.

4.4 The Club Secretary will have to provide a copy of their most recent financial statement when applying for any club grant.

4.5 Payment of certain grants will not be made until receipts or, where appropriate, until a detailed breakdown of expenditure is submitted to the Sports Council.

4.6 If the costs incurred are less than the amount specified in the grant application the appropriate reductions will be made.

4.7 Clubs receiving grant aid should acknowledge the support of the Sports Council and South Lanarkshire Council in all publicity materials.

4.8 Organisations awarded grant funding for the purchase of equipment will ensure that:

(a) The equipment will be owned and controlled by the Club

(b) The Club will undertake to ensure that the equipment is fully and properly maintained

(c) Equipment purchased with a Grant will not be disposed of without prior consultation with the Sports Council

(d) If the Club is disbanded any equipment purchased through the Sports Grants Scheme will revert to the relevant Sports Council, or if the equipment is lost, stolen or damaged and not replaced repayment of grant in whole or in part will require to be returned.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

When considering applications for financial support other than individual participation, coaching and officiating grants the Sports Council will take into consideration the following points:-

- 1 Applicants should provide details of their capacity to fundraise.
  - 2 Annual subscriptions and / or weekly charges should be realistic, reflecting the facilities and club development offered to members.
  - 3 Parents of young people taking part in Club activities must recognise the costs involved in running Junior Clubs and must be prepared to contribute towards the costs.
  - 4 Sportsmen and women must recognise that participation in Club activities does not end there and that the financial position of the Club must be given due regard.
  - 5 Members must be prepared to pay realistic charges to take part in their particular sport.
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