



Name of the Programme	Sports Team Grant
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027
Brief Description	<p>The Sports Team Grant is designed to support teams who have qualified to compete at the highest-level e.g., event, final, tournament etc.) within their current competition structures.</p> <p>Teams can avail of Sports Team Grant funding to assist with the following event expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Entry Fees• Travel Costs e.g., flights / ferries / bus / trains etc.• Accommodation Costs <p>A maximum amount of £500.00 per team is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Applications must be received prior to event taking place. Retrospective applications will be deemed ineligible.</p> <p>Assessment of applications may not be carried out until after the event takes place.</p> <p>Applicants should retain evidence of all expenditure incurred to assist with claims process.</p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amateur Status The team must be participating in their sport in an amateur capacity. Semi-professional or professional athletes are ineligible.2. Residency The team must currently reside within the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area. Teams based outside the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area are ineligible.3. Event Scope Funding is available for one event only, per application, per rolling year. This event must occur between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027.4. Highest Level Teams must have qualified to compete at the highest-level (event, final, tournament) within their current competition structures. For example; the team cannot progress to a higher / further stage beyond this point.

	<p>5. Endorsement by Governing Body Correspondence (email / letter) from a recognised National Governing Body of Sport (NGB) must be submitted with the application, and confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualification • Name and Location Event • Level of the Event e.g., National, European, International • Category / Classification of the Event e.g., Youth (17 & under), Adult (18+), Veteran/Masters, Para/Disability <p>6. Governing Body Recognition</p> <p>a. The National Governing Body of Sport must be recognised by a Sports Council - via either of the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Sports Councils – Recognition of Governing Bodies Sport NI • Sport Ireland - NGB Contact Finder Sport Ireland <p>b. OR - be affiliated to a NGB that is recognised by a Sports Council. Please provide evidence (letter / email) from the recognised NGB to confirm the NGB is affiliated.</p> <p>Additional Ineligible Criteria</p> <p>7. Expenditure incurred with training camps, training programmes or friendly events. 8. Car hire and mileage travel costs. 9. Personal items such as, clothing, uniform, equipment etc. 10. Coaching or Referee-specific Teams will not be considered.</p> <p>Conditions and Administrative arrangements:</p> <p>11. All applications will be considered on an individual basis against the eligibility criteria by a relevant Director or Head of Service and reported to the Council's Grant Aid Award Panel and Regeneration and Community Meeting. 12. Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided. 13. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council may defer applications if further information is required or if the application form and supporting evidence is not completed properly. 14. Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted. 15. Any award of funding is subject to budget availability. 16. The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.</p>
Maximum Amount	Up to a maximum of £500 per team (per financial year).
Assessment Criteria	<p>Applications are assessed against the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection / Qualification • Level of the Event e.g., National, European, International • Category / Classification of the Event e.g., Junior (17 & under), Senior (18+), Veteran/Masters, Para/Disability • Location of Event e.g., N. Ireland/ROI, Great Britain, Europe, Outside Europe
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