



Name of the Programme	Significant Sporting Achievement Fund
Programme Dates	Funding covers the period: 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025
Brief Description	<p>The Significant Sporting Achievement Fund aims to give support and provide assistance to sports teams who have attained a significant sporting achievement e.g., competing in a National, European or International Final / Tournament / Competition / Event following a performance based selection or qualification process, which is the highest level within their sport.</p> <p>Teams can avail of Significant Sporting Achievement funding to assist with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final / Tournament / Competition / Event Entry Fee• Final / Tournament / Competition / Event Travel Costs• Final / Tournament / Competition / Event Accommodation Costs <p>A maximum Significant Sporting Achievement funding amount of £500.00 per team is available within any financial year.</p> <p>Applications must be received prior to the final / tournament / competition / event taking place. Applications cannot be made retrospectively.</p> <p>Applications will be received on an ongoing basis. Assessments of applications may not be until after the final / tournament / competition / event takes place, however, the application form must be received by the Council before the event takes place.</p> <p>Submission of a Significant Sporting Achievement funding application is not a guarantee of financial assistance. Funding is on a deficit basis and subject to budget availability.</p> <p>Applicants should retain evidence of all expenditure incurred.</p>
Programme Specific Criteria	<p>Team Applicants must;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reside in the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area or represent the District through participation.• Be involved in an amateur capacity.• Have attained a significant sporting achievement e.g. competing in a National, European or International Final / Tournament / Competition / Event following a performance based selection or qualification process, which is the highest level within their sport.• Enter only one competition / event per application.• Provide a signed letter from a National Governing Body of Sport (NGB), confirming the team are competing in a National, European or International

Final / Tournament / Competition / Event following a performance based selection or qualification process, which is the highest level within their sport.

- NGB must be recognised by a Sports Council e.g., Sport NI, Sport Ireland, UK/GB; or the NGB is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council. This letter must be submitted with the Sports Bursary application.
- Check and confirm that the NGB is recognised by a Sports Council e.g., Sport NI, Sport Ireland, UK/GB; or the NGB is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council. Please click the links below:
Sport NI - [Recognised English and UK ngbs \(sportni.net\)](http://sportni.net)
Sport Ireland - [NGB Contact Finder | Sport Ireland](#)
- If required, provide evidence that the NGB is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council. This must be a signed letter from the NGB that the NGB is affiliated to.

The following are not eligible for the provision of financial assistance: -

- Teams based outside the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.
- Semi-professional or professional teams.
- Retrospective applications.
- Teams who have are not competing in National, European or International final / tournament / competition / event following a performance or selection process.
- Teams who have not provided a signed NGB supporting evidence and documentation.
- NGB is not recognised by a Sports Council e.g., Sport NI, Sport Ireland, UK/GB; the NGB is not affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council; and/or no evidence that the NGB is affiliated to a NGB recognised by a Sports Council.
- Expenditure incurred with training camps, training programmes or friendly events.
- Coaches, Trainers or Referees will not be considered.
- Applicants can only apply as a team. Where applications are received from individual team members to attend a significant sporting event, this will be considered as a team application.

Conditions and Administrative arrangements: -

- 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.
- Applications will only be assessed if all the necessary information has been provided.
- 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.
- Submission of an application does not necessarily mean that financial assistance will be granted.
- Any award of funding is subject to budget availability.
- The financial assistance is offered on a deficit basis and an income / expenditure report must be submitted with a claim.

Average Bursary Amount	Up to a maximum of 500 a team (per financial year). Funding is subject availability.
Responsible Service Area	Community & Wellbeing Directorate
Contact Information for applicant support purposes	<p>Ryan Hanna - Community Facilities and Club Development Team Leader Email: ryan.hanna@fermanaghomaggh.com Tel: 0300 303 1777 ext. 21168 Mob: 07702 919798</p> <p>Keith Collen - Community Wellbeing Manager Email: keith.collen@fermanaghomaggh.com Tel: 0300 303 1777 ext. 21165 Mob: 07979 530765</p>