

NITHSDALE AREA COMMITTEE

NITHSDALE SPORTS GRANTS 2023/24

Guidance and Criteria

Nithsdale Area Committee has established the Nithsdale Sports Grants to support local athletes and Sport Clubs from Nithsdale to develop sporting participation and activities.

The Fund aims to support those that would not otherwise receive any financial help from National Governing Bodies in pursuit of their sport and to also assist groups and individuals to reach their sporting goals through small financial awards.

PROCESS

Nithsdale Sports Grants will open for applications and have 2 distinct deadlines:

Round 1 – Closing Date - 3 July 2023 (mid-day)

Round 2 – Closing Date - 6 November 2023 (mid-day)

In July, 60% of the allocation (£4,800) will be available and the remaining 40% (£3,200) available for allocation in November.

Applicants who are unsuccessful in July due to insufficient funds may be eligible to re-apply in November.

Applications will be assessed by the Discretionary Budget Lead Officer, in consultation with relevant colleagues, and will have delegation to approve the awards based on the Guidance and Criteria below. Awards will be notified shortly after the closing date.

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1. The total budget available for Nithsdale Sports Grants is £8,000.
2. Applications will be assessed shortly after the deadline and will be agreed by the Lead Officer who may consult with local Elected Members and other key Officers/partners as appropriate.
3. The deadline for round 1 will be 3 July 2023 and round 2 will be 6 November 2023.
4. Nithsdale Sports Grants **cannot** be awarded for expenditure already incurred or in advance of a decision on your application.
5. A full breakdown of costs associated with your application should be detailed within the application form, with any evidence of quotes etc provided to support this.

6. Applications will be accepted from individuals (athletes, officials and coaches) who reside within Nithsdale or Nithsdale-based sports clubs affiliated to their national governing body of sport. Where you are a Nithsdale-based sports club, the majority of beneficiaries must be from the Nithsdale area.
7. A maximum of 2 applications from Individuals will be accepted for the same event/activity from the same club. Should more than 2 individuals require support, a Club application should be submitted.
8. Applicants must be participating in/representing a sport formally recognised by Sport Scotland [CLICK HERE](#)
9. **Individuals** can apply for up to £200 for expenditure which is incurred within 12 months of approval. Individuals must be resident within Nithsdale. You cannot apply for 100% of the total costs of the activity/event you seek support towards. You must not be receiving any financial support from any National Sporting Bodies.
10. **Clubs** can apply for up to £500 for expenditure which is incurred within 12 months from approval. The majority of beneficiaries must be from the Nithsdale area. You cannot apply for 100% of the total costs of the activity/event you seek support towards. You must not be receiving any financial support from any National Sporting Bodies towards this application.
11. **Eligible costs** include:
 - training for coaches/volunteers;
 - sports equipment;
 - organisation of local sports events;
 - travel and competition expenses;
 - to support competing or officiating at a national level and international level, where no national financial contribution has been received.
12. **Ineligible costs** include
 - facility running costs inclusive of heating, lighting, rent, water or rates;
 - staffing costs/wages.
13. Sport clubs must be affiliated to the relevant governing body (See Criteria 7 above). Schools/Parent Councils are not eligible to apply.
14. If successful, all individuals and sports club recipients must acknowledge Council support and agree to participate in promotion of the Fund.
15. As this fund is to support individuals to develop to the next level of their sport, it must be evidenced how support from Nithsdale Sports Grants will help you to develop in your chosen field.
16. Any monies not used towards the purpose of the agreed application or within the timeframe agreed must be returned.
17. For specific enquiries in relation to the funding contact:
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