

Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians Elite Athlete Grant

Supporting Wiltshire's talented sports people

Funding criteria and guidelines

Wiltshire Council, in partnership with Wiltshire businesses, will provide 10 talented athletes with a grant of £1000 each to enable continued development in their respective sports with a view to challenging for honours at the highest level of their sport.

This funding can be used to help individuals access training and competitive opportunities, purchase equipment and to cover transport costs for attending regional or national events.

The grants will help to uncover the sporting stars of the future residing in Wiltshire and provide them with assistance towards gaining the ultimate in sporting achievements.

Applications are invited from any individual who is competing at a regional or national level and who reside in Wiltshire (Wiltshire Council area).

Who is eligible to apply

Applicants must be a Wiltshire resident (excludes Swindon).

Applicants can be any age.

Applications are invited from individuals who are competing at a national or international level, in an Olympic/Paralympic sport or in a sport that is recognised by Sport England.

Completing the application

Section one: About you

Please complete your name, address and contact details. You must include your date of birth and include a daytime telephone number and a clear email address.

Section two: About your sport

Please complete the details of the sport that you compete in.

Please list your major achievements in the past year. If using abbreviations, please explain what these are.

Section three: Costs

You must include details of the annual costs incurred through your involvement in your sport including accommodation, transport, competition entry fees and equipment etc for the last 12 months. Please also outline what your costs will be for the upcoming year and detail how you would use a FFOP grant should your application be successful.

Section four: Future goals

Fully outline your future ambitions and goals for your sport both in the short-term over the next 12 months and long-term, including specific milestones and competition achievements. Please detail why you feel Wiltshire Council should support you.

Section five: Supporting evidence

Submit your application along with support letters from **two** referees. One referee must be either a relevant National Governing Body (NGB) officer (national or international), or a national/international level coach, who can confirm your participation at that level and your status as a talented athlete. Please note you must inform your referees that they may be contacted in relation to your application and we ask you to confirm you have done this.

Section six: Photo

Please submit a high-resolution photo of you in action as a jpeg file and email to ffopgrants@wiltshire.gov.uk. Please save the file using your name and ensure you have permission to share any images with us and we have permission to reproduce. If an acknowledgement of the photographer is required, please include that on your application.

Submitting an application

Complete and return the application form to Wiltshire Council **by 5pm on Monday 27 January 2020**, ensuring you have provided all the relevant information along with the support letters from your referees. Applications received **after** 5pm on this date **may not** be considered.

Please return applications either by:

Email: ffopgrants@wiltshire.gov.uk

Post: **Tamzin Earley, Funding and Events Officer, Sports Development, Wiltshire Council, Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3NR**

You will be sent an acknowledgement on receipt of your application by email.

Once the decision has been made in February 2020, you will receive a letter by email to indicate whether you have been successful or not.

Successful applicants will be required to attend the Wiltshire Business and Sports Gala Dinner on 5 March 2020 in Trowbridge where the grants will be presented.

Funding criteria

You need to make sure that your application meets **all** the essential criteria shown below:

- 1) You are a resident in the Wiltshire Council area (excluding Swindon).
- 2) You can be any age.
- 3) You must already be involved and competing at a **minimum** of national representative level in an Olympic/Paralympic sport or a sport recognised by Sport England.
- 4) You can either compete as an individual or within a team.
- 5) You must include details of the annual costs incurred through your involvement in your sport including accommodation, transport, competition entry fees and equipment etc.

- 6) You must include letters from two referees, one of which must be from a relevant national governing body representative officer or a national/international level coach, who is able to confirm that you are currently involved in your nominated sport to at least national standard or above.
- 7) Funding will not be awarded for retrospective costs. Any award made will be for the provision of future costs associated with your involvement in your sport.
- 8) Applicants must acknowledge Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians Sports Scholarship financial support in any press articles written about them and include both the Wiltshire Council and Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians logos in any printed media or promotional material (either on hard, or electronic copy). The logos will be provided and must be used in accordance with the council's branding guidelines.
- 9) Successful applicants will be required to sign a grant agreement form before the grant will be issued.
- 10) Successful applicants are required to commit to at least two personal appearances at events organised by Wiltshire Council, or its partner businesses, during 2019. These will be agreed with the athlete when appropriate to their training and competition schedule.
- 11) Any successful applicant who is judged by their NGB to have brought their sport in to disrepute or receives a ban for doping offences within 5 years will be required to return the grant money.

Contact

If you have any questions about this grant or how to apply please contact:

Tamzin Earley, Funding and Events Officer

Tel: **07824 414507**

Email: **ffopgrants@wiltshire.gov.uk**