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| **START UP GRANTS*** To encourage greater participation in sport at grassroots level.
* Maximum level of funding – 50% up to **£200**
* Available to new groups to apply for once they have completed and returned their affiliation form and fee.
* Groups should provide a detailed outline of their aims and objectives and full financial information on how they would propose to use the grant.
* The sports council may seek re-imbursement of a start up grant if a group fails to maintain its membership of the sports council.
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| **COACHING GRANTS*** To encourage the development of more qualified coaches. For example, a national governing body coaching or referee’s certificate; a Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) award, Sports Coach UK or other appropriate qualification.
* Maximum level of funding – **£250 per individual per course £1,000 Club per club per course**
* Maximum award 50% of eligible costs which include travel, course fees and accommodation expenses.
* **An additional 50% of costs may also be available through Coaching Highland (01463 718483 or www.CoachingHighland.co.uk)**
* Usually, applications must be made by, and grants paid to, the affiliated club rather than an individual.
* Grants are not normally available for applicants who fall within any of Coaching Highland’s 10 core sports.
* Recipients of awards should be prepared to assist with local events or coaching courses to the general benefit of sport in the area.
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| **SPORTS EQUIPMENT GRANTS** * To provide equipment to increase participation and access to sporting opportunities.
* Maximum level of support from Highland Council funds - **£500**
* Maximum award 50% eligible costs.
* For equipment which becomes the property of the affiliated club.
* Clubs will be asked to insure the items of equipment purchased.
* Grants are not available for personal items such as team clothing; tracksuits, strips etc.
* If a club ceases to exist within three years of receiving an equipment grant, then the equipment or a proportion of the sale value of the equipment should revert to the sports council.
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| **ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE GRANTS*** To support individuals living in Highland who can provide appropriate evidence that they have been invited **by a competitive and recognised selection** process to join Regional or National/International squads.
* A formal letter of invitation to the squad / team **must** be submitted with the grant application form.
* Usually, applications must be made by, and grants paid to, the affiliated club rather than an individual.
* Maximum award 50% of eligible costs incurred in attending training or sessions or competing in events.
* Where more than one individual from an affiliated club is involved, the maximum grant available to that club shall not exceed **£1000** in any one year.
* Maximum level of funding to benefit one individual in one financial year
* Regional Squad (i.e. Highland or North District) £250
* National Squad (i.e. Scottish)/International Squad (i.e. GB or European) £500
* Final award will take account of other sources of funding that may be available such as Coaching Highland, Sports Lottery programmes, schemes run by governing bodies, representational grants for school pupils etc.
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| **SPORT DEVELOPMENT/EVENTS GRANTS** * To support clubs who want to develop their club and increase participation in sport by improving their infrastructure, junior sections, office bearer skills training, organising events etc.
* Maximum level of funding – £500
* Maximum level of grant 50% of eligible costs
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| **DISCRETIONARY GRANTS** * Maximum level of funding - £500
* Maximum level of grant 50% of eligible costs
* Normally only available to affiliated sports council members.
* Exceptionally available for a non-member.
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| **Limits:** **Travel 22p per mile; Subsistence £10 per day; Accommodation £35 per night** |

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