

Stafford Borough Council Sports Grant Scheme

The following details a grant fund for sports that is set up to support local sports and sports development within Stafford Borough and will be administered by Staffordshire Community Foundation. Grants will be available to sports performers, up and coming sports talent, local clubs and sports coaches. There are three different funding pots that are available for people to apply for:

- Coaching Fund
- Grant Aid/Loan Aid
- Scholarship Fund

Each funding stream will have detailed terms and conditions that will be issued as part of the grant process.

Membership of the Sports Panel

The panel membership will consist of the following:

- Cabinet Member for Leisure and Culture (Chair)
- Chair of Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (Deputy Chair)
- Freedom Leisure
- Staffordshire Football Association - Non-executive
- Existing Sports Stafford Borough Member
- Senior Business Support Assistant - Corporate Business and Partnerships
- Community Foundation

Frequency of Meetings

Meeting will take place three times per year:

- July
- October
- February

Grants Criteria

1. Coaching Fund

This fund is to assist individuals coaching within the Borough with the costs involved in undertaking a coaching certificate.

- *Cannot apply more than once every 3 years*
- *Apply for up to 50% of costs which does not exceed £1000.*

2. Sports Loan Aid

Local sports clubs and organisations can apply to this fund if they require money for things such as new equipment or improvements to their buildings or facilities.

- *Cannot apply more than once every 4 years*
- *Apply to loan up to 50% of the project costs not exceeding £1500*

3. Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship fund is in place to offer financial support to individuals who are in full time education and live within Stafford Borough and compete at county level or above in their chosen sport.

- *Cannot apply more than once every 3 years*

Applications will be available on the Stafford Borough Council website and should be completed online. Successful applicants must be able to provide evidence on how their grant has been used and if requested co-operate in any publicity exercise to promote the availability of funds. The evidence should demonstrate tangible outcomes and benefits and can be either:

- Feedback on the outcomes
- Case Studies

Excluded Organisations and Groups

The fund is unable to assist:-

- Statutory agencies and public sector bodies.
- Organisations or projects with a statutory responsibility.
- Party political activities.
- Not for the promotion of religious causes.

General Information

The Borough Council will provide £7,000 per year and the fund will be administered on its behalf by The Community Foundation for Staffordshire.

Supported Documents Required

Coaching Award:

- Receipt confirming cost of attendance on the course
- We would ask for a letter of support from the sports organisation for the coaching element

Further guidance on these supporting documents is contained within the application form.

Sports Loan Aid:

- Governing document
- Accounts
- Bank statement
- Safeguarding & Prevent policy
- Equality policy
- Public liability insurance
- Evidence of purchase of goods

Further guidance on these supporting documents is contained within the application form.

Excluded Organisations

The fund is unable to assist:-

- Statutory agencies and public sector bodies.
- Organisations or projects with a statutory responsibility.
- Organisations who may qualify for assistance from sport, Stafford Borough and Stafford District Art Council (to avoid duplication of Borough Council funding).
- Party political activities.
- Not for the promotion of religious causes.
- Medical research and animal welfare.