



## **Leisure Fund Grant (Support for Individuals)**

### **Information Notes for Applicants**

Eden District Council awards grants that are designed to support local people in the achievement of excellence and personal development in sport and the arts. These are distributed through the Community Services Portfolio Holder.

#### **What can be Funded?**

The funding is to support excellence and personal development in sport and the arts.

This will usually mean participation at national level or beyond for sports related activities. For arts based applications, consideration will be given to the community benefit associated with the activity.

The purpose for which the application is made must relate to an opportunity for the improved self-development of the individual or an opportunity to achieve excellence.

The circumstances of the application must be exceptional and outside of the normal expenditure an individual would expect to incur by practising his/her interest.

Where the application is linked to participation in an event by a recognised organisation (eg a sport governing body or arts based organisation) then confirmation from that organisation of the individual's participation in the event should be provided in support of the application.

There may be exceptional cases in which individuals can be supported who do not necessarily meet the above criteria and these will be assessed on an individual basis.

#### **Value of Funding**

Grants to individuals will normally be paid up to 25% of the expenditure which is eligible according to these proposals and in any event, will not exceed £400. All grants will be made at the discretion of the Council and will not exceed the budget available.

#### **What the Fund will not Support**

The leisure grant fund will **not** support:

- Retrospective applications - these will not normally be considered if the project or event has commenced prior to the submission of the application.
- Commercial projects
- Individuals who do not reside or operate within Eden District
- Educational activities

## **The Award of Grants**

The award of grants is determined by the Council's Community Services Portfolio Holder.

## **Application Deadlines**

Applications will be accepted throughout the financial year (April-March) and will be considered at the next appropriate meeting subject to timescales. It is requested completed applications are submitted four five weeks in advance of the next Portfolio Holder meeting. Applications in all cases must be submitted prior to the event or project commencing.

## **Appeals Procedure**

In the event that an application is refused and the applicant wishes to appeal against a decision the application will be referred to the next Community Services Portfolio Holder meeting who will reconsider the application.

## **Additional Information**

Any award of financial assistance must be used within the financial year (1 April-31 March) to which the application event relates.

For further information and assistance with your application, please contact the Leisure Services Team on 01768 212473/212323.