

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OLYMPIC LEGACY FUND (KICK START RAPID) AWARDS

Purpose of Report

1. To inform Members of the applications received for the Kick Start Rapid strand of the Nottinghamshire Olympic Legacy Fund.
2. To seek approval for award recommendations.

Information and Advice

3. At Policy Committee on 17 October 2012, approval was given to establish a £1 million grant fund to respond to the legacy challenge created by the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
4. The scheme is designed to support local sports clubs to retain and grow membership and focuses on supporting them to buy much needed equipment and/or to support small/medium sized capital improvements to facilities. There are two strands to the overall scheme:

Kick Start - grants between £500 and £10,000

Game Changer - grants between £10,001 and £50,000

5. In both schemes sports clubs will need to be able to demonstrate how the funding will be used to support increased participation and/or improve the performance of club members. As well as providing direct financial support, the grants scheme will also support club efforts to lever in additional matched funding from other sources.
6. Application forms and guidance notes for prospective applicants have been established as has a useful frequently asked questions document to assist sports clubs in the process. To support bids for Game Changer funding a template business plan has also been made available to clubs.
7. The scheme has been widely promoted using local media sources and the County Council website. Officers in the Council's sports development team have also used their links to local clubs, including a sports club database, to promote the scheme.

8. The closing date for all applications is 31 December 2012 and following the assessment process applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application no later than 20 March 2013. Recommendations for approval of Kick Start and Game Changer awards will be brought to Culture Committee meetings in February and March 2013.

Kick Start Rapid

9. To ensure momentum a Kick Start “Rapid” award option was made available to registered, constituted sports clubs providing funding from £500 up to a maximum of £2,000. Applications received up to 20 December 2012 have already been assessed using a fast track process and are being recommended for approval (see **Appendix 1**).

Other Options Considered

10. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 11, The applications recommended for approval meet the criteria set as part of the application process for Kick Start Rapid awards.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

13. The cost of the Olympic Legacy Fund is to be met from the corporate contingency.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) To approve the recommendations for Kick Start Rapid awards, as listed in **Appendix 1**.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 11/12/12)

14. Culture Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NDR 19/12/12)

15. Whilst the intention behind the Fund is to distribute all funding within the current financial year, any unspent funding will be set aside in an earmarked reserve at the year end to fund any continuing commitments.

Background Papers

£1 Million Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Fund – report to Policy Committee, 17 October 2012
Kick Start and Game Changer Application Forms
Kick Start and Game Changer Criteria
Kick Start and Game Changer Frequently Asked Questions Sheet
Eligible sports listing

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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