

**Grant Aid Annual Review:
2015/16**

Appendix 8

Appendix 8: Sports, Summer Play Schemes & Arts (projects that were traditionally launched on an annual basis)

Grant Aid Theme: Sports Fund 2015/16

Background

Historically, the Sports Fund was managed by the Nottinghamshire County Council Sports Team. In 2015, the Sports Team and Community & Voluntary Sector (C&VS) teams worked towards transferring the management of the Sports Fund to the C&VS team. The C&VS team now manages the Nottinghamshire Grant Aid Sports Fund and liaises with Sport Nottinghamshire regarding the sports specific aspects of this fund, as appropriate.

Also, in 2015:

- The **'Talented Athletes'** Fund replaced both the 'Rising Stars' and 'Shining Stars' awards. The Talented Athlete Fund helps promising athletes with travel, equipment, training and competition costs. Athletes competing in a Sport England recognised sport, representing their country and / or within the top 5 in their age group could apply for up to £400 financial support.
- The 'Community Sports Fund' was re-launched as the **'Club Development Fund'**. Under the new 'Club Development Fund', Nottinghamshire Sports Clubs were invited to apply for grants in one or more of the following themes: Sports Participation, Volunteer Development and Coaching Bursaries. Awards were available for up to a maximum of £1,000 across all 3 themes. Applications were endorsed by the relevant National Governing Body Sports Development officer whose comments were taken into consideration during the assessment stage.

Note:

**The Club Development grants awarded in 2015 were annual agreements. As from 2016, new Club Development awards will be for 2 years (2016-18); the Talented Athletes Fund will continue to be launched annually.*

***Clubs could apply to deliver more than one project, therefore, 23 sports clubs were recommended for Club Development funding to deliver a total of 37 sports participation, coaching and volunteering projects. Full details of the Sports Fund Grant Aid applications and recommendations are available in the October 2015 Grant Aid Sub-Committee Report.*

How the Sports Fund Grant Aid 2015 contributes to improving the lives of Nottinghamshire people

The 2015-2016 Sports Fund Awards will contribute to:

- Engaging over 500 new participants into sport
- Keeping approximately 600 people active that otherwise would cease to participate
- Enabling sports clubs to train over 60 coaches to achieve a recognised coaching qualification
- Recruiting and training over 100 new and existing volunteers
- Helping talented athletes to continue on their successful journey as Olympians and Paralympians.

Case Studies: Talented Athletes

Ollie (Oliver) Hynd MBE - Competitive Swimming (Para Swimming) was awarded a Talented Athlete Award and achieved the following at the Rio Paralympics in September 2016:

- SM8 200m medley: gold (achieved in a world record time)
- S8 400m freestyle: gold
- S8 100m backstroke: silver

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/disability-sport/37398132>

Further info about Ollie's achievements can be found at:

<http://www.oliverhynd.co.uk/page/about/achievements-results>

George Jackson – Water Polo

George (based in Bassetlaw), was a member of the u14 North East regional team who won the national ASA championships in December 2015. George also secured a place in the Beacon Squad for the north east which is the feeder strategy to the England u17 and u19 squads which aim to compete at the annual European championships.

Ashleigh Plumptre of Notts County Ladies and England U17's football teams was successful with her Talented Athletes application; Ashleigh stated that: 'The funding provided will be of huge benefit to me, whether I'm training or attending strength and conditioning or physio clinics...it is 7 days a week so this grant will help with the financial burden, more specifically transport costs, nutrition and equipment - it means I can focus on developing as a player.'

Club Development update

The Sports Fund applications were approved in October 2015, and consequently, their Grant Aid Agreements run from 01 November 2015 to 31 October 2016. Therefore, as the Club Development projects 2015/16 are yet to complete a full year, below is a brief summary from the Interim Monitoring Reports received:

Most Clubs that completed their IMR reported that they are on target to achieve all that is outlined in their Grant Aid Agreements.

One group informed us that they are achieving more than they set out to do; two groups reported that they are not on target. Both groups that are not on target reported that this is due to either changes in volunteers/staffing or other work pressures and that plans are in place to address the issues and they have revised their timescales to complete in the 2016 winter season.

Grant Aid Theme: Summer Play Schemes 2015

In 2015, Grant Aid supported Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Play Schemes that contribute to the Nottinghamshire County Council Strategic Plan.

Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Play Schemes were invited to apply for up to £1000 to deliver Play Scheme sessions during the 2015 school summer holidays (the Summer Play Schemes were additional activity to what the group would normally deliver).

Successful applications were required to satisfy the due diligence check which included a visit from a Nottinghamshire County Council technical specialist.

In total, £16,500 was awarded to 27 Nottinghamshire VCS Summer Play Schemes who delivered 518 hours of activity to 2,700 children and young people aged 5-14, across all Nottinghamshire districts.

The Summer Play Schemes were supported by over 400 volunteers who freely gave over 6,400 hours of their time to the Schemes.

Groups reported that actual total cost of delivering the Summer Play Schemes was: £42,500 – the shortfall in funding was met through additional funding (£23,900) and reserves (£4,000).

Case Study

OASIS Community Church, Centre and Gardens (Worksop, Bassetlaw):

“...This year we were the only Playscheme on the Kilton estate and the only one for some considerable area.... About a third of the children were new to us which was great... we were able to have several sessions for children with learning difficulties. The families from the local community were able to access our play provision for only £1 thanks to the grant which enabled all families including those suffering disadvantage to access quality Holiday care provision....We had great behaviour and discipline and a quality team who worked together well. Our overall theme was SUPERHEROES and we were able to reinforce the theme on different ways throughout the month long sessions. Our grant meant we were able to provide quality craft and take home items and prizes fitting the theme. We looked at the Special Super powers that each child has and tried to give them a confidence and sense of self worth and value.”

Note: *The Summer Play Scheme grants awarded in 2015 were annual agreements. As from 2016, the new Summer Play Schemes awards are for 2 years (2016-18).*

Grant Aid Theme: Arts

Communities from across the county have the opportunity to take part in a range of new arts initiatives part-funded by Nottinghamshire County Council's Arts Fund. The funding will be used for a wide variety of projects – from the use of digital devices in care homes so residents can make 'virtual visits' to heritage sites and arts venues, to an introduction to all aspects of theatre for young people, covering acting, directing, writing, design and production. The arts projects cover a wide cross section of our county, with projects for young and old, women and men, people with disabilities and deprived communities – which will provide a lasting legacy in Nottinghamshire communities.

Ten projects were awarded between £2,500 and £4,000 per year (2016/18).

Details of the recommended arts projects were published for the May 2016 Grant Aid Sub-Committee meeting. Due to the timing of the Arts Fund, output and outcomes information will be available at a later date.