

## Local Improvement Scheme: Talented Athletes Recommendations 2018-19

### Eligibility Criteria

- Athletes who compete in a sport that is recognised by Sport England and governed by a National Governing Body that is also recognised by Sport England.
- Applicants must have represented the Country of their choice within the last 12 months and / or be nationally ranked within the top 5 in their age group. If the applicant is applying as an individual from a team sport, they must be a member of a national squad.

### Assessment Criteria

- Does the athlete meet the eligibility criteria? (above)
- Competition level (e.g. county, regional, national level)
- Individual ranking or frequency of team sport appearances
- Performance improvement over the last 12 months
- Achievements over the last 12 months
- Goals for the next 12 months
- Demonstration of commitment, responsibility and overcoming adversity over the last 12 months
- Has the athlete provided an endorsement letter from their National Governing Body (NGB), in support of their application?
- Is the applicant requesting funding as a contribution towards eligible expenditure, such as coaching, competition fees, travel expenses, sports equipment, and training?

**Table 1: Talented Athletes: Number of applications received and recommendations by district**

District	Number of Applications	Number of Applications Recommended for Approval	Number of Applications <u>Not</u> Recommended
Ashfield	18 (14.6%)	18 (15.3%)	0
Bassetlaw	9 (7.3%)	9 (7.6%)	0
Broxtowe	18 (14.6%)	18 (15.3%)	0
Gedling	6 (4.9%)	6 (5.1%)	0
Mansfield	4 (3.2%)	4 (3.4%)	0
Newark and Sherwood	12 (9.8%)	12 (10.2%)	0
Rushcliffe	51 (41.5%)	51 (43.2%)	0
Outside of Nottinghamshire	5 (4.1%)	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>5</b>

**Table 2: Talented Athletes: Number of applications recommended by sport / discipline**

<b>Sport / Discipline</b>	<b>Number (and %) of Recommended Applications</b>
Archery ( <i>including <b>Compound Target Archery</b></i> )	1 (1%)
Athletics ( <i>including Triathlon, <b>Decathlon</b>, Long Jump, Pole Vault, Running, <b>Modern Pentathlon</b>, Shot-Put, Discus, Javelin</i> )	20 (17%)
Canoeing ( <i>including Sprint Kayak, Slalom, <b>Paracanoe</b></i> )	24 (20%)
Climbing	2 (2%)
Cricket	2 (2%)
Cycling	1 (1%)
Equestrian ( <i>including Dressage and <b>Para Dressage</b></i> )	2 (2%)
Fencing	2 (2%)
<b>Football</b>	1 (1%)
<b>Golf</b>	1 (1%)
<b>Gymnastics (Artistic)</b>	1 (1%)
Handball	4 (3%)
Hockey	1 (1%)
Ice Hockey	6 (5%)
Ice Skating ( <i>including Speed Skating, Figure Skating, Synchronised Skating, <b>Ice dance</b></i> )	15 (13%)
Indoor Cricket	1 (1%)
<b>Inline Roller Hockey</b>	2 (2%)
<b>Karate</b>	1 (1%)
<b>Motorsport</b>	1 (1%)
<b>Netball</b>	1 (1%)
Rowing	1 (1%)
Rugby	1 (1%)
Snowsport ( <i>including Slope Style Skiing</i> )	1 (1%)
Swimming ( <i>including Para Swimming</i> )	10 (8%)
Table Tennis	7 (6%)
Taekwondo	2 (2%)
Tennis	2 (2%)
<b>Volleyball</b>	1 (1%)
Water polo	3 (3%)
<b>WUSHU Chinese Martial Arts</b>	1 (1%)

**Note:**

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- A high number of applications were received from athletes living in Rushcliffe (Table 1) and a high number of applications were from athletes participating in canoeing [Table 2]. The National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, is the home of the British Canoeing Head Quarters and the Team GB sprint canoeing training facility
- There are 15 additional sports disciplines represented in the applications recommended for funding compared to last year, as highlighted in **bold** (see above Table 2).
- The percentage amounts may not total exactly 100% due to rounding the numbers up.

**Table 3: Recommended Funding Awards**

Due to the high volume of applications and limited budget, applications were grouped by the assessment score and the funding allocations were recommended based on the assessment score. The maximum grant award of £400 is recommended for the top 5 highest scoring athletes as shown in Table 3, below.

Amount of Funding Recommended		Number of Athletes	
<b>£400</b>		<b>5 (4%)</b>	
<b>£294</b>		<b>1 (1%)</b>	
<b>£250</b>		<b>14 (12%)</b>	
<b>£244</b>		<b>1 (1%)</b>	
<b>£219</b>		<b>2 (2%)</b>	
<b>£200</b>		<b>25 (21%)</b>	
<b>£175</b>		<b>32 (27%)</b>	
<b>£144</b>		<b>5 (4%)</b>	
<b>£100</b>		<b>31 (26%)</b>	
<b>£52</b>		<b>2 (2%)</b>	
<b>Total amount of funding:</b>	<b>£21,000</b>	<b>Total number of applications recommended:</b>	<b>118</b>

## Summary

The Council received a total of 123 Talented Athletes applications requesting funding for 2018-19. Of these, 118 (96%) were eligible and recommended for funding. Out of the recommended applications:

- 52 (44%) were athletes aged under 16;
- 75 (64%) had not received a Talented Athletes grant in the previous funding round;
- 43 (36%) were awarded a Talented Athletes grant in the previous funding round.
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The amount of funding recommended ranges from £52 to the maximum award of £400, as a contribution towards the cost of coaching, competition, travel, equipment, and training.

Five applications were discounted due to residing outside the County (and therefore, were not eligible for Talented Athletes funding).