

Local Communities Fund (LCF): Talented Athletes Fund 2021-22 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1. How do I register an account on the online grant system?

If this is the first time you are applying for funding from the Local Communities Fund (LCF), you will need to register an account on the online grant system (Good Grants)

Registering for an account is easy!

- Click on: <http://grants.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>
- Complete the questions in the 'Register' section and Click 'Register'

The screenshot shows the 'Local Communities Fund' website interface. At the top, it says 'Investing in our communities to help Nottinghamshire thrive'. Below this, there are three main sections: 'Start here', 'Register', and 'Log in'. The 'Start here' section provides instructions on how to apply, including steps like 'Register an account', 'Start your application', and 'Submit your application'. The 'Register' section contains a form with fields for 'First name', 'Last name', 'Email', and 'Password' (with a confirmation field). It also includes a checkbox for agreeing to the 'Nottinghamshire County Council Privacy Statement' and another for agreeing to receive notifications. The 'Log in' section has fields for 'Email or mobile' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, and a 'Log in' button. There are also social media login options for Facebook, Twitter, and Google.

Verification step: To protect your identity, a **verification step** is required. After you click 'Register', you will see the following message:

An email has been sent to [email address] for verification. You will need to click the verification link in the email. If you don't see the verification email within a couple of minutes, please check your spam or junk folder.
[Resend verification email](#)

To verify your email address, simply click on the verification link in your email.

Q2. How do I login to my account?

Once you have registered an account and clicked the verification link in your email, (see above), you can login to your account and apply for funding. To log into your account:

- Click on: <http://grants.nottinghamshire.gov.uk>
- In the 'Login' area, enter your **email address** and the **password** that you set up at the registration stage and click '**login**'

Note: If you forget your password, no need to worry. In the login page, simply click on the '**forgot password**' link and follow the instructions.

Q3. How do I apply for Talented Athletes Funding?

If you haven't done so already, please register and login to your grant account:
www.grants.nottinghamshire.gov.uk (see previous section).

- a. Under 'My Applications' click '**Start Application**'
- b. Under '**Funding Stream**' select the Fund that you would like to apply for (i.e. Talented Athletes)
- c. Under '**Applicant Name**', please provide the name of the applying Athlete
- d. Complete all other question, then click '**Save and Next**'
- e. When you have completed all sections of the Application click '**Submit**' (you can save and complete your Application later if you wish).

Q4. What happens after I submit my Application?

You will receive an email to confirm that your Application has been submitted.

If you would like a copy of your application, you can login to your account to download it at any time.

Please note the closing date for applications as published on the County Council webpage.

Q5. I live outside the Nottinghamshire County boundary can I apply?

- The Talented Athletes Fund is run by Nottinghamshire County Council to support Athletes residing in the County of Nottinghamshire, that meet the published criteria.
- If you live outside the Nottinghamshire County boundary, you may wish to check with your own local authority for information about any other similar schemes that they may have.
- Please note that *Nottingham City* is not within the Nottinghamshire County boundary. If you live in *Nottingham City*, you could check with: [Nottingham City Council](#) or [Active Notts](#) for information about any schemes for *Nottingham City* residents.
- If you're not sure if you live within the Nottinghamshire geographical boundary, you can check this [here](#)

Q6. How can I check if my sport is recognised by Sport England? Or, how can I find out if my sport's National Governing Body/ or National Disability Sports Organisation (NDSO) is recognised by Sport England – and who the contact person is?

- Sports officially recognised by Sport England **and** National Governing Bodies are available online from [Sport England](#)
- For skateboarding you can find information at: [Skateboard GB](#)
- For a full list of NDSOs: [Special Olympics GB](#) and Activity Alliance
- If you can't find what you are looking for, you could check with [Active Notts](#): or, email Active Notts who may be able to assist: info@activenotts.co.uk

Q7. I was successful in applying for a Talented Athletes Fund previously, can I apply this year?

Yes, although receipt of funding in previous years does not guarantee that your application will be successful in this round. Applications will be assessed using the fresh information supplied against the criteria.

Q8. I was unsuccessful with my previous application - can I apply for this funding round?

Yes, if you meet the criteria for this Talented Athletes Fund. Applications will be assessed using the fresh information supplied.

Q9. I'm in receipt of World Class funding, can I apply?

Yes.

Q10. I am supported by my local District / Borough Authority, can I still apply?

Yes, if you meet the criteria for this Talented Athletes Fund.

Q11. Can I still apply during the Coronavirus Pandemic?

- Grants will only be awarded to elite sporting competition and training which meets the latest Coronavirus Government Restrictions Guidance at the application closing date.
- It will be the Athlete's responsibility to keep us informed as and when their circumstances and / or restrictions change, e.g. if further restrictions are imposed for their sport.

Q12. What is expected of me if my application is successful?

'Sporting Ambassador for Nottinghamshire'

If your application is successful and you accept your grant award, you agree to act as a **'Sporting Ambassador for Nottinghamshire'**. As a Sporting Ambassador you agree to:

- Be involved in other promotional campaigns undertaken by the Council in the promotion of the Talented Athletes Fund.
- Recognise Nottinghamshire County Council (the Council), in any media coverage received by you in relation to your sporting discipline.
- Provide photographs and allow photographs to be taken to be used by the Council and close partnership organisations. For example, this may include, advertising, promotion, marketing, web publishing and packaging for relevant products or services and all media whether broadcast, digital, electronic or print. Your images may be combined with other images, text and graphics, and cropped, altered, modified or edited in any way that the Council deems appropriate.
- Use the phrase "funded by Nottinghamshire County Council" if you take part in, or produce any literature, websites or promotion, independent of the Council.
- Attend an agreed number of events (typically up to 3 events), during the term of this Agreement, to promote sport within Nottinghamshire.
- Wear any Council logo clothing that is provided to you by the Council at all Council events and Council photo opportunities in relation to your Talented Athletes award.

Monitoring and reporting

- We also ask Athletes in receipt of funding to complete a short **monitoring questionnaire** at the end of the funding agreement and **retain all receipts for grant expenditure** for at least two years.
- In addition to the monitoring requested at the end of the funding year, there may be occasions where we ask Athletes in receipt of funding to provide a progress report and provide information for a web profile, or for social media campaigns.

If you have any further questions, please email: communities.team@nottscc.gov.uk