

Grants for Sports – Helpful Guidelines



Grants must only be made for amateur sport.

Amateur is defined by the Department of Internal Affairs as “any activity that is played or carried out as a pastime which excludes the payment of money or monies (including prizes) to any individual for personal gain”.

Professional sports are **not Authorised Purposes** and community funds **cannot** be used towards these activities.

Sports organisations that may apply for funding:

Those organisations that are eligible to apply must be a sporting activity, organisation or club that is:

- Affiliated or aligned to a national body and
- Genuine and real (has standards and rules etc.) and
- Played on a regular basis as part of a significant competition and
- Open to public membership

Grants for amateur sports that are permissible

(in short anything that is necessary in order to play the amateur sport):

- Playing uniforms (but not dress uniforms, or not items that can be considered personal items such as socks, water bottles, shoes, boots, mouth guards etc) Playing uniforms must remain the property of the club
- Ground hire or maintenance fees (excludes when they are run for commercial profit)
- Equipment
- Tournament Fees
- Referees
- Educational programmes
- Coaching (not professional coaches unless they are involved in coaching, training or development for junior sport – in this instance grants can at some times be made for short term coaching courses, but not a full-time salary)
- Travel and accommodation costs, paid in NZ, for NZ residents for a genuine amateur sporting tournament (excludes supporters or spectators, departure taxes, travel insurance, overseas accommodation, food, sightseeing, internal travel within an overseas country etc)
- Grants for a public sports facility (e.g. a stadium) are acceptable as long as the facility is NOT used PRIMARILY for professional sport.
- Trophies, plaques or modest non-cash prizes for bona fide amateur sporting events (excludes any cash prizes or large non cash prizes)
- Provision, maintenance and development of club building and facilities (excludes commercial property and excludes bar areas.)
- The encouragement of physical participation in amateur sports codes
- Club administration costs, such as rates, electricity, gas and insurance, security costs.
- Purchase and maintenance of club vehicles to be used for club business (excludes vehicles that are used for any private or personal purposes (i.e. subject to FBT) or for use as a courtesy coach.)

Grants for amateur sports that are **NOT** permissible:

- Dress uniforms, personal items such as socks, shoes, boots, water bottles, mouth guards etc
- Food, drinks or alcohol
- Travel Departure taxes, travel insurance, overseas accommodation, overseas food and drink, sightseeing, internal travel within an overseas country etc
- Public sports facilities that are used primarily for professional sport
- Cash prizes and large non cash prizes
- Trade Tournaments or sporting events staged primarily for commercial publicity and/or the benefit of a select industry group
- Entertainment in pubs or clubs
- Sporting trips for supporters or spectators
- After match function for sporting groups
- End of year prize giving ceremonies or similar functions
- Logos/branding of sponsors logos, the North and South Trust Limited (NSTL), and venue name of any venue associated with NSTL, on clothing or equipment
- Advertising/signage for commercial purposes (Advertising/signage is seldom an authorised purpose unless what is being promoted is entirely non-commercial and benefits the community).
- Grants to Individuals
- Educational training of “promising” athletes with the aim of creating professional sports people
- Motor vehicles that are used for private or personal purposes (I.e. subject to FBT) or for use as a courtesy coach

How grants are considered:

All grant applications received will be considered against NSTL’s authorised purposes (*), its current grant distribution policy (**), and the funds (net proceeds) available.

Foot Notes:

(*) NSTL Authorised Purpose Statement is displayed on the NSTL website and has been approved by the Department of Internal Affairs.

(**) NSTL grant distribution policy is displayed on the NSTL website. This details the board policy of NSTL in relation to the conditions, criteria and priority of funding.