

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME FOR SPORTS
CRITERIA FOR APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS

The Applicant Organisation

Applicant organisations must:

- have either a constitution or memorandum and articles of association
- provide evidence of security of tenure, financial stability and any necessary planning approvals for the project. If a site is not owned freehold by applicant organisations, proof of a lease of 21 years will usually be required, although a lease with a shorter term remaining may be acceptable in certain circumstances
- satisfy Kent County Council officers that the facilities will be well managed
- demonstrate commitment to ensuring access to the proposed facilities by disabled people.
- explain how or where the grant scheme became known to them .

Applicant organisations should have earmarked some funding from their own, and if possible from other organisations', resources towards the project. This grant scheme will not cover 100% of the costs of any project.

Purposes of Grant

Grants are allocated to voluntary sports clubs, schools, governing bodies of sport or parish councils

- to provide facilities of significance for the community of Kent. These may include specialist facilities, training centres and centres of excellence and performance.
- for the purchase of equipment (not personal equipment)
- to make best use of existing resources, such as to pay for improvements to existing buildings and sites (including education sites), or conversion of redundant buildings
- to lever funding from other organisations into key schemes in Kent, and demonstrate partnership
- to provide specialist facilities or equipment for disabled people.

Grant Offers

- Applications will be accepted in May, August and November on the available form together with all other relevant documentation. They are then assessed and considered by Kent County Council's Sports Development Unit, but are approved or rejected according to the County Council's official decision making process involving Councillors.
- Offers of grant will be up to a maximum of £10,000.
- A grant must be spent within the financial year (April to March) in which it is offered. Proof, in form of a 'paid' invoice, must be sent to the Sports Development Unit. If the grant has not been spent, or proof not received, by the end of February, the offer will be withdrawn, although the applicant organisation could re-apply for grant in the following year.