**WELSH ATHLETICS – MODERNISATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND 2024-25**

**Introduction;**

The Modernisation and Development Fund is designed to support athletics across Wales. A formal system for applying for funds has been established and is outlined in this document. Grants will be awarded once a year and a Grants Panel, consisting of the Chair of General Council, the Secretary of General Council, The Welsh Athletics Head of Development and Participation and one representative from each of the Regional Athletics Councils, will consider and decide on all applications. All awards are at the absolute discretion of the Panel, whose decision is final. Applications must be received by **Friday 31sy January 2025 midday** (please submit applications via email to; office@welshathletics.org with ‘Modernisation and Development Fund 2024/25’ in the subject line. The panel will consider all applications together after the closing date.

**Eligibility:**

Clubs that are paid up and fully affiliated to Welsh Athletics Ltd are invited to apply for funding support, using the application form provided. All disciplines of athletics are eligible to apply. Welsh Regional Athletics Regional Councils may also apply for funding (applications should be directly aligned to the Regional Development Plan). School Districts Athletic Associations are also eligible to apply for funding.

**Guidelines for Applications:**

**Applicants should clearly state if they have previously applied to the Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund and if this application was successful. In the first instance, applications for coach & official education, facility hire & equipment for new projects should be made via the Be Active Wales Fund. Further information can be found here:** [**https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/**](https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/)

* Applications cannot be made in retrospect. Expenditure already incurred cannot be considered in the application.
* Grants up to a maximum of £2000 per application may be awarded (maximum of £1000 in the case of school district & regional council applications).
* In the event that the total amount applied for were to exceed the available funding, then applications would be listed in order of priority, established by the Club Modernisation and Development Fund Panel.
* All parts of the application form must be completed in detail before a grant can be considered.
* Each application will be considered on its merit and Welsh Athletics reserves the right to reject any application.
* Clubs that are engaged in club modernisation and are actively looking to progressively develop to ensure the long-term sustainability of the club will be given higher priority.
* Funding will only be awarded to clubs that demonstrate good governance and best practices, including meeting all Welsh Athletics mandatory [club standards](https://www.welshathletics.org/en/page/about-the-clubs-portal)
* Payment will not be awarded to individuals but to the club/region/district.
* Successful applicants will receive funding as well as a ‘Project Completion Form’, which must be returned to Welsh Athletics on the completion of the project. Clubs that have previously been allocated funds through this grant system are NOT eligible for further funding from this fund until a ‘Project Completion / Progress Form’ has been fully completed and returned to Welsh Athletics.
* In making an application in support of a competitive event, clubs should ensure that the project/event can be sustained without further funding from Welsh Athletics.

**Eligible Projects:**

**Grants will be awarded for any suitable project; some suggestions are listed below but this list is not exhaustive and other projects will be considered. However, applications should include some aspect of development / modernisation.**

Projects that will be given the highest priority:

* Projects aimed at increasing participation among underrepresented groups, such as initiatives to grow membership in junior age categories.
* Pure club modernisation projects that are innovative and can clearly demonstrate a positive impact on the club/sport.
* Projects that encourage recruitment of new members (athletes, coaches, volunteers).

Other projects may include:

* Starting a new section of the club (i.e., a junior section or introductory group).
* Hosting special events, such as club recruitment days or community outreach activities.
* Support towards new competition / competition formats (support to race/event infrastructure).
* Projects that encourage recruitment or retention of existing club members.
* Projects that encourage school – club links and partnership working.
* Projects for assisting in the development of coaches, officials, team managers etc. Please note in the first instance coach & official education should be applied for via the Be Active Wales Fund.
* Innovative and new projects that are progressive, forward thinking and have clear tangible outcomes.

**Costs can include:**

* Marketing and promotion of the project.
* Volunteer recruitment and development.

**What cannot be funded:**

* Financial support for individuals (outside of coach/officials/volunteer’s education) and projects that are already receiving financial assistance from another grant/fund.
* Facility hire funding will only be considered in certain circumstances, ie. if the facility is an essential component of a broader development or modernisation project. For example, hiring a track for a club recruitment day or community outreach initiative may be eligible, whereas routine use, such as for training sessions, will not.
* Items such as medals, prizes, entry fees and costs of transport to events.
* The purchase of equipment for the club will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and will be given the lowest priority.

**Who can apply?**

* All affiliated Welsh Athletics Clubs
* Schools Districts
* Regional Athletic Councils

**Other sources of funding:**

* Funding to support all aspects of community sport should first be sourced from other schemes such as [Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund](https://www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/beactivewalesfund/).
* Applications may be considered if other funding applications to other bodies has been unsuccessful.
* Clubs/Regions/Districts should seek advice re all sources of funding from the Welsh Athletics Development team

**Welsh Athletics - Application Form to the Club Modernisation & Development Fund 2024/25**

Name of Club/Organisation:

Name and Address of the person responsible for the project:

Tel:

Email:

Name and Address of the Club/Region Secretary:

Tel:

Email:

Name and Address of the Club/Region Treasurer:

Tel:

Email:

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| Is the Club/Region fully affiliated to Welsh Athletics? (Please state) Yes / NoHas the Club/Region received Grassroots / Club Modernisation & Development funding before? (please state) Yes / NoIf ‘Yes’, please give date of award and the amount of grant funding received:  |

***[Club Details: to be completed by all clubs applying for grant funding]***

Current number of club members (please state):

Has the club reviewed its constitution in the last 3 years? Yes / No

Does your club currently have a Development / Business Plan? Yes / No

Is your club active within the Regional Athletics Council (RAC)? Yes / No

Has this application been discussed with a Welsh Athletics member of staff? Yes / No

Please describe / detail below the key priority areas for the development of your club:

**Club Applications (this must be completed by all clubs):**

Has the Club applied to the Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund in 2024/2025? (please state) Yes / No

If ‘Yes’ please give date of application and the outcome (i.e., supported, part supported or unsuccessful, plus the amount awarded if appropriate):

**Please note:** In the first instance, clubs will be expected to have applied for support to the Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund: [**https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/**](https://www.sport.wales/beactivewalesfund/)

Details of club’s/region’s bank account if to be payable by BACS:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

**Project description:** (*please provide as much detail as you feel appropriate)*

**Where will the project take place?**

**What is the proposed project start date?**

**What is the proposed project completion date?**

**Who will benefit from this project?** (*please provide as much detail as you feel appropriate to inform the panel of the impact of this project)*

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| **Breakdown of project costs:** (*please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Please provide as much detail as possible to support your application e.g. quotes, receipts, etc.)* | **£** |
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**Declaration:**

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant club/region confirm that:

* We are authorised to complete this application on behalf of the club/region.
* All information submitted in this application is truthful and accurate and the panel will be informed of any changes that may affect the project for which the grant is being sought.

**Terms and Conditions:**

* Misleading, incorrect or fraudulent applications, whether deliberate or accidental, will make the application invalid and require the repayment of the grant in full.
* The grant must be used for the purpose set out in the application.
* Applicants should note that awards will be made by Welsh Athletics and this should be acknowledged through any relating publicity.
* Successful applications may be subject to monitoring procedures which may involve site visits and the collection of statistics.
* The panel will have the right to reassess the amount of grant awarded and demand a refund if final expenditure and income differ significantly from the estimated figures on which the grant was calculated and/or when the applicant club/region fails to complete the project.
* Failure to confirm completion of the project, using the project completion form provided, may result in future applications being rejected.

**Club/Organisation Officer**

Name: Signed:

Position: Date:

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Name: Signed:

Position: Date:

**Applications must be received by midday Friday 31st January 2025.**

**Please email fully completed application form as well as any supporting documentation to;** **office@welshathletics.org**

***Office Use Only:***