

WELSH ATHLETICS – MODERNISATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND 2025-26

Introduction

The Modernisation & 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 by a Grants Panel that 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 **midday Saturday 31st January 2026** (please submit applications via email to [Zoe Holloway](#) with 'Modernisation & Development Fund 2025/26' in the subject line. The panel will consider all applications together after the closing date. We will aim to respond to all applications by mid-February.

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](#).

- 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](#)**
- 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 Form**' has been fully completed and returned to [Zoe Holloway](#)
- 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 recreational/beginner 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.

Restrictions on funding:

- 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.
- If you have been a previous recipient of Modernisation grant but have not spent the allocated funds NOT eligible for further funding from this fund until a 'Project Completion Form' has been fully completed and returned.

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](#).
- Applications may be considered if other funding applications to other bodies has been unsuccessful.
- We advise Clubs/Regions/Districts to seek advice re all sources of funding from the Welsh Athletics team.

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 will 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.

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Please email fully completed application form as well as any supporting documentation to [Zoe Holloway](#) with 'Modernisation & Development Fund 2025/26' in the subject line.