

<b>SBDC - More Active Grant for Talented Individuals</b>	<b>MBDC - scheme and criteria</b>	<b>CBC- proposed Grant scheme for Talented Individuals</b>
<b>Maximum grant available -</b>		
£300		£250
Talented Individuals living within South Bedfordshire, not in full time employment, who have reached a high standard of achievement within their field with the potential to go further.	MBDC operated a Grant Aid scheme similar to the SBDC 'More Active - Talented Individuals' - until July 2005 when all grants were put on hold due to the 'capping' of the Council . The revenue budget for this scheme was then withdrawn in February 2006.	Talented Individuals living within Central Bedfordshire, not in full time employment, who have reached a high standard of achievement within their field with the potential to go further.
<b>You can apply if your project involves -</b>		
Leisure development projects and activities within the arts; sport; play; open spaces; countryside recreation and community development.		All applications will be based on individual merit but should be within the areas of: Arts Development, Sports Development and Play Development
<b>Essential Criteria -</b>		
The need for financial support towards an event or training opportunity or equipment		Be able to demonstrate the need for financial assistance
The endorsement of your coach, trainer, tutor or mentor		Provide a recommendation from a recognised coach, mentor or an established performer confirming their potential to achieve a higher standard within their chosen field.
		For Sports Development awards - the applicant must be a member of a club that is affiliated to the relevant governing body.
If you have reached a high standard with the potential to succeed at higher levels		Talented Individuals living within Central Bedfordshire, not in full time employment, who have reached a high standard of achievement within their field with the potential to go further.

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<b>Other Considerations -</b>		
Applicants will be expected to contribute in cash or in kind towards the project/equipment.		Applicants will be expected to contribute in cash or in kind towards the project/equipment.
We will ask you to acknowledge the District Council's support in any publicity connected to the specific project or activity the award is for, by using the Council's logo on all publicity.		Any grant aid received from Central Bedfordshire Council must be acknowledged and publicised whenever and wherever possible
We will ask you to sign a declaration form as an acceptance of the grant.		Applicants will be required to complete a declaration form before any grant aid award is paid.
We will also ask you to complete a feedback form explaining how the grant was spent		All successful applicants will be required to complete a feedback form and provide both relevant receipts and evidence of any publicity, within six months of the award being paid.
<b>Projects that would not be eligible/ what we will not fund -</b>		
Education fees and related expenses eg University fees, Drama college fees		Education fees and related expenses eg University fees, Drama college fees
Individuals already in receipt of a grant or donation from any other South Bedfordshire District Council source within the same twelve month period		Individuals already in receipt of a grant or donation from any other Central Bedfordshire Council source within the same twelve month period

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An activity retrospectively		An activity retrospectively or activity that will take place before the application is considered
Normal on going expenses – such as travel to training sessions, club fees, membership fees		Normal on going expenses – such as travel to training sessions, club fees, membership fees
		Sportsmen and women who may qualify for free leisure centre membership via the British Olympic Association.
		Sportsmen and women who are already in receipt of support from their sport's governing body.
<b>Be relevant to one or more of the Council's Corporate Objectives</b>		
'A more active district where people have a wider choice in their leisure time'.		All applications must be relevant to at least one of the Council's priorities for 2009/11 which are:
		Supporting and caring for an ageing population.
		Educating, protecting and providing opportunities for children and young people.
		Managing growth effectively.
		Creating safer communities
		Promoting healthier lifestyles.
<b>Timescale -</b>		

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Two times a year - the end of May and the end of September		Meetings will be held four times per year to consider applications for grant aid. The deadline date for the return of completed application forms is not less than one month prior to the date of the meeting. Any application form received after this date will be referred to the following meeting
<p><b>Please note</b> - SBDC also operated a 'More Active' grant scheme for Community Groups which offered grant aid for groups using the same criteria as that used for Talented Individuals. Due to the amount of Revenue budget available this has not been continued into Central Bedfordshire</p>		