

## **Grant Aid Scheme - Talented Individuals**

### **Grant Criteria**

#### **Who can apply?**

- 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.

#### **What projects/activities will be considered?**

- All applications will be based on individual merit but should be within the areas of:
  - Arts Development
  - Sports Development
  - Play Development
- Applications for funding to help with various key costs - which may include:
  - Training costs leading to a specific event or competition
  - Travel and equipment costs associated with a specific event or competition
  - Fees associated with specialised training sessions/workshops
  - Specialist equipment such as musical instruments, sports kit, ballet shoes
- 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.

#### **How much can be applied for?**

- Up to £250 in any 12 month period.
- The amount awarded per applicant will be dependant upon the number of applications received.

- No on-going commitment can be given for grants in any subsequent years however individuals who can demonstrate they have developed or improved since their previous application can reapply.

### **What conditions will apply?**

- **The applicant must**

- Be able to demonstrate the need for financial assistance
- 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.

- **Other considerations**

- Applicants will be expected to contribute in cash or in kind towards the project/equipment.
- Any grant aid received from Central Bedfordshire Council must be acknowledged and publicised whenever and wherever possible
- Applicants will be required to complete a declaration form before any grant aid award is paid.
- 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.

### **What will we not fund?**

- Sportsmen and women who are already in receipt of support from their sport's governing body.
- Sportsmen and women who may qualify for free leisure centre membership via the British Olympic Association.
- Education fees and related expenses e.g. Drama college, University fees etc.
- Individuals who are already in receipt of a grant or donation from any other Central Bedfordshire Council source within the same twelve month period.
- Any retrospective activity or any activity that will take place before the application is considered.
- Normal on going expenses – such as travel to training sessions, club fees, membership fees

### **What is the timescale?**

- Meetings are held four times per year to consider applications.
- The deadline date for the return of completed application forms will be not less than one month prior to the date of the meeting.
- Applications received after this date will be referred to the following meeting.