

NW Disability Athletics Development Association Grant Fund

Introduction

The NW Disability Athletics Development Association (NW DADA) was formed in 2002 to organise NW Regional Disability Championships & Disability Squads to compete in the National Junior Disability Championships.

The NW DADA is now the strategic umbrella organisation driving the development of disability & deaf athletics in the NW.

The NW DADA is committed to preparing and supporting disabled & deaf athletes to compete in regional, national and international events, and as such, have developed a grant fund to help achieve this.

How much is available?

Grants up to a maximum of £250 can be applied for during a 12 month period.

Application Guidelines

- The fund is available to disabled and deaf athletes who have reached county, regional or national honours or who are perceived to have the potential to progress to such levels in the future, given access to training and trials
- Priority will be given to those athletes who are not in receipt of grants from other sources
- Grants will not be paid retrospectively and as such, the awards panel will meet on a quarterly basis prior to championship dates, where possible
- Application forms must be signed off by two references, i.e. coach, club representative, NGB representative, sports development officer, county sports partnership representative or similar
- Only one grant is permitted per person at any one time. If an individual is awarded less than the maximum amount and wishes to apply for further funding within the 12 month period, they can do so providing the previous grant has been spent in full and appropriate receipts have been received by NW DADA
- Fast track grants up to the full amount (£250) may be awarded in special circumstances (i.e. time critical applications), for those that meet the priority criteria

What we can fund

- Individuals
- Disabled Athletes
- Deaf Athletes
- Transport costs to competitions
- Accommodation costs for competitions
- Equipment – (personal/adapted)

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What we will not fund

- Groups
- Clubs
- Organisations
- Coaching fees
- Facility Hire
- Retrospective events
- Individuals in receipt of World Class or TASS funding

The Grant Process

Administration of the grant fund will be delivered by the NW DADA, who aim to process completed forms within 16 weeks upon their receipt.

Upon receipt the application will go through a pre-panel assessment, i.e. a checklist covering the basic eligibility criteria and information required by the panel. This pre-assessment process will follow one of the following outcomes:

- Applications meeting requirements will be submitted to the grant panel for assessment
- Applications with missing information or that require further information will be placed as pending subject to collation of all information, which when complete will be submitted to the panel for assessment
- Applications of poor quality, but showing indication that the candidate is possibly a suitable candidate for success, will be contacted by a member of the NW DADA for support

Written confirmation will be sent to the applicant acknowledging them that their application has been received, and if necessary, advise them of any additional information that may be required, with a date that they can expect a decision by.

Panel packs will be prepared and sent to panel members two weeks in advance of the panel meeting, comprising of an agenda, summary sheet of all considered applications, copies of all applications and score sheets reflecting NW DADA's priorities.

The panel will sit on a quarterly basis and decisions on all applications will be reached, with one of the following outcomes:

- Awarded as per application (or part-awarded at the panels discretion)
- Deferred for further information
- Declined

Following the panels decision, NW DADA will:

- Raise cheques and gain signatures for successful applications
- Send out written confirmation and cheque to successful applicants, together with monitoring and evaluation forms
- Send out letters to unsuccessful applicants outlining the reasons
- Send out letters to deferred applications outlining request for further information

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How to apply

You can apply in either of the following ways:

1. Download the forms from: [NEED WEBSITE LINK](#), complete and email to: mhunt@aaae-northwest.fsnet.co.uk

or Fax to: 0161 223 5588

2. Write to:

NW DADA Grant Fund
c/o Michael Hunt
England Athletics
Regional Performance & Development Coordinator - NW
SportCity
Gate13 Rowsley Street
Manchester
M11 3FF

Requesting an application form to be sent direct through the post

Help and advice

Please bear in mind the following points when completing your application form:

- The panel know nothing about you, it is up to you to tell them as much as you can about your achievements to date and your plans for the future.
- Read through the criteria carefully, making sure you explain why you believe you should be considered for funding above other applicants.
- Ensure your application form is signed off by two appropriate references.
- Before completing the breakdown of costs for what you require the grant for, collect quotes from the appropriate sources, e.g. if applying for accommodation costs, ask the hotel that you will be staying at for a written quote or an up to date price list.
- Before returning your completed application form, double check that you have filled in all the relevant sections and provided all information required.