

Athletic Union Club Funding Guidelines

Hi all,

Please read the following document carefully before applying for the 1st grant round. You must submit **One application** via groups hub, this means that for example balls, travel and coaching costs should all be in one big application. There is an example application attached to this email so please look at this. Furthermore, Clubs had to do this last year so if you log in to groups hub and click on grants you should be able to see an example of this type of application under previous grant applications.

Core

This includes the following;

Equipment

Please provide an inventory of what your club already owns and why you need this equipment. If we can't work out what it is for or why you need it we will not approve the request.

- Essential equipment that cannot be funded through membership fees
- Essential Safety Equipment
- Appropriate maintenance costs that cannot be afforded through membership fees

Coaching & Coaching Courses

Clubs should provide a full breakdown of coaching costs and hourly pay rates and any relevant qualifications/experience of coach. Clubs should look to appoint appropriately qualified coaches.

- Support for coaching (capped):
Teams – **Up to 100%** 1st Team, **up to 50%** of 2nd Team and subsequent teams.
Individual Sports – **Up to 100%** for club's most senior level coach, and **up to 50%** of any subsequent coaches.
- Coaching grant caps are as follows (note these are a **maximum**, the committee will only allocate what they deem to be appropriate and fair):

Up to £4000 annually for any single club

Up to £1500 per coach, regardless of level

Up to £20 per hour for any coach

- Preference is given to student coaches.
- Evidence of relevant qualifications/experience should be provided
- For individual sports, please provide information on how many individuals one coach covers during sessions
- Maximum 22 weeks (11 per semester) of coaching funds will be contributed (please advise of dates in application)
- Coaching Course – Up to 100% of 1 person who will stay with club for 18 months + (or 50% each of 2 people)

National Governing Body Affiliation

- Affiliation to NGB **up to 100%** for club, not individual

The following things will not be awarded in this grant pot (or any others);

Equipment

- Bunfight/promotional/marketing materials/posters/banners
- Personal items (e.g. water bottles, social clothing, personal playing kit, sticks and racquets)
- Club owned playing kit – due to the high costs involved with offering this to all clubs
- Replacement of equipment without an adequate explanation of expected lifespan and reasons for damage

Coaching and coaching Courses

- No payment of coaches travel expenses unless the coach is a volunteer coach (in which case, a contribution, not full expenses covered)
- Pre-season coaching
- Any coaching outside of official training or fixture time

NGB Affiliation and Insurance

- Personal affiliation of an individual to a NGB. This **must** come out of club membership fees.
- Insurance (as we cover the majority of insurance. Exceptions made when insurance and NGB affiliations are intertwined)

Training

As Clubs that use S&W facilities have to pay a significant sum for S&W membership, for parity external facilities will not be contributed to for clubs that train externally.

- Travel to training or social activities
- Hire of any external training facilities (as we make students pay for their facility through Sport and Wellbeing membership)

Other

- Any contribution to social events
- Any type of officiating course
- Strength and conditioning sessions. Note - these sessions are available to groups that are selected to receive focus sport status.

The AUC will not award grants for any retrospective request in any pot.

Competition	
<p>This includes the following;</p> <p><i>The AUC will only grant money towards competition that we deem to be an effective use of grant money.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100% of BUCS entry fees where not paid by the Union already and up to 50% of travel* • Up to 100% of any other league or competition entry fees and up to 50% of travel* if you don't participate in BUCS (or if you do compete in BUCS: only if the competition is demonstrated to be of reasonable value for money and benefit to the members of the club) • Hire of external facilities for matches/fixtures where the Uni/the Union are unable to provide them (clubs must provide links to relevant NGB or league regulations if alternative arrangements need to be made in this case) <p>*For travel costs please breakdown the cost including how many miles travelled and how many people traveling. Car mileage = 25p per mile. Minibus mileage = 40p per mile.</p>	<p>The following things <u>will not</u> be awarded in this grant pot (or any others);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUCS teams' league entry fees will be paid by the Union directly (so no need to apply). Clubs affected listed here. • Additional competitions (BUCS or otherwise) the AUC deems to be unjustified • Travel fees for coaches and officials (if required) to attend competitions • Referee/Umpire/Official fees • Travel to an unknown location • Costs for an event that you haven't qualified for yet • Entry for more than 25 individual competitors for individual entry competition • Accommodation • Match teas (if required) • Kit – e.g. playing kit (when not provided by sponsors), casual kit e.g. tracksuits and Personal playing kit (e.g. personal protective equipment, footwear and bat/racket/stick) • Costs for a group to run their own competition • Coaching costs, if there are only a low number of members in the club. • Facilities hire, if the union can offer facilities to the club already. • To pay for a minibus driver (for legal reasons) • Social trips and tours (this includes AU tour)

Please provide as much information as possible and ensure you stick to the grant guidelines to save time for the Athletic Union Committee who will be reviewing your application. In short, if your application is not one of the following **we will not** award a grant for it:

- Equipment
- Maintenance
- Coaching
- Coaching courses
- Competition entry
- Competition travel
- Competition venue hire

You must submit **one application**. The AUC are much more likely to approve applications where we have seen evidence of the club being more efficient, collaborating, or making efforts to be more sustainable whilst staying within the guidelines in all applications.

The amount of funding has increased since last year. However, it is still not back to the amount that was allocated to AU clubs in the academic year of 19/20. We still urge clubs to be as informative as possible with your application as the Sports Zone grant pot is the most over-subscribed in the Union. Grants are awarded on merit - they are not an entitlement and clubs should not assume that they will receive anything. You should be prepared to consider raising club membership appropriately to cover potential shortfalls in grant allocations, and we recommend aiming to make a small surplus on the year as a buffer in case you don't receive the same level of grants in future.

The Students' Union remains committed to providing the tools for clubs and societies to offer as many opportunities to their membership as possible. If you require any advice on any aspect of running a club whether it is finance, insurance, legal, democracy or otherwise, we are here to support you and are happy to help. Please drop me a message if you have any questions at vpssports@soton.ac.uk or Matt S SUSU on Facebook. Also, feel free to contact the activities team at activities@susu.org we are all here to support our great sports clubs and we can't wait to work with all of you this year.

Best wishes,

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