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SPORTS GRANT BRIEF: INCLUSIVE ACCESS TO SPORT CLUBS

Objective: The Inclusive Access to Sport Clubs grant aims to provide funding for referred young people to better access sports clubs, particularly where financial barriers might limit their opportunities. This initiative, known as the 'Sports Bank,' seeks to ensure that all children, regardless of their financial circumstances, have the chance to participate in sport/activity and enjoy the associated benefits. The sport/ activity club would be paid directly for the young person to attend.

Grant Details:

- **Maximum Fund:** Each application can receive up to £300 .
- **Total Pot:** The total available funding for this initiative is £8,000.
- **Closing Date:** 27th July 2025

Key Points:

- **Target Beneficiaries:** The grant is specifically designed for children who have been referred due to financial constraints that prevent them from accessing sports clubs.
- **Sports Bank:** This initiative will act as a 'Sports Bank,' providing the necessary funds to cover membership fees, equipment costs, and other related expenses that might otherwise be a barrier to participation.
- **Application Process:** Schools, community organisations, and sports clubs can refer children who meet the criteria. Applications should include a detailed explanation of the child's needs, the sports club they wish to join, and how the funds will be utilised to support their participation.

Expected Outcomes:

- **Increased Participation:** More children will have the opportunity to join sports clubs, leading to increased physical activity and improved health outcomes.

- **Social Inclusion:** By removing financial barriers, the grant promotes social inclusion and ensures that all children, regardless of their economic background, can benefit from participating in sports.
- **Skill Development:** Participation in sports clubs will help children develop important life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience.

Conclusion: The Inclusive Access to Sport Clubs grant represents a significant step towards ensuring that all children have the opportunity to participate in sports. By providing financial support through the ‘Sports Bank,’ we can help break down economic barriers and create a more inclusive and active community. Grants will be paid directly to clubs/constituted organisations.

SPORTS GRANTS APPLICATION FORM

3. Inclusive Access to Sport Clubs

Name of young person being nominated:	
Date of birth:	
Name of nominating organisation Note: Applicants are only permitted from organisations and not individuals. Examples would include Schools, Sports Clubs, Charitable Organisations, Social Services etc.	
Name and Role of person submitting the application:	
Nominator’s Telephone Number:	
Nominator’s Email Address:	
Name of the sport or activity club:	
Type of sport or activity:	

Club contact details (if known):	
<p>Has the young person attended this club before? (Yes/No)</p> <p>And for how long did they attend, or are they currently attending?</p>	
Is the club affiliated with a national governing body? (Yes/No/Not Sure)	
<p>This grant scheme is to ensure that all young people have the opportunity to take part in sport and activity sessions, regardless of financial circumstances.</p> <p>Set out in this section why you are supporting this application and why financial support is required in this case.</p> <p>This should clearly set out the barriers to the young person you are nominating being able to access a sports club, without support from this grant fund</p>	
How will the young person you are nominating, benefit from membership of this club?	

<p>How much are the annual subscriptions?</p> <p><u>Notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The maximum funded will be 12 months.• You are able to include other essential costs, up to the maximum value of the grant	
<p>I confirm that the parent/carer is aware of this application</p>	

Your completed application form must be accompanied with the following:

- Please ensure that all questions are answered fully.
- Absence of information requested will delay processing of application.

Data Protection: Please tick. I confirm that the above details will be retained by Tendring District Council (TDC) only and may be used to inform me about any other services and/or events. By supplying this information I consent to these details being stored on the TDC database for these purposes and in accordance with the latest GDPR legislation.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Subsidy Control

In line with the Subsidy Control Act 2022, Tendring District Council must establish if financial assistance provided to organisations meets the definition of a subsidy under the regime. For financial assistance to be considered a subsidy, specific conditions must be met.

Tendring District Council considers that any financial assistance given under this scheme will not be considered a subsidy on the basis of using an open call application process and assessment. This application process and assessment is a measure, which treats equally all enterprises in the area, falling within the fund criteria, for which Tendring District Council exercises its responsibilities, and as such, it does not advantage any one enterprise over another.

In order for Tendring District Council to make this assessment, please confirm the following:

1. Has your enterprise received any form of financial assistance previously within the last 3 financial years?

For the avoidance of doubt, financial assistance includes Minimum Financial Assistance subsidies, Services of Public Economic Interest (SPEI) subsidies, De minimis EU state aid, and subsidies given as small amounts of financial assistance under the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

Yes ☐ No ☐

2. If your enterprise has received financial assistance previously, please state the nature and how much has been received:

3. Has your enterprise applied for any other funding from Tendring District Council in the last 3 years, even if unsuccessful?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please give details of the project and the amount requested.

4. Please confirm that you agree to answer further questions in relation to the financial assistance your enterprise has previously received should Tendring District Council deem further questions necessary to be able to award further subsidies.

Yes ☐ No ☐

If the financial assistance given under this scheme is later found to be a subsidy, Tendring District Council intends to rely on the Minimum Financial Assistance (MFA) exemption. MFA allows public authorities to award low value subsidies without needing to comply with the majority of the subsidy control requirements.

MFA has a financial threshold so no recipient can receive more than £315,000 in MFA or comparable types of subsidies over the elapsed part of the current financial year and the two financial years immediately preceding the current financial year.

MFA can be used by a public authority when it is awarding a low value subsidy if the recipient has not reached the allowance threshold of £315,000 within the applicable period set out above and will not breach this threshold on receipt of the subsidy.

Applicant Declaration

I hereby declare that the information I have provided in this application and all the enclosures

is true and accurate and that it fairly reflects my business's affairs and future prospects.

Signed.....

Print Name.....Date.....

Position in Organisation

Your completed application form must be accompanied with the following:

- Please ensure that all questions are answered fully.
- Absence of information requested may invalidate your application.

Please send your completed form, with all the necessary information requested, either by email to communitysportandactivity@tendringdc.gov.uk or via post, marked 'Confidential' to:

Sport and Leisure Service, Room 105,
Tendring District Council,
Town Hall,
Station Road,
Clacton on Sea,
CO15 1SE

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