



Title of Report:	Sports Grant & Bursary Programme 2025/26 - Update
Committee Report Submitted To:	Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	16 June 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Information
To be discussed In Committee	NO

Linkage to Council Strategy (2026-31)	
Strategic Theme	P2 Empowering and Supporting our People
Outcome	Citizens with improved physical and mental health and wellbeing
Lead Officer	Head of Sport & Wellbeing

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	N/A
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	n/a
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	n/a
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	n/a
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	n/a
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	n/a
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	n/a

1.0 Purpose of Report

purpose of this report is to inform members of the outcome of the Sports Grant and Bursary Programme 2025/26.

2.0 Background

2.1 In October 2023 Council approved the Sports Grant & Bursary Programme. The grant and bursary programme has an agreed budget of £40,000.

2.2 The purpose of this Grant & Bursary Programme is to support local athletes and clubs to develop sport in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area

2.3 The parameters of the programme are set out below:

- The Causeway Coast and Glens Sports Grant & Bursary Programme is available to local individuals, local sports clubs and NGB's representing a sport recognised by Sport NI.
- Council will consider up to 100% funding of total eligible costs up to a maximum of £400.
- To be eligible for this Grant you must be one of the following:

- A Constituted Sports Club within Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area.
- An Individual who is a resident of Causeway Coast and Glens.
- An NGB applying on behalf of an Individual who is a resident of Causeway Coast and Glens (Please note – individual athletes under the age of 18 will require parental consent).

Please note the following:

- Sports Clubs / Individuals must be involved in a sport that is recognised by Sport Northern Ireland.
- NGB's of Sport must be recognised by Sport Northern Ireland; and
- All applicants (individuals or sports club/) must be at 'amateur' status.

2.4 In October 2025 a Sporting Event element to this Programme was introduced. A total of £4,000.00 has been set aside each funding cycle for applications to help host Sporting Events. The parameters are as follows:

- Sporting Events (maximum grant available per applicant £400).
- The Sporting Event must take place in Causeway Coast and Glens.
- The event must show that it increases sports participation at a local level.
- The event can be hosting sporting individuals / teams / from outside the area but held in Causeway Coast and Glens Borough.

The assessment and award criteria are detailed at **Annex A**.

3.0 The Process

3.1 In line with approved processes, the Sports Grant and Bursary Programme for 2025/26 was administered as detailed below:

- Applications were processed on a rolling basis until the funds were exhausted (Council reserve the right to close the grant at short notice).

- Applications were assessed by Council's Funding Unit and Sports Development Team on a rolling basis following submission.
- If successful, a Letter of Offer was issued.
- Payment for grants was specified in the Letter of Offer.
- Funding was released 21 days after verification of satisfactory receipts.

4.0 **Outcome**

4.1 Council received 144 applications requesting a total of £66,952.

- 22 applications were ineligible.
- 19 applications were unsuccessful.
- 103 applications requesting a total of £36,286.00 successfully scored above the funding threshold.

4.2 Summary of Sports Grant & Bursary Programme applications and awards (please also see attached heat map at **Annex B**)

	Name of Applicant Group	Category	Score (Pass 65%)	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
1.	75x Individual Applicants	Representative	All above 65%	£33,141	£28,182
2.	Limavady Amateur Swimming Club	Coach Education	84%	£220	£220
3.	Individual	Coach Education	76%	£220	£220
4.	Cushendun Boat Club	Coach Education	90%	£300	£300
5.	Dunloy Cuchullains	Coach Education	72%	£400	£300
6.	Ruairi Og Camogie Club	Coach Education	84%	£400	£300
7.	Individual	Coach Education	80%	£300	£200
8.	East End FC	Coach Education	74%	£300	£300
9.	Triangle Triathlon Club	Coach Education	100%	£300	£300
10.	Glens Runners	Coach Education	80%	£260	£260
11.	Limavady Youths FC	Coach Education	76%	£220	£220
12.	Limavady Youths FC	Coach Education	76%	£220	£220
13.	Individual	Coach Education	94%	£220	£220
14.	Limavady Youths FC	Coach Education	76%	£220	£220
15.	Individual	Coach Education	80%	£220	£220
16.	Triangle Triathlon Club	Coach Education	84%	£130	£130
17.	Simply Judo ADAPTS	Coach Education	76%	£300	£300

18.	Kilrea United FC	Coach Education / Safety Equipment	84%	£400	£400
19.	Causeway & Glens Riding Club	Coach Education / Safety Equipment	80%	£400	£400
20.	Cushendun Rowing Club	Sporting Event	80%	£424	£400
21.	Northern Ireland Volleyball	Sporting Event	84%	£480	£400
22.	Route Gun Club	Sporting Event	80%	£1500	£400
23.	Churchlands Golden Gloves	Sporting Event	80%	£400	£400
24.	Ballymoney Hockey Club	Sporting Event	76%	£372	£372
25.	Individual	Representative / Coach Education	76%	£400	£400
26.	Coleraine Ladies Hockey Club	Safety Equipment	80%	£200	£200
27.	Northwest Vipers American Football Team	Safety Equipment	90%	£200	£200
28.	Individual	Safety Equipment	76%	£200	£200
29.	St Matthew's GAC, Drumsurn	Safety Equipment	90%	£400	£400

ANNEX A

Assessment & Award Criteria

	Criteria	Score awarded out of 5	Weighting	Possible Score
1	<p>Application detail and Need Tell us in detail why you need the funding for and what the grant will be used for? E.g. An international tournament where you are representing your country, with dates, venue, competition level and costs of travel and accommodation. A coach education course, with dates, level, the Awarding NGB and costs. An item of safety equipment required to take part in your sport. Name the item and cost. Seeding grant to use towards the costs of starting up a 'new' sports club</p>		X6	30
2	<p>Beneficiaries: Who will benefit? E.g. travel to international competition to further your representative career. The club will benefit from having a level 2 coach at each age group. A new club looking to buy equipment to get started. Who are the main beneficiaries e.g. a player, coach, official, or sports club</p>		X10	50
3	<p>Sustainability E.g. How will you ensure that your application will assist with keeping people involved in sport or progressing their careers? Let us know how your participation can inspire others in sport to take part. Do you encourage other members in the community to take part in your sport and let young people know of the opportunities available in your sport. Do you see yourself as a role model for young people</p>		X4	20
	Total			100

Applications must score 65% in order to avail of funding

ANNEX B

