





## Funding Opportunities Available for Athletes





Below is a compilation of some local and national grant sources which are available to apply for to assist young athletes with the financial costs of training and competing. Please bear in mind that grant funding is competitive and never guaranteed – when applying, you should provide as much detail as possible as to why you are an eligible and deserving candidate for the available funding, and explain what you will use it for.



Where applications require a reference, consider asking your coach or another volunteer or staff member from your club, centre, or British Canoeing. A British Canoeing colleague will be happy to provide a reference as proof of eligibility if applicable and where appropriate.

**Please note: Grant information is correct at the time of writing. The content is of a general nature and may not cover every organisation that provides support in this area. British Canoeing is not responsible for any changes to information on the support available. For more details, please visit the individual organisation's website or contact them directly. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.**

Organisation	Information	Who is eligible?	Key Contact
Local Authorities	<p>Your county or district council or local authority may offer funding opportunities with their own particular criteria, or other free services such as gym access or sports science support to local talented athletes. It may also be able to direct you to local charities supporting talented athletes, e.g., <a href="#">y-notts</a> in Nottingham.</p> <p>Search for your city or county with terms like 'talented athlete grant or funding'.</p> <p>E.g. the <a href="#">Rushcliffe Elite Sport Grant</a> in Nottingham.</p>	<p>Eligibility will vary amongst local authorities.</p> <p>Most local authorities are looking to support young people from or living in their local area.</p>	<p>Contact your local council sports development team for advice and guidance on local funding sources.</p> <p>Find contact details on your local authority's website.</p>
<p>Active Partnerships (formally known as Local County Sports Partnership)</p> 	<p>You can search for many other local bursaries/grants through contacting your local Active Partnership (CSP).</p>	<p>Eligibility will be dependent on each local bursaries/grants.</p>	<p>Use this useful <a href="#">tool finder</a> to find your nearest Active Partnership.</p>

<p><a href="#">GLL Sport Foundation</a></p> 	<p>The Greenwich Leisure limited (GLL) Sport Foundation is an organisation operated by Charitable Social Enterprise GLL to support talented athletes across the UK. It provides young athletes with financial, training and sports science support.</p> <p>GLL Sport Foundation grants are awarded annually from December until February and athlete support begins in April each year.</p> <p>Grants are available for athletes competing within Olympic, Paralympic, Deaflympic and Special Olympic sporting disciplines, from regional to Olympic and Paralympic levels.</p> <p>These grants are available for athletes who live or are in education where GLL and partners operate venues; or affiliated to a sports club that has a training base at a GLL operated venue.</p>	<p>1) Must have a direct link to GLL operated sport and leisure venues and 2) compete within performance sport from a regional – international level.</p> <p>For full details on the above please go to:</p> <p>1) <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a> 2) <a href="#">Awards Criteria</a></p> <p>There are three types of awards which are suitable for England Talent Programme athletes, these are: Achievement Top Up Training</p>	<p><a href="#">Contact Page</a></p> <p>Tel: 020 8221 4922</p>
<p><a href="#">The Dickie Bird Foundation</a></p> 	<p>The vision of the <a href="#">Foundation</a> is to assist young people under 16 years of age to participate, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity and to ensure that, in doing so, they improve their chances both inside and outside sport.</p>	<p>Grants are payable to disadvantaged children aged under 16 for essential sports equipment. Travel or coaching are <b>not</b> payable. Payment is for individuals therefore teams/groups should not apply.</p>	<p>Click on the <a href="#">Application Form page</a> of the Dickie Bird Foundation website.</p> <p>Tel: 07503 641457</p>
<p><a href="#">The Joanna Brown Trust</a></p> 	<p><a href="#">The Joanna Brown Trust</a> provides talented young athletes from across the UK with financial support to help them excel in their chosen sports.</p> <p>The Joanna Brown Trust welcomes applications for grant funding from young people participating in sport.</p>	<p>Anybody</p> <p>Please note: The Joanna Brown Trust will not award grants for travel and/or accommodation costs.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:info@thejoannabrowntrust.org">info@thejoannabrowntrust.org</a></p>

<p><a href="#">The Rob George Foundation</a></p> 	<p>To provide financial support to young people who demonstrate exceptional commitment and/or ability in the worlds of sport or the performing arts but may be held back by their financial situation from pursuing their goals.</p>	<p>Anybody</p>	<p><a href="mailto:enquiries@therobgeorgefoundation.co.uk">enquiries@therobgeorgefoundation.co.uk</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Everybody Active, Sporting Champions Fund</a></p> 	<p>Everyone Active's Sporting Champions provides funding and support for talented athletes from across the UK.</p> <p>The scheme offers access to Everyone Active's 150 leisure centres across the country, athletes on the scheme are able to use the highest standard of facilities for their ongoing training.</p> <p>Becoming a sporting hero comes with a financial burden and, for many of our athletes, they will also be provided with funding support to help pay for training, equipment, travel and competition costs.</p> <p>The application window opens from January – February of each year.</p>	<p>There are three tiers of sponsorship which can be applied dependent on the level at which an athlete competes at, the performance level of the athlete and whether the athlete is within close proximity of an 'Everybody Active' leisure centre.</p>	<p>Visit the <a href="#">Everyone Active, Sporting Champions Fund website</a> and click on the package profiles to see if you are eligible.</p> <p>Email <a href="mailto:SPORTINGCHAMPIONS@EVERYONEACTIVE.COM">SPORTINGCHAMPIONS@EVERYONEACTIVE.COM</a> for an application form.</p>
<p><a href="#">Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust</a></p> 	<p>The charity was set up in May 2006 by the Willson family following the death of their son and brother Jeremy in March the same year. The intention of the family was to ensure that Jeremy's positive legacy continued and that he would continue to be remembered.</p> <p>The charity helps people and projects that reflected Jeremy's passions in life which includes young (under the age of 30) able-bodied and disabled sportspeople and athletes.</p>	<p>Grant criteria – Able-bodied and disabled sportspeople and athletes. Applicants must be aged under 30 (at the time of application) and not be sportspeople or athletes whom are already well established in their sport.</p> <p>No application deadline.</p>	<p>Applicants should <a href="#">email</a> a letter to the JWCT, with supporting information including background to the applicant, an overview of why they or their project requires a grant, and how any grant would be spent. Applicants may, depending on the application, also wish to provide a project plan, photographs and references.</p>
<p><a href="#">easyfundraising</a></p> 	<p>easyfundraising provides a simple way for charities and good causes to raise donations as well as a free way for supporters to give back without costing them a penny. Sign up for free: <a href="http://efraising.org/ru4lzvtY78">http://efraising.org/ru4lzvtY78</a></p>	<p>You need to provide a description of your 'good cause' which must then be approved by an easyfundraising administrator.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/</a></p>

<p><b>Crowdfunding</b></p>  	<p>Crowdfunding can be a powerful tool for generating financial support. It can be especially effective if you're looking for help to fund for a particular purpose like an important competition. Many successful fundraisers offer their supporters a 'reward' such as a special thank you message or a one-to-one coaching session to encourage larger donations and build a relationship with their followers.</p> <p><a href="#">MAKEACHAMP</a> is a source of crowdfunding for competitive sports. This global platform aims to level the playing field and ensure every competitive athlete gets the support they need to succeed.</p> <p>Through equipping athletes with innovative micro-sponsoring and self-marketing tools, makeachamp help athletes build a fanbase and grow their network over the long-term as they crowdfund specific goals.</p> <p>These are free to use in return for a small fee per donation.</p> <p>Athletes can set up accounts/projects on the Crowdfunder platform to help raise much needed funds to assist them.</p>	<p>Anybody</p>	<p><a href="mailto:info@makeachamp.com">info@makeachamp.com</a></p> <p><a href="#">Crowdfunder Contact Page</a></p>
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