

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Who can apply for a grant?***

Any Northern Ireland resident can apply for a grant from the Individual Grant Scheme, but the financial for the grant must be shown and the grant must support someone to start, stay or progress in the sport in the following areas:

- Coaching
- Instructing
- Participating
- Officiating

**\*Note\*** Athletes receiving more than £400/year in funding from Sport NI Annual Awards or the Mary Peter's Trust cannot apply.

### ***What areas can funding be applied for?***

Funding may cover areas such as:

- Course fees
- Event entry fee
- Training camp
- Club membership
- Sport specific kit
- Accommodation
- Boat equipment
- Travel costs
- Disability aids
- Disability training

Funding will not cover areas including:

- Chaperone costs, unless required due to a disability or long-term health condition
- Food and drink
- Incidental expenses
- Equipment maintenance
- Money already committed or spent
- Non-sport related kit
- Insurance
- Administration fees
- Sailing holidays

### ***Can I apply for funding after the funding has been spent or the course/event has taken place?***

No, funding cannot be given retrospectively, and applications must be submitted before the date of purchase or event/course.

***If I receive a grant, how quickly will this be paid?***

This will depend on the type of spend, but typically the grant will not be paid upfront but on evidence of receipts/course costs having been paid. If the grant is to cover qualification/course costs, 50% of funding will be paid after evidence of payment and booking has been received and the final 50% once the course has been completed.

***Is there a maximum amount of money which can be given to one individual?***

Yes. Each individual may only receive a maximum of £400 per calendar year. Additionally, after submitting a successful application, that individual must wait at least 12 months before submitting a further funding application.

**Application Process**

- Part 1 – An individual must apply for funding, outlining need and how they feel this award may benefit them. An application form can be found [here](#).
- Part 2 - Club Official or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (not related to the applicant) may be required to validate the application.
- Part 3 – RYA NI panel to meet on a bi-monthly basis to review applications.
- Part 4 – Letters of award/rejection sent.

Awards will be made on a rolling basis and applications must be received by the end of a 2 month period to be considered for that bi-monthly period (dates outlined below). Any applications received after the end of a 2 month period will carry forward to the following bi-monthly period.

**Application deadlines:**

Applications must be received on the last day of the month prior to funding allocations. Applications after that point will be considered for the next period of funding allocation.

Funding allocation months are: January, March, May, July, September and November

There will be an expectation that any grants awarded will be used for the advancement of the individual in the sport.

There is an expectation that individuals receiving funding will provide RYA NI with feedback on how the grant has impacted on their involvement in the sport, including pictures or video of the individual.

*If you have any other questions, please send them to [ryani@rya.org.uk](mailto:ryani@rya.org.uk) and we will come back to you.*