

Criteria for Lord-Lieutenant's Fund for Young and Talented

Funding Principles	
The aim of the fund is to help young people in Dorset with an exceptional sporting talent, to achieve their full potential.	1
We want to ensure that every young person has the same opportunities to develop their sporting talent regardless of their background, financial or personal circumstances.	2
We want to encourage talented young people to act as Ambassadors, in order to encourage future generations to develop their sporting potential and to encourage those who are passionate about our young people in Dorset, to support this fund.	3
Applicant Eligibility	
Applicants must live in Dorset.	4
Applicants must be age 14 – 21.	5
Applicants must have an exceptional sporting talent which has been recognized or acknowledged.	6
Applicants must be unable to achieve their ambitions without help due to financial or personal circumstance.	7
The activities that the application relates to, must start within 8 months of grant offer.	8
The fund does not support community groups, sports clubs, schools or statutory organisations.	9
General	
Grants may be given towards kit/clothing costs, competition fees, coaching, travel costs and accommodation.	10
Grants will be awarded up to the value of £1,000.	11
Applicants must provide two Letters of Endorsement from relevant individuals who can support the application, describe how the applicant has demonstrated exceptional sporting talent and provide guidance as to their future potential. One letter should be from your National Governing Body.	12
In order for us to follow our decision-making process, the information given in your application will be shared with our independent panel members and/or donors as appropriate. Panel members are subject to a confidentiality clause as part of their Roles & Responsibilities.	13
For more information on data sharing and storage please see our Privacy Policy, available on our website.	14
It is important that you complete all sections of the form and tell us what difference the grant will make to you. If you need equipment please tell us why, describe what you need and provide a quote or web page link.	15
Applicants may be required to attend an informal interview.	16
If you are successful, the award will be conditional on your signing our terms and conditions. If you are purchasing equipment you MUST send us copies of receipts as soon as items are purchased.	17
You must spend the money awarded within 1 year of receipt.	18
We will ask for a short progress report approx. 6 months after the grant is awarded. We may also ask you to meet with individuals who may be interested in supporting this fund.	19
Up to three grants may be awarded to an individual over a period of time, provided the applicant has shown real improvement and requires further support in order to progress further.	20
The Fund, awards made from it, and individual success stories will be publicised. You may request anonymity.	21

To apply please go to <http://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org/funds/lord-lieutenants-fund-young-talented/> and download the electronic form, which can be completed and sent by email. Paper forms are available upon request.

For queries, please contact the Grants Manager on 01202 670815 or email grants@dorsetcf.org.