



Accentuate Funding in support of Playground to Podium



Guidance and Information for Athletics Networks, Athletics Clubs, Coaches and Athletes

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Introduction

Athletics is one of six sports involved with **Playground to Podium (P2P)**. It is a dedicated initiative designed to identify and nurture disabled young people with the potential to be elite athletes. It was developed following consultation with the Youth Sport Trust, Paralympics GB and UK Sport and a review of existing programmes and initiatives. P2P offers a framework to enhance existing athlete pathways and provide increased opportunities to achieve at the top end of performance.

England Athletics and English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) are delighted that Playground to Podium has been chosen to receive additional funding to extend the project in the **South East**. This funding is through Accentuate, a Legacy Trust UK funded project.

What is Accentuate?

Accentuate intends to change the lives of disabled people by putting them at the heart of a programme that takes its inspiration from the South East region's unique heritage as the birthplace of the Paralympics. Accentuate aims to use the inspiration provided by the International Paralympic Movement to tackle disadvantage, raise aspirations and celebrate excellence.

Accentuate will provide funding support for athletics in three key areas:

Funding stream	Distributor	Funding
Athlete Bursaries	SportsAid	Up to £1,000 per person per year
Club Development	WheelPower	Up to £5,000 per year
Workforce Development	WheelPower	Up to £2,000 per year

Playground to Podium Awards Panel

This panel is made up of six NGB representatives either regional or national, EFDS, Sport England, one CSP and one county DSDO.

The panel will be responsible for making the decisions on who is allocated an award within the three funding streams. Both SportsAid and WheelPower are only undertaking an administrative function in this funding award, they are not making the decisions on who should receive an award.

With WheelPower's involvement this does not mean that we are restricting bursaries awards to only wheelchair athletes this is a pan disability fund that follows the principles of Playground to Podium.

The Funding Streams

Athlete Bursaries

How much is the award?

Athletes can be awarded up to £1,000 per person per year for each year of the funding.

Who is eligible?

Athletes are eligible to apply for an award if they have been identified from the County Athlete Assessment Days as having potential in athletics. Only young people who have been identified as Club or Fast track individuals can be eligible to apply. These young people will have a disability and event(s) that fits into the current international (IPC) athletics classification structure and Paralympic Pathway. In addition, identified young people must also be a member of an England Athletics affiliated club and training with a licensed coach and must attend a school or college in the South East. If an athlete has been identified as having potential but is unable to attend the CAAD they may still be eligible for bursary funding.

What can the award be used for?

The bursaries are designed to assist individuals with expenses that are incurred in training and competition such as classification (T/F 20 athletes), equipment, travel, accommodation, coaching and physiotherapy.

Given the broad range of events and specialist equipment required in athletics, we recommend that the grant be spent on the following target groups to enable new athletes to train and compete:

Wheelchair Racing: Towards the cost of a racing wheelchair, helmet and gloves*

Seated Throws: Towards the cost of a fabricated throwing frame, straps and pegs**

Blind & VI Runners (B1-B2): Paying travel expenses for local guide runners

Athletes with a learning disability: Towards the cost of classification (athletes who turn out to be ineligible may have to repay the money).

In exceptional circumstances we would also consider the following:

Ambulant track and field athletes demonstrating high potential – to pay for transport and accommodation to competitions / training opportunities with their personal coach.

Consecutive year of funding for the above recipients

*Racing wheelchairs cost in the region of £2k. The Athlete Bursary can be used in combination with national & local charities / grants for sporting wheelchairs to help meet the full cost England Athletics can advise on these. .

**Throwing frames need to be fabricated via local sources (bodyshops etc) in accordance with IPC rules. These usually cost £200-300 for materials and labour. Beginners will probably need the surplus from the Bursary to fund future adaptations or improved models as they develop their technique.

How to apply?

To be considered for an award individuals should contact the England Athletics Disability Support Officer (see contacts section). Eligible individuals will be given a 'Developing Talent' application form

to complete, along with an application letter.

Section one of the form should be completed by the individual and then passed to their coach, teacher or England Athletics to complete part two. The form should then be returned to England Athletics who will be responsible for sending the completed application form to Sports Aid.

What happens next?

On receipt of the application, SportsAid will send a letter of acknowledgement to the applicant and request that they complete an athlete award questionnaire. The application will then be assessed by the Playground to Podium Steering Group.

If the application is successful, SportsAid will send a letter to the athlete advising them of the total award. This letter will advise the athlete to consult England Athletics on best use of the award.

Club Development

How much is available?

Up to £5,000 per year but higher amounts may be awarded where a need is demonstrated and is sustainable.

Who is eligible?

Athletics Networks and affiliated Athletics clubs can apply for the Club Development fund if they meet the following criteria:

	Criteria / Requirement	Evidence Required
1	It is a not-for-profit group	Constitution
2	The organisation has a bank account that requires at least two unrelated people to sign each cheque or withdrawal	Statement on application form
3	The organisation has an open and non-discriminatory constitution	Constitution
4	Sport is the dominant focus for the organisation	Constitution
5	The organisation has a Child Protection Policy	Child Protection Policy
6	The organisation is contributing to the delivery of Playground to Podium	Application form
7	The organisation is situated within the South East (Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire & IOW, Kent)	Application form

8	The organisation's application has been endorsed and supported by the relevant NGB(s) – clearly indicating that the applicant is supporting the delivery of Playground to Podium within the South East.	Application Form or accompanying correspondence from NGB Officer.
9	The organisation can use the grant within one year	Application form
10	Submission of audited Accounts for the last financial year	Accounts. Where organisations are not required to produce audited accounts, the NGB should check available accounts and confirm this in their supporting letter.

What will be funded?

Equipment to support disability activity in athletics

Venue fees – if it can be demonstrated that the organisation can make this sustainable in the long term

Fees to hire equipment - if it can be demonstrated that the organisation can make this sustainable in the long term

Transport costs

Facility improvements and upgrades to increase accessibility and ease of use for disabled participants

Competitions and events that can demonstrate a clear sporting development need that contributes to athlete development & retention within the P2P context.

Other innovative plans that develop a club to better support the delivery of disability athletics that contribute to the aims and objectives of P2P.

To be eligible for this funding the club must be affiliated to England Athletics and working towards pathways in all or some of the following disability events:

Ambulant Sprints & Distance

Ambulant Throws

Ambulant Jumps

Seated Throws

Wheelchair Racing

Funding could be used to provide:

Anchor points for seated throws – essential for disability competitions. Using existing shot & discus circles.

Racing wheelchair(s) for beginners to try the event prior to sourcing funds for their own chair. The organisation will be responsible for maintenance and safety, helmets must be worn.

Throwing frames and tie-downs for beginners to try the event prior to sourcing funds for their own frame.

Facility improvements: installation of ramps etc.

To support a Parallel Success Competition within their County Club Championships for classified athletes. This will provide a great opportunity to:

What will not be funded?

Major facility and capital developments

Coaching & educational courses and workshops (this is covered by the Workforce Development Fund)

Costs / fees for coaches and sessional staff

How to apply?

Organisations should contact the England Athletics Disability Support Officer (see contacts section) to discuss their application. If the application is supported then the organisation will be given a Club Development application form and asked to complete it.

The applicant will need a password to open the document which the Disability Support Officer will provide.

The completed application form should be returned to WheelPower at joyce@wheelpower.org.uk along with supporting documents including a letter from England Athletics endorsing the application. Applications along with supporting documents must be returned to WheelPower no later than three weeks before the Award Panel meeting.

What happens next?

On receipt of the application, WheelPower will send an acknowledgment and review the information in the form to ensure it is complete before sending to the Playground to Podium Awards Panel for a decision.

Successful applications will then be sent a grant term and conditions letter which should be signed and returned within two weeks in order that the funds can then be sent out.

Workforce Development

What will be funded?

Any courses, qualifications, workshops or other educational tools that will up skill the workforce (i.e. coaches, volunteers, officials etc) directly supporting the Playground to Podium programme in the South East.

The Applicants do not necessarily have to reside in the South East, but do need to support the Playground to Podium delivery within the region

Applicants are encouraged to contribute a portion of the funding to support the costs of the workforce development needs identified.

Applicants requesting coaching or officials courses as a condition of the grant, will be expected to complete a set number of volunteer hours within a Playground to Podium context.

Examples of applications may include:

Typhoo Disability Awareness training (EFDS)

Learning Disability and Sports Equity training (MENCAP Sport)

Me2 training 'Making Activities Deaf friendly' (National Children's Deaf Society)

Coaching Disabled Performers (Sports Coach UK)

Flying coach visits tailored to specific requests (guide running, seated throws, wheelchair racing etc).
Coach Education Courses (Assistant Coach, Coach etc) as long as the coach is working with or supporting disabled athletes.

County or Regional Officials Workshops to cover additional IPC rules for disability athletics events

Other suitable training

What will not be funded?

Individuals will not be funded. Funding will need to be applied for through an organisation (e.g. clubs, Athletics Networks etc). It would be expected that these applications will fund a number of individuals.

Schools and School Sports Partnerships will not be funded

Professionals within the sports sector (i.e. professional coaches, sports development officers etc) unless there are clear and well evidenced development reasons for this funding support.

Courses and qualifications that do not clearly enhance the skills of the individual to directly support disability sport in line with Playground to Podium objectives will not be funded.

How much is the award?

Up to £2,000 per individual per year but higher amounts may be considered where a need is demonstrated.

Who is eligible?

Clubs and organisations (including Athletics Networks) can apply for the Workforce Development Fund if they meet the following criteria:

	Criteria / Requirement	Evidence Required
1	It is a not-for-profit group	Constitution
2	The organisation has a bank account that requires at least two unrelated people to sign each cheque or withdrawal	Accounts
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4	Sport is the dominant focus for the organisation	Constitution
5	The organisation has a Child Protection Policy	Child Protection Policy
6	The organisation is contributing to the delivery of Playground to Podium	Application form
7	The organisation is situated within the South East (Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire & IOW, Kent)	Application form
8	The organisation's application has been endorsed and supported by their National Governing Body – clearly indicating that the applicant is supporting the delivery of Playground to Podium within the South East.	Application Form or accompanying correspondence from NGB Officer.
9	The organisation can spend the grant within one year	
10	Individual's will not be funded	
11	County Sports Partnership's, NGBs and other Playground to Podium delivery partners can apply for this funding.	

How to apply?

Organisations should contact the England Athletics Disability Support Officer (see contacts section) to discuss their application. If the application is supported then the organisation will given a Workforce Development application form and asked to complete it.

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Once individuals have completed their training, a copy of the certificate and a receipt for the course should be returned to WheelPower, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP or email joyce@wheelpower.org.uk

For individuals completing coaching or officials courses, following the training they must complete a set number of volunteer hours on Playground to Podium within athletics. A timesheet should be completed and signed by the club/coach/England Athletics and returned to WheelPower, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Guttman Road, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, HP21 9PP or email joyce@wheelpower.org.uk within six months of completing the training.

When is funding available?

Closing date (applications to England Athletics)	Funding stream available
January 31 st 2011	Club development Workforce
September 12 th 2011	Club development Workforce development Athlete Bursary
January 31 st 2012	Club development Workforce development Athlete Bursary

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