

Title of Report: Everybody Active 2020 Active Awards Grant Aid for Sports Clubs	Officer Presenting: Director of Health & Community Author: Head of Community Development & Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To update Members on the delivery of Everybody Active (EBA) 2020 Active Awards Grant Aid Programme for Sports Clubs for 2017/18.
- 1.2 To approve the roll out of a joint grant aid programme for sports clubs in 2018/2019 combining the budgets from the existing Support for Sport fund and the EBA 2020 Active Awards Grant Aid Programme.

2 Background

- 2.1 The delivery of the EBA 2020 Active Awards Grant Aid programme for 2017/18 was agreed by Members (HC81/17) at a meeting of the Health and Community Committee.
- 2.2 The EBA 2020 Active Awards seeks to prioritise the development of grass roots sports projects that address the continued under-representation in sport amongst women and girls, people with a disability and people living in areas of greatest need.
- 2.3 The online application for the 2017/2018 EBA 2020 Active Awards fund opened on 4th September and the deadline for receipt of online applications is set for 29th September 2017.
- 2.4 A public notice inviting local sports clubs to apply was released via the local papers in late August 2017. A number of information sessions were held across the Council area in order to provide information and support to applicants. Constituted 'not for profit' sports clubs are eligible to apply.
- 2.5 Officers will work in partnership with the Council's Districts Sports Committee to agree budgets and the broad parameters and delivery mechanism for the proposed 2018/19 grant aid programme, subject to confirmation of external funding.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 An indicative budget of £160,040.82 will exist for the 2018/19 combined grant aid programme which will primarily focus on grassroots delivery of sports programmes to be delivered through a competitive process on a district wide basis.
- 3.2 From 2017/18, all applicants are required to achieve a maximum score of 65% or above and can apply for funding from £500 to £4,000, subject to available resources. This is an increase of 100% from the previous maximum grant of £2,000. All funding must be processed and claimed by March 2018.
- 3.3 The Sports Committee will meet on a monthly basis and, based on grant aid results, officers will identify gaps in provision and cater for these areas throughout the district. The proposed breakdown of the total figure for 2018/19, and how it will be administered through the Sports Committee, is attached at Appendix A.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 The total budget allocation for the 2017/2018 EBA 2020 Active Awards fund is £98,247.07. This includes £13,206.25 which was not allocated through the Support for Sport Fund delivered earlier this year.
- 4.2 The proposed 2018/2019 grant awards will be drawn from existing approved Council budgets and external funding secured from Sport Northern Ireland.
- 4.3 An indicative budget of £160,040.82 will exist for the 2018/19 subject to confirmation of Council budgets and external funding.
- 4.4 Up to 5% of the above figure may be used to administer the Grant Aid Programme.
- 4.5 The delivery of the funding programme links to the Directorate's performance improvement objective 'to help people to adopt and develop long, healthy and fulfilling lives through increasing participation in leisure, sports and healthy living activity'.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That Members note the delivery of the 2017/2018 EBA 2020 Active Awards Grant Aid Programme.
- 5.2 That Members approve the delivery of the 2018/2019 Grant Aid programme, subject to confirmation of external funding from Sport NI.

Background Papers

Appendix A: Grant Aid Proposal 2018/2019