

UK Sport
National Events Programme
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Introduction

In May 2021 UK Sport launched a third investment programme alongside its two established major events investment programmes in Pinnacle and Performance. The new National Events Programme is designed to be in existence for an initial 3-year period of the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games cycle.

The purpose of the introduction of the National Events Programme (NEP) is to contribute to the protection and development of national competition structures that play a critical role in the growth and health of the national governing bodies and the sports performance strategies.

The programme has been designed to provide a financial contribution to a combination of event support and strategic projects. Further information is provided within this document in relation to the application process.

It should be noted this additional investment is designed to expand the reach beyond other sources of available event funding from UK Sport and the wider system.

Purpose of the Fund

UK Sport recognised that NGBs experienced significant disruption to their business and competition structures as a result of Covid 19. A thriving major events sector is fundamental to safeguard the UK's hosting reputation as a nation of major international sporting events and athlete competition pathway. This programme is designed to support innovation in the national competition structures, compliment performance strategy and support the sustainable business operation and growth of NGB's.

- **Examples of the types of support the NEP can support:**
 - Funding of independent strategic work to enhance competition structures within sports, to support innovation in format and style that support the wider growth of the sport to new audiences.
 - Contribute to revised format national championships that could play a role in enhancing performance and pathway strategies - increasing the opportunity for athletes to attend.
 - Contribute to events that allow NGBs to restart* their sport for their communities and membership meeting commitments of broadcasters and volunteers
- *this was relevant immediately post covid. Applicants should discuss any re-start applications with their MEC prior to submission, acknowledging the 'living with Covid' period the UK is in.*
- Funding towards strategic projects that will enhance the long-term structure of competition structures within a sport.
- **Examples of ineligible events / projects:**
 - Provide funding support to events already funded by UK Sport or eligible for funding under UK Sports Pinnacle or Performance Events Programme

- International events that do not meet the objectives of the programme
- Provide funding support to overhead costs of NGBs
- Any event or event related support to Non-Olympic or Paralympic sports or disciplines
- Ineligible costs will include a number of items including Covid 19 testing and hygiene measure support.

Eligibility

Organisations eligible to apply for funding are NGBs of any Olympic and Paralympic Discipline on the programme for Paris 2024.

Receiving any funding from the NEP will require the grant recipient to be compliant with A Code for Sport Governance.

Applications will be required to demonstrate the funding will not be required after the initial grant and will either be concluded or self-funding.

Organisations shall only be permitted to submit one application per funding round.

Award, Application Process & Assessment

All applications will be via application form and submission of supporting information to be completed and returned to UK Sport by the deadline for the specific round of funding. Organisations should ensure that all information and documents provided as part of the application are true and accurate.

Applications will be assessed against the criteria and grants awarded following assessment by a funding panel.

The programme is a small grants fund (anticipated to be in the region of up to £50k) with applications expected to include partner funding.

There were three scheduled rounds of funding in 2022 with one currently scheduled for 2023 (subject to budget availability), please contact your Major Events Consultant for further details.

If funding is successful UK Sport shall communicate the decision to the organisation in writing, with the organisation expected to enter into a funding agreement with UK Sport.

It should be noted that all funding decisions will be made at the sole discretion of UK Sport. This small grants fund is intended to be spread across a number of sports, disciplines and the UK. UK Sport will consider this reach when assessing applications.

UK Sport will retain the right to amend the criteria set out within this policy document and/or suspend or terminate applications for the fund.

General

Any organisation who receives an award will be required to report on the progress of the award and the post event / project impact.

All information submitted will be treated on a confidential basis and will not be disclosed without prior written consent.

All Organisations seeking to apply should note that this does not apply to any disclosure required by law, to information already in the public domain or where required to be shared with other Sports Councils and / or the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, to assist in the review of an application.

UK Sport takes the offence of fraud (including theft, corruption and bribery) seriously. Any organisation who receives an award from the UK Sport should ensure appropriate measures are in place to manage the award appropriately. Where any instance of fraud or an attempt to defraud, occurs UK Sport will take action, including reporting to the police.

Appendix – Application Documents