

CLUB DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID

Grants are available to assist clubs within the Swim England West Midlands Region to implement or maintain SwimMark development plans.

The Regional Club Development Committee (RCDC) wishes to encourage clubs to think about projects that will make a significant impact on their club's activities. Please seek guidance from the appropriate Club Development Officer before submitting a grant application.

Criteria for Grant Applications

1 Available to:

1. Clubs who have SwimMark accreditation.

2 Grant aid is limited to:

1. Promotion and marketing for clubs to help increase membership.
2. Club volunteer workforce & coach development.
3. Essential equipment for the development of the club members.
4. Grant aid applications will be considered for lane-ropes, backstroke flags, timing and starting systems and starting blocks.
5. Essential equipment including video equipment, under-water cameras and laptops will also be considered but must be owned 100% by the club not individual coach.
6. 50% partnership funding must be demonstrated if equipment is held and maintained by a pool operator.

3 Grant aid will not be given for:

1. Printers and other office equipment.
2. Entry fees for competitions and leagues.
3. Medals and trophies.
4. Activities already 100% funded under other schemes.
5. Club Network requests. This is covered under Club Network funding.
6. VAT, delivery and fitting costs.
7. Permanent fixtures and fittings for pools not solely used by the club.

4 Other information (please read):

1. All grant applications must be approved by the relevant Club Development Officer before being reviewed by the Regional Club Development Committee.
2. Clubs applying for Grant aid must actively support activities and competitions run by Swim England West Midlands. The Region retains the right to reject applications from clubs not supporting these activities.
3. A club must contribute a minimum of 25% of any grant aid requested.
4. Applications up to £2,500 (after club contribution of a minimum 25%) can be submitted annually providing relevant regional funds are available.
5. Applications from £2,501 - £5,000 (after club contribution of a minimum 25%) can only be submitted bi-annually.
6. The Club Development Grant Aid can be applied for as match funding towards a larger development project being funded from another source but 2.5, 4.4 and 4.5 will still apply.
7. Grant aid will not be paid retrospectively.
Grant aid will be reviewed and agreed within 4 weeks of submission of the application form.
8. 50% of grant aid money will be allocated following the successful application and submission of an invoice.
9. The remaining 50% of grant aid will be allocated following the submission of a brief progress report on the project timescales for implementing as per the initial grant application.
10. A 12 month progress/impact report will be submitted to the Regional Club Development Committee.
11. Swim England West Midlands reserves the right to recall the grant money paid if reasons for providing the grant are not met.
12. If a club, who has had grant aid confirmed, loses their SwimMark accreditation before it has been committed against a project, the region reserve the right to withdraw any or all grant aid offered.
13. The RCDG decision on funding is final and cannot be challenged.

5 Application process:

1. Clubs must submit written applications using the standard templates to the Swim England West Midland Regional Office.
2. A copy of the club's latest year end account must be included with the submission.
3. The application will be reviewed by the RCDC and notification will be sent within 4 weeks of submission.