

Awards for All

The Awards for All scheme is a Lottery grants programme aimed at local communities. Grants of between £500 and £5000 are awarded in a simple straightforward way i.e. submit an application about what x amount of £'s are needed for and if successful against other applications receive the money.

This scheme is something that clubs in the region have applied for, and being successful at. Clubs interested in this grants project should read the information below to see how they can increase the likelihood of putting in a successful bid for any development work they would like to, or are planning to do in the near future.

Below is information taken from the regional section of the Awards for All website:

http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/york_humber/york_humber_main.html

Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Focus

When we receive an application, we assess it and score it against a set of [national](#) and regional criteria. There are full details of these criteria on page 10 of the Awards for All application pack and in the [Electronic Application Form's](#) help system.

The score that we give your application will decide whether it is successful or not. The score that your application needs to be successful will vary depending on the amount and quality of applications we receive, and the money we have available at the time.

This page gives information about our regional criteria – the Regional Focus.

Awards for All welcomes applications from all sectors of the community and all parts of the region.

We want to make awards that not only meet the national aims of Awards for All but also respond to the particular needs of our region. We have consulted on these needs within our region and our Regional Focus is intended to ensure that our grant making responds to these needs.

In the Yorkshire and the Humber region we will score more highly those projects which benefit:

- people living in disadvantaged areas and communities.
Whether in country areas, cities or towns there are areas and communities where people are badly affected by the lack of access to resources or services. We look to prioritise projects that address this issue.
- disabled people and/or their carers.
Disabled people, and their carers, may face a range of challenges and barriers to full participation in the community, and a lack of opportunities. We want to encourage projects which attempt to address such issues.
- black and ethnic minority communities.
There is evidence that these communities experience barriers to accessing resources including consistently lower levels of lottery funding than would be expected. Awards for All is attempting to redress this imbalance by supporting those projects which promote greater access to education, training or support community activities and are in accordance with our national aims.
- older people (aged 60 or over).
Older people may face isolation due to issues around health, disability or income. We want to fund local clubs and groups to address these issues.

If you feel your project meets our Regional Focus, please use question 11 in the application form to explain how it does this.

What we mean by “disadvantage”

Disadvantage in your area might mean unemployment caused by the decline of traditional industries like mining or agriculture, lack of opportunities for young people, or isolation in rural areas.

What we mean by “disabled people”

This includes people with physical or learning disabilities, as well as those with mental health problems or chronic illness.

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Effective until 31 March 2005. We regularly review the needs of the region and consult to make sure our Regional Focus continues to meet changing regional needs.

The following Policy updates, also on the A4A website should also be taken into consideration when making an application

(http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/york_humber/york_humber_main.html)

You may be aware that Awards for All policy can and does change without specifically informing applicants. However there are currently some major policy changes we wanted to let you know about.

Running Costs, Annual Events and Ongoing Activities

Awards for All can no longer fund any costs relating to activities already carried out by your organisation. This means that annual events or ongoing activities cannot be funded unless the Awards for All grant will clearly and specifically develop or extend the existing events or activities. Please be aware that you may have received funding several times in the past for the same events and activities. From now on you will no longer be successful unless you can argue how such repeated activity will be extended or developed.

Schools - Major Policy Changes

We will no longer fund projects or activities that take place during school hours (not including lunch time). Any schools project (whether the applicant organisation is a school or not) can only be funded if it takes place outside the school day as defined.

Applications from schools will be expected to demonstrate an external focus, requiring them to work in partnership with other community-based organisations, for example a local sports club, local history group or artists' co-operative. Applications which do not demonstrate a satisfactory external focus will be turned down.

Independent fee paying (private) schools are no longer eligible to apply to Awards for All.

The Senior Contact for any school application should be the Head or Deputy Head Teacher of the school.

All applications will be considered on their merits, according to our published aims, policies and criteria, in competition with others processed at the same time. We cannot guarantee funding in any circumstances. From 1 April 2004, it will take 8 weeks to hear the decision on a complete application.

To get an application pack please call 0845 600 2040; You can contact the Awards for All team between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday by phoning **0113 2245345** (textphone 0113 245 4104) and asking for Awards for All.

We can give advice on the application form and we can also answer general questions about the scheme. We can also put you in touch with local helper organisations who can help you fill in the form, if you need more detailed assistance.

If you require assistance on completing an Awards 4 All application form or would just like it checking before it is submitted please contact Michael Burch, Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Development Officer on 07739526560, michaelburch@britishtriathlon.org.