

Achievement Award spending guidelines

The Achievement Award Scheme grant is designed to give **the winner** an opportunity to make a contribution to their organisation.

Do:

- ✓ Allow the award winner to decide how to spend their £300 grant;
- ✓ Consult our “What can I spend my Achievement Award grant on?” section overleaf and the sample wish lists on our website for ideas about how they can spend their grant
- ✓ Enable young people to create their own wish list for your organisation so they can suggest items that would benefit or enhance their work;
- ✓ Spend the grant as soon as possible and ideally by the end of the grant period
- ✓ Book and plan for activities or trips as soon as possible – this is because we want the young people to enjoy the pride associated with the award in a timely manner
- ✓ Ensure that the grants benefit as many young people aged 11-25 years as possible (not just one or two people)
- ✓ Keep a record of the date of trips and numbers attending (we expect a group to benefit from the trip – not just one or two individuals)
- ✓ Keep a breakdown of any equipment purchased
- ✓ Ensure all equipment purchased remains the property of the organisation
- ✓ Allow a maximum of two winners to combine their awards if they both consent to doing so
- ✓ Keep receipts as you may be asked to supply these to us

Do not:

- ✗ Spend the grant on everyday essential costs such as core equipment, regular staffing, expenses or running costs
- ✗ Donate the grant to an external organisation or charity (however, you can use the grant to organise a fundraising project to generate funds for a registered charity)
- ✗ Spend the grant on events, activities or resources to promote or engage young people in a particular political belief or religious faith or practice – such as political/religious reading materials or events/trips primarily focused on teaching/promoting political/religious beliefs
- ✗ Repeatedly spend the grants on the same equipment
- ✗ Spend the grant on alcohol, tobacco or anything illicit
- ✗ Bank awards for future use

If you are unsure about a proposed spend or have any questions relating to your grant, we are always happy to help – just contact your Grants Officer!

What can I spend my Achievement Award grant on?

Here are some suggestions to help the winner decide how to spend their Achievement Award grant.

Item for a specific activity:

- Table tennis table
- Games console
- Art materials
- Sports kit

Enhancing existing activities with new equipment:

- iPads
- New games for games console
- Printing press
- Projector

Equipment for the organisation (must not be core costs):

- Novels for the library
- Sports equipment
- Outdoor games
- Benches

Holding an event for a local community group that young people organise:

- Concert
- Play
- Fun day
- Fundraising event for a local charity

Hiring an external specialist:

- Specialist coach
- Author
- Guest speaker
- Professional player

Training courses for young people that will ultimately benefit the wider organisation:

- Coaching courses
- Referee courses
- Peer mentor courses

Enhancing an event:

- DJ
- Refreshments
- Photo booth
- Decorations

Trips or special experiences:

- Theatres, museums or cinema
- Theme parks
- Training sessions in specialist venue e.g. Olympic Park
- Residential trips
- Meals out

This list is not exhaustive – your young people will have other ideas. If you are not sure about something, feel free to talk to us!