



Bedfordshire County Netball Association

Subsidy Funding Policy

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Purpose:

Bedfordshire County will support their affiliated members by providing subsidies and **mentoring** opportunities to help with courses and develop coaches and umpires and players across our region.

Objective

This policy sets out the criteria and conditions for awarding subsidy funding to support the development of coaches, officials and other volunteers within Bedfordshire County Netball. The purpose of the subsidy is to ensure fair access to qualifications and opportunities that benefit the county, its clubs, schools, and wider communities.

Funding Available:

Up to 50% subsidy is available towards the following England Netball Training Events:

1. **England Netball Level Two and Level Three Coaching courses**
2. **A & B Umpire courses and assessment**
3. **Accreditation and reaccreditations courses for umpire tutors and assessors**
4. ***Mentoring (if deemed necessary)***
5. **Coach Tutor and Assessor training**
6. **Applications for extra-ordinary requests.**

NB Funding requests for England Netball Level 1 & C Umpire courses should in the first instance be made directly to your own League.

NB: Funding for Player PDP's is a separate policy – details upon request.

| GRANT GUIDELINES |
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| All applicants must be an active participator of Bedfordshire County Netball & Affiliated to England Netball. (Bedford, Leighton Buzzard, Luton & Dunstable & Heritage) |
| Applicants must apply for grants prior to the course being undertaken and submit evidence of completion of course/training within 1 years of the funding being allocated. Different criteria may apply from league to league. |
| <i>Funding may be withdrawn if not claimed within this period.</i> |

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| <p>A successful candidate will be required to undertake activity within their league/county, and the commitment will be determined on an individual basis as listed in 'table below'.</p> <p>Consideration is given to the value provided to the county, such as supporting multiple clubs/teams or schools, or contributing through coaching, mentoring, or officiating in more than one capacity further.</p> <p>Priority may be given to initiatives that enable development in areas of need within the County for example projects in Luton, introduction of walking netball into a new area etc.,</p> <p>Discretionary support may be offered in cases of financial hardship where an individual's contribution is considered necessary or highly desirable for the county. In these cases, funding approval will not go to the full committee but a limited board for confidentiality reasons</p> |
| <p>Multiple applicants from one club/team will be considered and applicants can apply more than once for different courses. Funding is the sole discretion of Bedfordshire County Netball Association and are subject to the available funds.</p> |
| <p>Each application will be judged on its individual merits and Bedfordshire County Netball position at the time of application.</p> |
| <p>Bedfordshire County Netball will notify all League Chairs of all funding issued.</p> |
| <p>Payment will ONLY be paid to the applicant. Requests for alternative payment should be made in writing. Payment will ONLY be by BACS upon completion of course</p> |
| <p>Applications are considered throughout the year, and all applicants will be notified of the outcome following consideration by the personnel involved (County Committee, League Chairs)</p> |
| <p>Any personal data collected as part of this process will be retained in full compliance with GDPR. You can view our privacy document on the website for further information</p> |

Funding Criteria

Subsidy funding will be awarded on the following basis:

Conditions of Funding

By accepting subsidy funding, the recipient agrees to the following:

- They must deliver coaching or officiating services within Bedfordshire for a minimum period of 18–24 months from the date of the funding award.
- Failure to meet this commitment may result in repayment of the subsidy in full or in

proportion to the unfulfilled commitment period, at the discretion of the awarding body.

- All funded activity should contribute to the development of Netball within Bedfordshire and align with county priorities. To apply for subsidized funding complete the attached form and send to:

email: bcnasec@gmail.com