City of Vantaa Sport Grant Terms and Conditions

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON SPORTS GRANTS

The City of Vantaa promotes local sports and physical activity in accordance with Section 5 of the Sports Act (390/2015). The city supports its residents' physical activity and civic activity by awarding sports grants. The city council annually determines the amount of funding available for grants, and the Urban Culture and Wellbeing Committee allocates the grants based on a proposal from the director of sports services.

The purpose of sports grants is to promote:

1. opportunities for different population groups to participate in physical activity and sports,
2. promote Vantaa residents' welfare and health,
3. the maintenance and development of physical functioning,
4. the growth and development of children and young people,
5. sports-related civic activity
6. elite sports,
7. the integrity and ethical principles in sports and elite sports,
8. the reduction of inequality in sports and physical activity, and
9. sustainable development in sports and elite sports.

The guiding principles for achieving these objectives are equality, non-discrimination, community spirit, multiculturalism, healthy lifestyles, a safe operating environment, and respect for the environment.

These sports grant conditions supplement the City of Vantaa's general terms and conditions for grants.

The City of Vantaa's sports grants are divided into the following three categories:

Grants for sports clubs' core operations

- Subsidized pricing of facilities
- Operating grant for sports clubs
- Rental grant

Grants for recreational sports

- General grant for recreational sports
- Grant for recreational sports clubs

Grants for competitive and elite sports

- Grant for sports events
- Grant for multidisciplinary coaching in elite sports
- Athlete scholarship
- Representative team support: amateur and professional level

General practices related to sports grants

Sports grants may be awarded for activities that comply with and implement the general practices and grant terms governing sports grants.

Applications for sports grants and accounts for spending the grants must be submitted through the electronic service portal. Applications and accounts for spending the grants must be submitted by the specified deadlines. The deadlines and required attachments are announced separately for each type of grant. You will find more detailed information on the contents of attachments on the sports grants website and on the electronic grant application forms. Grant applications are processed in the order in which they are received, and a decision will be issued no later than six months after submission. Instructions for appeal are always included with the notification of an individual grant decision.

During the application handling process, applicants may be requested to provide additional information and documentation even if such requirements are not specifically mentioned for a particular grant type. The use of grants may also be audited retrospectively, including after an account for spending the grants has been approved and the decision has become legally final. The city may also use information from official registers maintained by other authorities, such as the Finnish Patent and Registration Office, when processing grant applications. The grant authority has the right to assess the financial situation of an association and any other grants received that may affect the granting of support.

When required, the city may request access to materials containing personal data, such as membership or participant lists. Personal data will be processed only to the extent necessary. Grant administration follows applicable data protection legislation and the City of Vantaa's data protection guidelines.

Grants are paid only to a Finnish bank account (IBAN beginning with the country code FI), and the account holder must be the same entity as the grant applicant. The applicant must verify ownership of the bank account.

No advance payments are made for sports grants. Additional information regarding payment procedures is provided separately for each grant type. If the applicant has unpaid debts to the city, the city may deduct these amounts from the grant awarded.

A grant must be used for expenses incurred during the year for which it is awarded. In exceptional circumstances, a transfer of the grant may be requested.

If a doping violation under the World Anti-Doping Code or the Finnish Anti-Doping Rules, or a doping offense as defined in criminal law, is identified in the activities of a grant recipient, the city will assess any consequences in accordance with the principle of proportionality. Special consideration will be given to the recipient's preventive anti-doping work and its response to the violation. A single violation does not automatically result in sanctions if the grant recipient has acted diligently with regard to anti-doping measures. However, if the activities of a sports club have contributed to or enabled the violation, the grant may be denied or recovered in whole or in part.

Sports grants are awarded only to applicants whose operations comply in all respects with Finnish legislation and accepted standards of conduct, principles of good governance and financial administration, the objectives and guiding principles set out in the Sports Act, the ethical principles of the sports community, the City of Vantaa's Safer Space Principles, the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the World and Finnish Anti-Doping Codes.

If a grant recipient engages in economic activity, the grant and the calculated value of any facility benefit will be awarded as de minimis aid under Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831. The applicant must declare all de minimis aid received during the previous three years, and the decision will specify the nature and calculated value of the aid.

The City of Vantaa considers it important that conditions related to club transfers, commitment obligations, and financial liabilities do not jeopardize the realization of children's rights. Sports clubs receiving grants are required to clearly inform guardians about practices that may restrict a child's freedom to participate in sports, such as restrictions on transferring between clubs. Information should be provided through means such as club information materials, parent meetings, or the club's website. Sports clubs are recommended to take a flexible approach to children's and young people's transfers between clubs, as continuing participation in another league, team, or sport is generally a better option than discontinuing physical activity altogether.

Any grant awarded, as well as any free or discounted facility allocation granted, will be revoked if the supported activity is contrary to the general practices or sports grant terms described above, or if the recipient intentionally provides false information or fails to submit the required account for spending the grant by the deadline. In such cases, use of facilities will be invoiced retrospectively according to the applicable price list. In the event of a conflict, these Sports Grant Terms and Conditions shall prevail to the extent that they differ from the City's General Grant Terms and Conditions. Violations of the grant terms and the submission of inaccurate information may affect future grant decisions.

Links:
Yhdistysten hyvä hallintotapa Liikuntalaki 390/2015
Reilu Peli – Urheiluyhteisön eettiset periaatteet
Liikuntapaikkojen turvallisemman tilan periaatteet YK:n lapsen oikeuksien sopimus
Maailman antidopingsäännöstö Suomen antidopingsäännöstö

Public benefit status

Public benefit status may be required for certain types of grants. The public-benefit status of an association or foundation is assessed on the basis of both its governing rules and its actual activities. The city conducts this assessment independently according to the criteria set out in this document. A public benefit determination issued by the Finnish Tax Administration is one factor taken into account, but it is not binding on the city. Likewise, a city grant decision does not constitute a preliminary ruling regarding the organization's tax status. If an association is not considered to serve the public benefit, none of its individual activities, however useful they may otherwise be, can be regarded as serving the public benefit.

An association or foundation can be considered public benefit only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The association or foundation operates exclusively and directly for the public good.
- The activities are not restricted to a limited group of people but are open to everyone or otherwise directed at a broad group of people.
- Persons involved in the activities do not receive financial benefits such as dividends, profits, or compensation exceeding a reasonable level. A financial benefit may exist, for example, if the primary purpose of the activities is to reduce costs for a limited or closed group of members. Covering normal expenses associated with public-benefit sports activities and maintaining participation fees at a reasonable level are not considered prohibited financial benefits.

An association or foundation is **not** considered to serve the public benefit if any of the following conditions apply:

- The association or foundation operates for private benefit or promotes private economic interests.
- Membership is small or restricted, and there is no intention to recruit new members.
- The activities are directed only at a specific family, a small company, or another closed group: therefore the activities do not promote the public good broadly enough.
- The association or foundation uses funds for the benefit of its founder or the founder's relatives.
- Public-benefit activities have become insignificant compared with the organization's other activities, such as commercial business operations.
- The association is not registered.
- Upon dissolution of the association or foundation, its assets are distributed to members or other persons involved in the organization, or the assets are used for a purpose other than the public good.

Additional information on public benefit status is available in the Finnish Tax Administration's detailed tax guidance: Verotus-ohje yleishyödyllisille yhteisöille

2. GRANTS FOR SPORTS CLUBS' CORE OPERATIONS

The purpose of grants for the core operations of sports clubs is to secure the operating conditions of sports clubs and physical activity associations in Vantaa and to strengthen the role of organized club activities as the foundation of local sports and physical activity. The grants promote a safe, equitable sports environment in Vantaa that respects children's rights and provides opportunities for participation in physical activity, the development of diverse physical skills, and the strengthening of community engagement.

The grants support the organizational structure upon which Finnish sports culture has been built. They strengthen civic participation, volunteer work, and local commitment to sports and physical activity. These forms of grants promote overall well-being and help prevent inequality in access to physical activity.

Subsidized pricing of premises, the operating grant for sports clubs, and the rental grant together form a framework that supports economically and operationally sustainable club activities. With the help of these grants, clubs can direct resources toward high-quality coaching and sports activities that support the growth of children and young people and encourage physically active lifestyles.

SUBSIDIZED PRICING OF FACILITIES

Sports clubs and physical activity associations registered in Vantaa may apply for subsidized pricing of facilities, which means that usage fees for sports facilities managed by the Sports Services, as well as sports facilities in the city's schools, educational institutions, and daycare centers, are charged according to the discounted fee category.

You can only apply once for subsidized pricing of facilities. Eligibility for subsidized pricing of facilities is monitored periodically in connection with applications for the operating grant for sports clubs or through separate audits.

Subsidized pricing of facilities requires the following:

- The applicant is an association registered in Vantaa whose primary purpose, as defined in its rules, is to provide public-benefit sports club activities or public-benefit physical activity services for Vantaa residents.

Application

Applications for subsidized pricing of facilities may be submitted at any time and are not subject to a specific application period.
The association's current rules must be attached to the application.

OPERATING GRANT FOR SPORTS CLUBS

The operating grant for sports clubs is intended to support the sports and physical activities of sports clubs and physical activity associations in Vantaa. The grant supports the organization's core activities as defined in its rules. The amount of the grant is determined by using a calculation formula based on data from the previous full fiscal year.

An operating grant for a sports club requires the following:

- The applicant is an association registered in Vantaa whose primary purpose, according to its rules, is to organize public-benefit sports club activities or physical activity activities for Vantaa residents.
- At the time of application, the association has at least 30 members who have paid membership fees, and
- activities have lasted for at least one fiscal year.

A grant will not be awarded if the association has already received another operating grant from the City of Vantaa for the same year.

Grant Amount:

$$\frac{\text{Total Appropriation}}{\text{Total Number of Active Participants}} \times \text{Applicant's Number of Active Participants}$$

Appropriation = total operating grant budget
Total number of active participants = the combined number of active participants in all associations applying for an operating grant
Applicant's active participants = the number of the applicant's active participants during the previous completed financial year.

An active participant is a person who has paid the association's membership fee and regularly participates in the association's group-based activities. As a general rule, regular participation means weekly participation in the same group activity for at least three consecutive months. A person may

be counted as an active participant only once, even if they participate in several training groups during the fiscal year.
Group activities include, for example, regular team-based activities or activities conducted in training groups. The activity must be part of the club's own public-benefit operations. Activities conducted as commercial operations or services provided to non-members are not included. A group must have a designated instructor who actively participates in the group's activities. The group has at least two participants that meet regularly on a weekly basis for at least three consecutive months.

The grant may be used to cover expenses related to the club's public-benefit activities. The grant may account for a maximum of 30% of the association's public-benefit expenses from the previous full fiscal year. The grant may be used for all expenses arising from the association's core operations, except for loan repayments, interest expenses, depreciation, impairment losses, provisions, as well as other calculated accounting items that are not based on actual expenses incurred.

The minimum operating grant awarded amounts to €500, and the maximum to €20,000. If an applicant's calculated share falls below €500 after the limits are applied, no grant will be awarded. Any undistributed funds will be reallocated using the same formula among applicants whose grants are not restricted by the minimum or maximum limits, until all funds have been distributed or all applicants have reached the maximum grant amount.

Application

You can apply for an operating grant annually from February 1 to 15.

The association's current rules must be attached to the application.
For new applicants and in cases where banking information has changed, documentation verifying the account holder shall be attached as an appendix to the application.

Submitting an account for spending

You must submit an account for spending the grant on February 1-15.

The account for spending is submitted when applying for the following year's operating grant. You must submit an account for spending even if you are not applying for a new operating grant.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, the grant will be recovered.

Payment

The operating grant is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final and any required account for spending the previous year's grant has been approved.

RENTAL GRANT

Rental grants are awarded to sports clubs and physical activity associations in Vantaa to cover rental expenses incurred through the use of sports facilities that are not managed by the city or city-owned companies..

Rental grant requires the following:

- The applicant is an association registered in Vantaa whose primary purpose, according to its rules, is to organize public-benefit sports club activities or physical activity activities for Vantaa residents.
- The sports facility is not managed by the city or a city-owned company.
- The facility is located in Vantaa
- The facility is used for organized sports or physical activity activities.
- Rent has been paid for the facility.

Rental grants may also be awarded for costs rising from the use of sports facilities at the Urhea Hall, operated by the Urhea Foundation (Capital Region Sports Academy Foundation sr).

The grant is awarded on the basis of actual eligible costs incurred during the previous calendar year. Only rental expenses attributable to the association's own activities are eligible. For sports facilities managed by the association itself, the hourly usage cost is calculated by dividing facility rental expenses − income received from selling facility time to other users by the number of hours the facility was used for the association's own organized activities. The rental grant may not exceed the lesser of: €50 per hour of facility use, or
50% of total eligible rental expenses.

The following costs are not eligible: late payment fees, billing fees, costs or services related to the separate maintenance of sports facilities, purchases and acquisitions, as well as costs related to parking spaces, storage facilities, warehouses, and office facilities.

Rental grants may also be awarded for the production of orienteering maps. For orienteering maps, the grant may cover up to 50% of approved planning and production costs. Planning costs consist of, for example, fieldwork and travel expenses, whereas productions include, for instance, map drafting, as well as printing and reproduction costs. The facility-related eligibility requirements listed above do not apply to grants for orienteering maps.

In exceptional circumstances, rental grants may be awarded at the city's discretion based on estimated future costs.

Application

You can apply for a rental grant annually from February 1 to 15.

The application must include the association's current rules,

invoices for rental expenses eligible for the rental grant, and
proof of payment for the rental expenses.
For new applicants and in cases where banking information has changed, documentation verifying the account holder shall be attached as an appendix to the application.

Submitting an account for spending

You do not have to submit an account for spending for a rental grant.

An exception applies to rental grants awarded on the basis of estimated future costs. In such cases, an account for spending must be submitted according to separate instructions.

Payment

The rental grant is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final.

3. GRANTS FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS

In the City of Vantaa's Sports Grant Terms and Conditions, recreational sports and physical activity refer to regular, low-threshold physical activity that is open to everyone and pursued for enjoyment, well-being, and health maintenance, without the goal of participating in competitive sports. A central feature of recreational sports is that anyone can participate regardless of their skill level. The goals of the activities are the joy of movement, playful participation, and informal game-based activities, while participants are also given opportunities to influence the content and planning of the activities. Consequently, the activities emphasize participation, social interaction, and enjoyment.

Grants for recreational sports support opportunities for Vantaa residents to participate in activities that meet the above definition. These grants particularly promote activities that fill gaps in recreational opportunities available in Vantaa and provide diverse options, especially for residents who do not participate in traditional sports club activities. Recreational sports grants play an important role in promoting equal access to physical activity, enhancing social wellbeing, and strengthening community spirit. At the same time, they promote the residents' health, wellbeing, and functional capacity while increasing equality in access to physical activity and participation opportunities among different population groups and across different city districts.

In addition, the general grant for recreational sports supports organizations that provide extensive, long-term, multi-sport recreational activities, while the grant for recreational sports clubs and groups supports individual recreational activity groups, particularly for families with children, children and the young, seniors, and special population groups.

GENERAL GRANT FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS

The general grant for recreational sports is awarded to organizations whose core activities consist of providing broad-based recreational sports and physical activities. The grant supports activities conducted in Vantaa that promote residents' physical activity, well-being, and public health. In addition, the grant enables long-term planning and development of activities.

The grant is intended exclusively for organizations that provide extensive recreational sports activities throughout the entire city and whose activities significantly complement the recreational sports opportunities available in Vantaa or substantially advance the objectives of the city's sports policy.

The grant is discretionary and awarded to support qualifying core activities. For activities covered by the general operating grant, access to sports facilities managed by the City of Vantaa’s Sports

Services, as well as sports facilities in the city's schools, educational institutions, and daycare centers, is provided free of charge.

General grant for recreational sports requires the following:

- The applicant is an association or foundation whose activities serve the public benefit
- The association or foundation has operated for at least one full fiscal year
- The activities meet the city's definition of recreational sports and physical activity.
- Participation costs no more than €10 per month per participant
- Activities involve multiple population and age groups, or provide very extensive coverage of a single population group
- Activities cover the entire City of Vantaa geographically and are directed at Vantaa residents
- Weekly activities are offered in at least 10 different sports or physical activity disciplines
- At least 500 participants take part in the activities annually
- Each participant may be counted only once
- The organization conducts active sports and physical activity programs for at least eight (8) months per year
- Weekly activities consist of at least 30 groups, each operating for a minimum of three (3) months
- The actor does not receive an operating grant or a recreational sports club grant from the City of Vantaa for the same year.

When reviewing applications, the city assesses:

- The extent to which the applicant complements existing recreational sports opportunities in Vantaa
- The impact of the activities, for example, through participant numbers and diversity of population groups served
- The organization's long-term commitment, dedication, and organizational capacity in recreational sports
- The scope of local cooperation networks involved in delivering the activities.

Application

Applications for the general grant for recreational sports are accepted annually from November 1 through November 15 for activities planned for the following year. A plan outlining the activity groups must be attached to the application.

For new applicants and in cases where banking information has changed, documentation verifying the account holder shall be attached as an appendix to the application.

Interim report

An interim report must be submitted during the grant year between June 1 and June 15, and an appendix of a list of activities carried out to date must be attached to the interim report.

Submitting an account for spending

An account for spending must be submitted between January 1 and January 15 of the year following the grant year. The report must include a list of the activities carried out.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, both the grant and any free use of facilities granted under the program will be revoked. In such cases, the use of facilities will be billed retroactively according to the applicable price list.

Payment

The general grant for recreational sports is paid for in two installments. The first installment is paid once the Committee's grant decision has become legally final. The second installment is paid after the interim report has been reviewed.

GRANT FOR RECREATIONAL SPORTS CLUBS

The grant for recreational sports clubs supports recreational sports clubs and activity groups that are open to everyone, easy to access, and operate in Vantaa. The grant also supports adapted physical activity groups. Adapted physical activity groups must be intended for individuals with disabilities, health-related limitations, or other special needs that make participation in generally available physical activity groups difficult. Adapted physical activity emphasizes safety, accessibility, and tailoring activities to participants' needs.

The activities of recreational sports clubs emphasize the joy of movement, playfulness, and relaxed game-like participation. Anyone belonging to the target group of the activity may participate regardless of skill level. Grant decisions may also take into account the impact of recreational sports and physical activity from a public health perspective.

The grant for a sports event may be applied for by associations, organizations, and groups. Businesses cannot apply for the grant. The grant will only be awarded to future activities.

The grant for recreational sports clubs may consist of financial support and/or discounted or free use of facilities. Discounted and free use of facilities applies only to sports facilities managed by the Sports Services and to sports facilities in the city's schools, educational institutions, and daycare centers.

The amount awarded is discretionary and based on a calculation that considers factors such as the target group, geographic location, the nature of the activities, the number of activity sessions, and the duration of each session. The grant may be used for expenses that make the supported activity possible.

Grant recipients are responsible for notifying the grant authority of any changes to the activity. If activities differ from the information provided in the application and the changes have not been reported, the grant and any free or discounted facility allocation will be revoked. In such cases, use of facilities will be invoiced retrospectively according to the applicable price list.

Grant for recreational sports clubs requires the following:

- The activities must serve the public benefit.
- The activities must be directed at Vantaa residents and take place in Vantaa.
- A facility must already be confirmed at the time of application if the activity takes place in a facility managed by the Sports Services or in a city school, educational institution, or daycare center. The sole exception is artificial turf fields and summer ice rink reservations if confirmed bookings are not yet available at the time of application.
- A responsible instructor must be designated for the activity.
- The activity must be open recreational sports activity for the target group and must not aim at sports federation competition programs. An exception may be made for

adapted physical activity, where limited competitive activity may be accepted at the city's discretion.
- Skill level or previous experience must not limit participation.
- Participation may cost no more than €10 per month for the participant. For adapted physical activity, no specific fee limit is set, but fees must remain reasonable. Any membership fees, insurance costs, and sports federation license fees must be included in the price.
- Activities must generally take place weekly and continue for at least three months, that is, 90 days.
- Training time may not exceed three (3) hours per week.
- Each group must include at least five participants from the target group.

Target groups:

1. **Family physical activity**: physical activity in which an adult family member and a child (aged 0–12) participate together. The child must be accompanied by an adult.

2. **Children and the young:** Ages 3-17

3. **Adults:** Ages 18-64

4. **Senior citizens:** 65-year-olds and older

5. **Adapted physical activity:** physical activity in which adaptations and/or special measures are required due to a disability, illness, or other impairment of functional capacity, and where individuals may have difficulty participating in generally available organized physical activity programs.

TABLE 1. Types of grants for target groups

Target group	Grant type	Adapted physical activity groups
Family physical activity adult + child 0–12	at max. 70 €/h and/or free facility use	at max. 140 €/h and/or free facility use
Children and the young aged 3–17	at max. 70 €/h and/or free facility use	at max. 140 €/h and/or free facility use
Adults Ages 18–64-vuotiaat	0 €/h and/or discounted or free facility use	at max. 140 €/h and/or discounted or free facility use
Senior citizens 65-year-olds and older	at max. 35 €/h and/or free facility use	at max. 140 €/h and/or free facility use

Groups receiving grants must be promoted in the Vantaa Hobby Calendar. For adapted physical activity, promotional materials must clearly indicate that the target group consists of residents with special needs or that the activity is adapted physical activity. The city may, when it so chooses, also promote funded activities through its own communication channels.

An interim report on the funded activities must be submitted if requested.

Application

Grants for recreational sports clubs are awarded for future activities and may be applied for four times per year. Applications are submitted separately for each group and may cover a maximum of one calendar year at a time.

The application periods are the following:

1. Application period: 1. November 1-15, Activities may begin no earlier than January 1.
2. Application period: 2. March 1-15, Activities may begin no earlier than May 1.
3. Application period: 3. May 1-15, Activities may begin no earlier than August 1.
4. Application period: 4. August 1-15, Activities may begin no earlier than September 1.

For new applicants and in cases where banking information has changed, documentation verifying the account holder must be provided as an attachment.

Submitting an account for spending

An account for spending the recreational sports club grant must be submitted by the end of the calendar month following the conclusion of the activities supported by the grant. The activity period supported by the grant is specified in the grant award decision.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, both the grant and any free or discounted use of facilities granted under the program will be revoked. In such cases, the use of facilities will be invoiced retrospectively according to the applicable price list.

Payment

The grant awarded for recreational sports club will be paid once the committee's decision approving the account for spending the grant has become legally binding.

4. GRANTS FOR COMPETITIVE AND ELITE SPORTS

Grants for competitive and elite sports strengthen Vantaa's position as a sports environment where athletes can pursue goal-oriented development at different stages of their athletic career pathway. The purpose of the grants for competitive and elite sports is to support the coaching, high-quality training conditions, and comprehensive athlete support required for elite sports, which is in line with the national and international principles of sports.

The target groups for these grants include both non-profit organizations that provide coaching and support services to athletes from Vantaa, and individual athletes and representative teams whose activities meet the characteristics of professional competitive sports. The sports event grant is allocated to major sporting events organized in Vantaa that enhance the city's visibility and vitality, while increasing the residents' opportunities to experience and engage in sports.

Competitive and elite sports grants help strengthen the continuity and vitality of sports culture. By supporting high-quality and responsible competitive and elite sports activities, the city also promotes appreciation for physical activity, reinforces local identity, and enhances opportunities for its athletes to develop and achieve success at the international level.

GRANT FOR SPORTS EVENTS

The sports event grant is awarded to nationally or internationally significant sporting events organized in Vantaa. The grant is discretionary and includes complimentary access to sports facilities administered by the city's Sports Services. The grant is intended to cover expenses incurred in organizing the event.

The grant for a sports event may be applied for by associations, organizations, and companies.

When assessing applications for a grant for a sports event, the following factors are considered:

- The competitive sporting level of the event
- National and international media visibility
- The scale of the event and its significance for the city's image and vitality
- How the event promotes inclusion, community engagement, and sustainable development
- The applicant's financial situation, event-generated revenue, and other sources of external funding

Event organizers must indicate in their communications if the event receives support from the City of Vantaa. The event organizers must also add the event to the Vantaa Event Calendar. In cooperation with the City of Vantaa's communications team, the event organizers must ensure the visibility of the Vantaa brand at the event.

Application

Grants for sports events are available through a continuous application process. Applications must be submitted no later than four months before the event in question.

Submitting an account for spending

An account for spending the grant for a sports event must be submitted within four months of the conclusion of the event.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, both the grant and any free use of facilities granted under the program will be revoked. In such cases, the use of facilities will be billed retroactively according to the applicable price list.

Payment

The grant for a sports event is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final.

GRANT FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY COACHING IN ELITE SPORTS

The purpose of the grant for multidisciplinary coaching in elite sports is to support the coaching required for elite sports, provide access to high-quality training conditions, and promote the athlete's overall development and well-being through comprehensive support services. The target groups of the grant consist of public-benefit organizations (for example, regional units of sports federations or sports academies) that operate in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area, provide services to athletes from Vantaa, and whose primary mission is to provide the coaching, facilities, and athlete support services required for elite sports.

The grant may support programs that:

- Enable professional coaching activities aimed at elite sports performance,
- Provide high-quality training facilities for athletes from Vantaa,
- Offer athletes support services such as expert services in sports psychology, sports nutrition, sports physiotherapy, intensive injury rehabilitation, comprehensive medical and healthcare services, educational and career guidance.
- Support the national and international athletic career goals of Vantaa's competitive and elite athletes.

The grant is not awarded for recreational sports activities, sports club operations, or the personal expenses of individual athletes. The grant may not be used for travel expenses related to competitions, accommodation expenses related to competitions, or equipment purchases.

Applicant requirements:

- A clear operating plan and budget demonstrating the proportion of athletes from Vantaa served by the activities.
- Evidence of expertise in elite sports development and coaching.
- Collaboration with the City of Vantaa and other regional stakeholders to support athlete development pathways.

Application

Applications are accepted annually from November 1 through November 15. The grant is awarded for the following year.

The application must include the following appendix:

- An operating plan for the grant year
- A budget for the grant year.

Submitting an account for spending

An account for spending must be submitted between January 1 and January 31 of the year following the grant year. If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, the grant will be recovered.

Payment

The grant for multidisciplinary coaching in elite sports is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final.

ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the athlete scholarship is to support the training and development of individual athletes. The City of Vantaa seeks to help make professional-level training possible for individual athletes and to support their path toward international success. Athlete scholarships may be awarded to individual athletes competing in Olympic, Paralympic, and non-Olympic sports who have demonstrated competitive success at the adult or open level. Scholarships may also be awarded to young athletes who turn at least 15 years old during the application year.

The athlete scholarship is discretionary and is influenced in particular by international competitive achievements and the applicant's media visibility. The size of the annual budget allocation is also taken into account when granting the athlete scholarship.

The maximum athlete scholarship amounts to €10,000.

International competitive success in youth categories may qualify for a scholarship of up to €1,000.

Eligibility requirements:

- The applicant is an individual athlete in an Olympic, Paralympic, or non-Olympic sport
- The applicant's municipality of residence is Vantaa, or the applicant resides in Vantaa.
- The applicant has demonstrated competitive success during the evaluation period, which includes the application year up to the application deadline and the two preceding calendar years.
- The applicant has achieved competitive success in one of the following:

- Adult / Open category Finnish Championships, Nordic Championships, European Championships tai World Championships, Olympic Games, Grand Prix competitions, or Comparable international competitions
- Para Sports Finnish Championships, Nordic Championships, European Championships tai World Championships, Olympic Games, Grand Prix competitions, or Comparable international competitions
- Youtn Categories Nordic Championships, European Championships tai World Championships, Youth Olympic Games, or Comparable international competitions

If the status of a championship event is unclear, the city will make a case-by-case determination before the grant decision is made.

Competitive athletic success and the applicant's media visibility are not the only factors considered in awarding the athlete scholarship. Other factors include the applicant's level of performance, as well as the goal-oriented nature, systematic approach, and overall quality of their training. In addition, the evaluation takes into account the sport's national and international prestige and popularity, its competitive standard, and the number of countries and athletes participating in the sport's competitions.

Scholarship recipients must notify the grant authority of any change of residence. The grant authority may recover all or part of the scholarship if the requirement of residency in Vantaa is not met during the grant year.

Application

Applications are accepted annually from December 1 through December 15. The scholarship is awarded for the following year.

The application must include the following appendix:

- Proof of residence showing the applicant's permanent address, municipality of residence, and any temporary address.

Submitting an account for spending

The account for spending for an athlete scholarship is submitted in connection with the following year's athlete scholarship application. The reporting period is December 1 through December 15.

An account for spending must be submitted even if the athlete is not applying for a new scholarship.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, the grant authority has the right to recover the scholarship in full.

Payment

The athlete scholarship is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final.

REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SUPPORT

A. Amateur level

Amateur-level representative team support is intended for a Vantaa-based representative team competing in an adult division and providing its athletes with opportunities to develop to the national top tier of their sport. The team must compete at a minimum in the second-highest national league level recognized by the sport's governing federation. Applications for amateur-level representative team support may be submitted by an association, organization, or company registered in Vantaa.

The support may be awarded to teams in both team sports and individual sports. Applications may be submitted twice annually, for the spring and fall seasons. The applicant's media visibility is taken into account when determining the level of support.

The support is discretionary and consists of both financial assistance and free use of sports facilities managed by the Sports Services for the representative team on weekdays between 8:00 and 16:30. Use of facilities outside these hours is subject to a discounted usage fee.

The annual appropriation for amateur-level representative team support is determined by the committee and allocated from the operating grant budget. The total appropriation is divided equally between the spring and fall seasons. For each season, 25% of the appropriation is distributed equally among eligible applicants and the rest of the appropriation (75%) is distributed using a two-tier indexing model based on media visibility and public recognition.

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Equal shares between teams	50
INDEX	
Media visibility index - TV audience reach (viewer numbers), weighting factor 2,5 - TV airtime (seconds), weighting factor 1 - TV appearances (number), weighting factor 1,5 - Newspaper photographs in the leading media cluster, weighting factor 2,5 - Web images in the leading media cluster, weighting factor 2,5	25
Recognition index - Recognition in the metropolitan area, weighting factor 7 - Recognition among over-15-year-old Finns, weighting factor 3	25

Application

Applications for amateur-level representative team support may be submitted twice annually:

- December 1-15 for the following spring season (January 1-June 30)
- June 1-15 for the fall season (July 1-December 31)

For new applicants and in cases where banking information has changed, documentation verifying the account holder shall be attached as an appendix to the application.

Submitting an account for spending

A separate account for spending must be submitted for the spring and fall seasons. The account must be submitted by the end of the calendar month following the conclusion of the supported activity period. The eligible support period will be specified in the grant decision.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, the representative team support and any free facility allocations granted under the program will be revoked. In such cases, use of facilities will be billed retroactively according to the applicable pricing schedule.

Payment

Approved amateur-level representative team support is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final.

B. Professional level

Professional-level representative team support is intended for Vantaa-based representative teams competing in adult divisions at the highest national league level of their sport and whose operating methods and environment are assessed as professional. Applications may be submitted by associations, organizations, or companies.

The support may be awarded to teams in both team sports and individual sports. A team must include, throughout the entire season, at least one professional athlete insured under the Athletes' Accident and Pension Security Act (276/2009). A prerequisite for receiving professional-level representative team support is substantial national media visibility.

The support is discretionary and consists of both financial assistance and free use of sports facilities managed by the Sports Services for the representative team on weekdays between 8:00 and 16:30. Use of facilities outside these hours is subject to a discounted usage fee.

The total annual appropriation for professional-level representative team support is determined on the basis of advertising agreements entered into by the city. The appropriation is divided equally between the spring and fall seasons, subject to confirmation of the advertising agreements affecting the budget. The equal-share allocations and the index-based allocation are calculated separately for each funding period and distributed among eligible applicants that meet the criteria. Of the appropriation, 25% is distributed as equal-share allocations, while the remaining 75% is allocated based on a two-tier indexing model derived from media visibility value and public recognition.

Organizations receiving professional-level representative team support are required to enter into a separate written agreement specifying the applicable terms and conditions.

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Equal shares between teams	25
INDEX	
Media visibility index - TV audience reach (viewer numbers), weighting factor 2,5 - TV airtime (seconds), weighting factor 1 - TV appearances (number), weighting factor 1,5 - Newspaper photographs in the leading media cluster, weighting factor 2,5 - Web images in the leading media cluster, weighting factor 2,5	55
Recognition index - Recognition in the metropolitan area, weighting factor 7 - Recognition among over-15-year-old Finns, weighting factor 3	20

Application

Applications for professional-level representative team support may be submitted twice annually.

- December 1-15 for the following spring season (January 1-June 30) -
  June 1-15 for the fall season (July 1-December 31)

The application must include the following appendix:

- A valid insurance certificate under the Athletes' Accident and Pension Security Act (276/2009) demonstrating that a professional athlete belonging to the representative team is insured.

Submitting an account for spending

A separate account for spending for professional level representative team support must be submitted for the spring and fall seasons. The account must be submitted by the end of the calendar month following the conclusion of the supported activity period. The eligible support period will be specified in the grant decision.

If the account for spending is not submitted by the deadline or is not approved, the representative team support and any free facility allocations granted under the program will be revoked. In such cases, use of facilities will be billed retroactively according to the applicable pricing schedule.

Payment

Approved professional-level representative team support is paid once the committee's grant decision has become legally final.