

COACH EDUCATION GRANT

Group Application Information

High Life Highland's (HLH) Coach Education Grants have been established to support voluntary sports coaches and leaders, living, and coaching within Highland. Grants will be awarded to volunteers who have shown commitment, a willingness to learn and have contributed to sport in the Highlands. Grants are awarded to provide opportunities to further develop and grow your coaching skills.

Funding is available to contribute to course costs, travel, and accommodation (limits apply). It is not possible to reimburse coaches for travel and accommodation on the group application form; they will be required to complete an individual application for those costs.

The Coach Education Grants can be used to help fund a variety of course types available depending on your experience and knowledge as a coach.

COURSES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING:

- National Governing Body Introductory courses e.g., Badminton Leaders, Hockey Leaders, Basketball Getting Started, Shinty Foundation, Netball Getting Started, Football Level 1 etc.
- Health & Wellbeing courses – Jog Leaders, Walking Leader etc.
- All courses Level 1 and above.

BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR A GRANT:

Before you apply to HLH for funding, please note that other sources of funding should be sought in the first instance.

As coaching would normally be carried out within a club structure, whether a sports club, outdoor club, or school/afterschool club we would expect at a very minimum that clubs or deploying bodies would normally contribute 25% of the total cost (course fees and travel) to reflect the commitment that volunteers make to their club/organisation.

sportscotland/National Governing Bodies provide a subsidy for all sports, we would expect all candidates enrolling on a course to apply for this support. Further information and application forms can be found at: [Coach education subsidy funding \(sportscotland.org.uk\)](#)

COURSE FUNDING GUIDELINES:

The primary criteria for coaching grants is a regular long-term commitment to voluntary coaching. Without a track record of voluntary commitment, we are unable to contribute.

When an application form is received the following funding guidelines are followed:

1. For health and wellbeing and leadership courses – if no other funding has been secured except club funding, a grant of 50% of the remaining costs will be awarded; up to a maximum of £200. If there is no other funding committed, we require evidence of applications to a range of sources. For other sources of funding see the list at: [Funding \(sportscotland.org.uk\)](#)
2. For Level 1 courses 25% of overall costs should be funded by your club/organisation and candidates should also have their level 1 subsidy in place. Where this is the case, we will consider funding remaining costs up to a maximum of £200.
3. Level 2 courses candidates should have secured their Sportscotland subsidy and have 25% of overall costs funded by your club. Where this is the case, we will consider funding the remaining costs up to a maximum of £100.

If you are looking to apply for funding for higher level courses (Level 3 & equivalent or above) please contact us **before** completing the application on coaching@highlifehighland.com.

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THE CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT:

When applying for a grant, coaches must agree to commit to the conditions of the grant. The recipient must be willing to work at the level of their qualification to carry out the detailed number of voluntary sessions after completing the course.

Course Type	Volunteer Hours	Max Subsidy From HLH
Introductory/Leadership course	20 hours (min of 2 per month)	Max of £200 or 50% of remaining costs (whichever is the lower).
Level 1 or equivalent non UKCC	30 hours per annum	Max of £200 or remaining costs (whichever is the lower).
Level 2 or equivalent	50 per annum	Max of £100 or remaining costs (whichever is the lower).
Level 3/equivalent or higher level	100 per annum	This will be awarded on a case by case basis.

The record of volunteer hours must be signed by the head coach. HLH also require one sample session plan to be submitted along with the claim form. If requested, coaches must be willing to submit a quote or short written submission to use in newsletter/online to promote the programme and supply picture(s) of coaching a session.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION:

Consideration may be given to support costs for travel and accommodation. This consideration would be based on travel to the closest available course and may not be granted if a course can be arranged more locally or where there is an opportunity for a course to be organised locally in response to level of demand. If considering a request for support to travel to a course, please discuss with us in advance.

Requests for grant aid for travel/accommodation for a course that is less than 50 miles away from home will not be awarded.

If awarded the following rates would apply:

- Travel to a course that exceeds 50 miles away from home (one way), 25p per mile may be awarded.
- If a course is over 100 miles away from home (one way), overnight accommodation may be considered on a case-by-case basis at £35 per night.

We will not fund First Aid, Safeguarding and Protecting Children or other pre-requisite skill-based qualifications. Please see Coaching and Training programme for low-cost access.

STEP BY STEP APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Fully complete this application form and post into the address provided. **Applications must be received before the course start date.**
2. Applications will be reviewed and decided whether funding can be awarded (based on guidelines above). If successful, HLH will send out an offer letter and claim form by email or letter. If you are unsuccessful, HLH will notify you.
3. Once you have finished your course, the claim form must be completed and returned attaching receipts for the course and any associated costs HLH have agreed. Claims must be received within 1 calendar month of the course finishing date.
4. HLH will reimburse the agreed amount by BACS payment, **to the Club**, when all paperwork has been verified.
5. Confirmation of a coaches volunteering commitment will be sought from the Head Coach/Referee, if this is not fulfilled the full amount of funding must be repaid.

Please email this completed form to:
coaching@highlifehighland.com



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Group Application Form



Group Leader & Referee Details

By making an application, the Group Leader confirms that they have authority to complete this application on behalf of the attendees listed below and agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions of Use. *We may contact this person to verify their support for the application.*

Club/Organisation			
First Name		Surname	
Designation			
Address Line 1			
Address Line 2			
Address Line 3		Postcode	
Email Address			
Telephone		Mobile	

COURSE INFORMATION:

Full Course Title			
Sport		Course Code	
Course Venue			
Date(s)			
Organiser (e.g. Name of Local Authority or Scottish Governing Body)			
Full course cost per applicant (excluding accommodation & travel)			
Have you accessed or applied for other funding for this application			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes please outline			
Total level of HLH Grant requested <u>per applicant</u>			
TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION COSTS <i>(only to be claimed where the course is held 50 miles away one way from home)</i>			
Total cost of travel & accommodation per applicant:			
Club/Organisations contribution to travel & accommodation costs:			
Other funding secured for travel & accommodation:			
HLH Funding Requested per applicant:			
TOTAL APPLIED FOR			

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT (to be completed by group leader on behalf of all applicants) Please describe what impact this subsidy will have on the schools, clubs or communities that the applicants will be coaching. As well as how many voluntary hours they are coaching; what age group; size of group and level of athletes they work with.

How did you hear about this funding? Word of Mouth Literature Email Website Other
If other, please detail? _____

Please note that High Life Highland will be monitoring the use of the funding by applicants and maintains the right to ask for applicants to return the funding should the criteria not continue to be met.

GROUP LEADER / REFEREE DECLARATION:

General Data Protection Regulations

High Life Highland has an obligation to protect your personal data. To view our High Life Highland Coach Education Grant Privacy Notice, please visit <https://www.highlifehighland.com/gdpr/privacy-notices> or to request a copy, email DPO@highlifehighland.com or alternatively ask one of our facilities.

I confirm that I have read and understood the privacy notice and I consent for my information to be processed as described.

SIGNATURE:

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