

Appendix A – Grant Criteria

Overview of Programme

Mid Ulster District Council recognises the importance of participation in physical activity and sport and the need to maximise access to facilities which encourage and support this. The Northern Ireland Framework for Sports Facility Development (2016 - 2026) provides a guide for development of regional sports facilities across the province.

Locally, Council Sports Facilities Strategies identify shortfalls in provision and will recommend general geographic locations for development or refurbishment of sports facilities which address identified need. Council recognises that a few underrepresented sports may be constrained by lack of access to suitable facilities, yet these may exist in local schools.

The Mid Ulster District Council Schools' Sports Facilities Access Grants Programme was launched in mid-December 2016 and has been open for funding annually or twice yearly.

Eligibility

The first stage of the assessment process will involve an eligibility check. Applicants must pass all the criteria to progress to stage two.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a club using, or planning to use, school owned, synthetic pitch, sports facilities; or, be a school which plans to provide access to such sports facilities by external clubs (*see note 'b' below*).
- Be a constituted and not for profit sports club (*although see Note b, below*) or school.
- Be located in the Mid Ulster District Council area.
- For sports clubs:
 - Be participating in a sport recognised by Sport NI.
 - A minimum of 80% of members must be resident in the MUDC area.
 - Not have received any capital funding from Council in the 2021/22 year.
 - Be able to demonstrate difficulty in accessing other suitable sports facilities.
- Not have benefited in the 2021/22 year from Council's:
 - Sports Strategic Development Grant.
 - Sports Capital Grant.
- Be able to demonstrate difficulty in accessing other suitable sports facilities.
- Incur actual documented costs in utilising/providing a schools' sports facility, or, able to provide documentary evidence of voluntary work or maintenance costs involved in maintaining the facility. (*In such circumstances, Council will treat voluntary maintenance work in kind as valued at £10 per hour*).

Note

- a) The programme is primarily aimed at team sports.
- b) Council may consider applications by schools on behalf of, and supported by evidence of agreement with, a constituted sports club.

Application Process & Scoring

Scoring to be carried out using a formula system which automatically produces an indicated grant level.

Appendix B – Mid Ulster District Council Schools’ Sports Facilities Access Grant Assessment November 2021.

GRANT TYPE	Organisation Name	Project	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended to be Awarded
Eligible	Cookstown Hockey Club	Synthetic Pitch maintenance	£13,500	£4,500 (reduction as school used before so no 10% premium)
Eligible	St. Mary's Primary School Pomeroy	Synthetic Pitch hire	£4,050	£4,050
Eligible	Dungannon Ladies Hockey	Synthetic Pitch hire	£5,085	£4,500 (reduction as school used before so no 10% premium)
Eligible	Errigal Ciaran GAC	Synthetic Pitch hire, sports hall hire	£4,480	£2,800 (reduction as the target group does not meet full priority eligibility)
Eligible	St. Oliver Plunkett GAC	Indoor Hall Hire, equipment	£4,500	£3,000 (reduction as equipment costs are ineligible)
Ineligible	St. Patricks Ladies GAA, Donaghmore	Indoor Hall Hire, courses for coaches, transport to venues, cost of equipment, cost of outdoor venue hire	£4,080	N/A – ineligible - no school location specified nor letter of support from Principle(s)
Ineligible	Fivemiletown College	Replacement of sand filters, pool steps and pool equipment	£5,742	N/A – ineligible – no club use specified with evidence of agreement with a constituted sports club