



# Scottish Hydro Youth Development Fund

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The Scottish Hydro Youth Development Fund represents a partnership between The Camanachd Association and Scottish Hydro.

The Youth Development Fund aims to support member Clubs who wish to increase youth participation by providing a maximum grant award of **£500** in support of new or enhanced Club initiatives that will deliver sustainable growth in the number of young people playing shinty.

It is a competitive application process with a total annual awards budget of £5000. All applications will be considered by the Review Group and funding awards will be prioritised in support of those proposals that best meet the stated aims and criteria of the scheme.

There may be more than one funding round each year, dependent upon the level of funding allocated at the first round of the year.

### Eligibility Criteria

The Fund is intended to support sustainable development initiatives targeted at increasing youth participation in shinty.

- All Clubs applying must be current members of The Camanachd Association.
- All Clubs applying must have an approved Child Protection Policy and named Child Protection Officer.
- Applications must demonstrate clear growth in the number of young people playing shinty as a result of the initiative, i.e. how many participating before and after the initiative has been delivered.
- Applications must show how the impact of the project will be measured, also how the increased participation numbers will be sustained once the grant funding has been spent.
- Although applications to fully fund projects will be considered, priority will be given to those that show additional cash funding for their initiative from alternative sources.
- Clubs can only receive one award each calendar year.

Please note: an application is not guaranteed to be successful and the level of demand for the Fund make it likely the Review Group will not be able to fulfil all requests for funding received each year.

### Types of Project

Examples of the types of projects for which funding is available can include:

- Recruitment, training and development of additional volunteers, youth coaches and/or referees to increase the Club's capacity for youth participation.
- Purchase of additional equipment to enable increased youth participation
- Enhanced promotional activity targeted at increasing youth participation

## Application Process

- Interested clubs should discuss their proposed application with the National Development Officer in advance of submission.
- Clubs should submit their completed application and all supporting material to the Camanachd Association office by the date specified on the Application Form.
- Following submission and prior to consideration by the Review Group, clubs may be contacted to provide clarification and further detail regarding the content of their application.
- All applications will be considered by the Review Group and clubs will be notified of the outcome within 30 days of the submission date.

## Review Group

All applications will be considered by a panel comprising the following:

**Scottish Hydro Representative**  
**Camanachd Association Director of Youth**  
**Camanachd Association Director of Club & Volunteer Development (Chair)**  
**Camanachd Association National Development Officer**  
**Women's Camanachd Association Representative**

## Funding Conditions

- Successful applicants will be required to sign an Award Agreement Letter prior to the project commencing, also to return an Outcome Report within three months of the project completion.
- Award payments will be made by cheque with a percentage paid in advance upon receipt of the signed Award Agreement Letter and the remainder paid out following completion of the project and submission and approval of the Outcome Report.
- The Camanachd Association may withhold or reclaim funding from any club should the activity delivered differ from that proposed in the original application, unless agreed in writing by the Camanachd Association.
- The Camanachd Association may withhold or reclaim funding from any club that ceases to be a member of the Camanachd Association during the period of the project.