



TEAM SUPPORT GRANT

PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE

To offer financial support to national teams to prepare and participate in regional, continental or world level competitions with a view to attempting to qualify for the Olympic Games.

BENEFICIARIES

The national teams must have the following profile before their inclusion in this programme can be considered:

- A men's or women's team in a sport on the next summer or winter Olympic programme;
- A team recognised as being at international level.

DESCRIPTION

This programme offers NOCs technical and financial assistance focused on the preparation of teams hoping to qualify for the Olympic Games.

GAMES OF THE OLYMPIAD

Olympic Solidarity will offer financial assistance towards the preparation of one national team per NOC for the Tokyo Olympic Games. NOCs can benefit from a fixed budget over the four-year period that will be agreed at the outset with the NOC.

For NOCs that do not have teams that could feasibly qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games, Olympic Solidarity will offer limited financial assistance towards the preparation and participation (where not already covered by the respective International Federation (IFs) or Continental Association (CA) of one national team per NOC in the following competitions):

- Continental and Regional Games
- World and Continental Championships (senior and junior).

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

NOCs with teams who are qualified or are taking part in the final qualification rounds for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018 in ice hockey and curling can apply for a grant for the preparation of one national team for PyeongChang.



In order to increase women's participation in this programme, Olympic Solidarity may authorise an NOC to split the budget available for its summer or winter team between two teams, provided one of the teams is a women's team.

The programmes proposed by the NOCs should follow the rationale noted below and follow the two separate application phases:

- **Quadrennial plan:** Planning over the quadrennial period of the major competitions in which the team expects to participate, as well as the activities envisaged for each. The NOCs will therefore be able to give priority to the competitions that they consider the most important and choose to use their budget for specific projects.
- **Annual preparation project:** The annual preparation project must detail all the activities foreseen during the given year in order to prepare for the competitions indicated in the quadrennial plan.

The grants allocated in the context of this programme can be used to finance the following activities:

- Costs relating to the organisation of national or international training camps for the team preparing for a specific competition;
- Coaching and training costs for the team; and
- Costs relating to the organisation of friendly matches that are useful to the team's general training programme.

Please note that the following expenses will not be taken into consideration within the scope of this programme:

- Costs relating to the participation in competitions where the relevant International Federation covers them
- Purchase of team delegation uniforms – although the purchase of necessary sporting equipment for a specific activity in this programme may be considered by Olympic Solidarity on a case-by-case basis.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

The IFs and, if necessary, the CAs will assist Olympic Solidarity in analysing the NOC proposals, in offering technical advice and in following up the results of the teams included in this programme.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each NOC can make one summer sport and one winter sport application. These teams can be assisted until their respective Olympic Games in the current quadrennial period.



A two-step application procedure should be respected for this programme:

STEP 1: GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN

At the beginning of the quadrennial period, the NOC should present to Olympic Solidarity a quadrennial plan that lists the competitions for which the NOC intends to prepare, using the programme, during the 2017–2020 period. The quadrennial plan should include a brief description of the preparation projects for each competition, detailing the activities that will be organised and the percentage of the total grant that the NOC wishes to allocate to each year.

STEP 2: SPECIFIC – ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT

Subsequently, and following the approval of the quadrennial plan, the NOC should submit an annual preparation project on a separate application form to Olympic Solidarity detailing the activities that the NOC has announced in the quadrennial plan and that have been approved by Olympic Solidarity. The annual preparation project should be submitted at least two months prior to the beginning of the activities scheduled and should include a description of the activity, a forecasted budget and a list of names of the athletes who will take part.

ANALYSIS AND APPROVAL

The analysis and approval of the NOC proposals will occur in two stages:

GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each NOC's quadrennial plan and will confirm which specific preparation projects can be included and the maximum (provisional) grant available to the NOC for the quadrennial period.

Taking into consideration the budget availability in 2020, a team that has obtained its qualification for the Olympic Games in Tokyo could receive an additional grant for its Olympic preparation programme.

SPECIFIC – ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT

The proposals for the preparation projects will be analysed and approved by Olympic Solidarity according to the following criteria:

- Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the programme;
- The profile and level of the team presented;
- The budget coherence;
- The feasibility of the preparation projects; and
- The guarantee that the team participates in the respective competition.



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The quadrennial budget allocated to this programme is USD 12,000,000.

Following the analysis and approval of the NOC's quadrennial plan, Olympic Solidarity will inform each NOC of the maximum grant available for the team during the period of 2017– 2020.

The NOC's grant will depend on the scope of the proposal, the level of the team(s) and the budget availability. This budget will be allocated on an annual basis, and budgets not used for a specific year will be reinvested back in the programme and will therefore not be available for retroactive allocations or be carried forward to the following year.

The NOC will receive the maximum grant only if all preparation projects are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

FOLLOW-UP AND CONTROL

GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN

The approved quadrennial plan forms will serve as a reference for the follow-up and control of each NOC's programme. The NOC's preparation projects will be monitored according to the approved quadrennial plan form.

SPECIFIC – ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT

Following the approval of the annual preparation project, the NOC and the team must complete the activities approved, participate in the competitions announced and submit a technical and financial report at the end of the year.

The follow-up, control and payment process will be as follows:

- Advance payment made with the approval letter of the annual preparation project;
- Balance payment made upon receipt and acceptance of the annual technical and financial reports

The annual preparation project must be completed (reports approved) before NOCs are able to apply for the subsequent annual preparation project.

Should another NOC team qualify for the Olympic Games, the NOC may apply to replace its existing team support grant by the qualified team. Such requests must be fully documented and may be accepted within the initially allocated budget.

Olympic Solidarity may propose an alternative payment and reporting procedure when necessary.