



Olympic Solidarity 2021-2024 Plan

Team Support Grant

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 summer or winter Olympic programme;
 - A team recognised as being at international level with minimum continental participation (junior teams will not be accepted in this programme).
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Description

This programme offers NOCs technical and financial assistance for one national team (in a sport on the summer or winter Olympic programme) per NOC for the preparation of international competitions.

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

The programme proposed by the NOCs should follow the rationale explained below and the two separate application phases:

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



The budget allocated for this programme can be used to finance the following activities:

- Costs relating to the organisation of national or international training camps for teams 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.

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 – however, the purchase of necessary sporting equipment for a specific activity may be considered by Olympic Solidarity on a case-by-case basis within a reasonable percentage of the overall budget.

External Partners

The International Federations (IFs) will assist Olympic Solidarity in the analysis of the NOC proposals, offering technical advice and following up on the results of the teams included in this programme.

Application Procedure

Each NOC can submit one summer sport or one winter sport application or decide to split the budget available between two teams, provided one of the teams is a women's team. If the budget is split between two teams, both applications must be submitted at the same time on RELAY.

A two-step application procedure must be followed for this programme on RELAY for all team support grant applications:

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 team intends to prepare, using the programme, during the 2021-2024 period. The quadrennial plan should include a brief description of the activities that will be organised and the percentage of the 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 detailing the activities that were listed in the quadrennial plan. The annual preparation project should include a description of the activities to be supported by Olympic Solidarity; a budget proposal, taking into consideration the budget available; 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 activities can be included and the maximum budget available to the team for each year of the quadrennial period.

Specific – Annual preparation project

The proposals for the annual preparation projects will be analysed and approved by Olympic Solidarity in accordance with the following criteria:

- Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the programme;
- Profile and level of the teams presented;
- Budget consistency;
- Feasibility of the activities; and
- The guarantee that the athletes participate in their respective competitions.

Financial Conditions

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

Based on the projects listed in the quadrennial plan, an annual maximum grant of USD 25,000 per NOC will be made available for the 2021-2024 plan. NOCs can propose another budget distribution over the four-year period depending on the competitions in which the team expects to participate. Budgets not allocated for a specific year will be reinvested back into the programme and will therefore not be retroactively allocated or carried forward.

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 will serve as a reference for the follow-up and monitoring of each team's activities detailed in the corresponding annual preparation projects.

Specific – Annual preparation project

Following the approval of the annual preparation project, the team must complete the activities 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 upon receipt and approval of the annual preparation project;
- Balance payment made upon receipt and approval of the annual technical and financial reports.

The ongoing annual preparation project must be closed (reports approved) before NOCs can 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 remaining NOC team support grant budget.

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