



Help for Heroes Grants Policy



UK Delegation

Invictus Games 2018



Introduction & Overview

The purpose of this document is to outline Help for Heroes' commitment to supporting individuals through their recovery – this policy articulates the potential support available for those individuals involved with Invictus Games 2018.

All Grant applications are to be submitted to the Grants Team email grants@helpforheroes.org.uk stating 'Invictus Games 2017' in the subject header.

It is important to note that we **do not** fund retrospective requests. If you're in any doubt please do contact the Grants or Sports Recovery Team.

Travel

For veterans, as a rule, travel costs **will not** be covered to and from training events or trials. If you are in a position whereby you are unable to fund your personal travel to attend training camps or other Invictus Games events, the grants application process is outlined below. Serving personal are classified as being on duty at a recovery event providing they have Chain of Command and Medical approval to attend. As such you may be entitled to travel at public expense – please refer to the DIN related to Invictus Games 2018 disseminated to all MOD Tri-Service Recovery Leads in Autumn 2017.

Equipment

As part of Help for Heroes' commitment to supporting the training and development of the UK Team, we are able to provide 'pool' equipment for certain sports to aid the first phase of training (December 2017 – April 2018), however we appreciate that this may not be sufficient for all individuals.

The Grants team will review Invictus Games 2017 equipment grant requests on a case by case basis. Please familiarise yourself with the full list of IG17 equipment and resources to support your training ahead of applying for any Grant funding with the Sports Recovery team and respective coaches. As part of our due diligence, we will confirm, in consultation with the Sports Recovery team, your attendance/ commitment to training camps and dedication to further training outside of this structure, such as any training you may undertake with a local club.

Subject to our internal processes, Invictus Games equipment may be provided ahead of the Games for those applying where a financial need can be demonstrated. If you withdraw from participation in sport for any reason and no longer require the equipment, please do let us know.

Applying for Grant Funding:



All Invictus Games 2018 grant requests (e.g. equipment/ travel) will operate via the following process:

Serving Personnel: if you are still serving, you will need to go through a Personal Recovery Officer (PRO) or Unit Welfare Office (UWO) and request that they complete on your behalf an **Application for Assistance (Short Form A)**.

Veterans: as a Veteran, your Grant request will need an **Application for Assistance (Short Form A)** to be completed by you. Attached is a copy of the Short Form A.

Please note that the application process takes into consideration HOUSEHOLD income and expenditure, not just an individual's position. In addition, as we anticipate a high volume of requests in a short period of time, please be aware that the processing of your request may take several weeks.

In order to begin the grant application process, we will require the following information:

1. For our records and if you are known to us to ensure that our details are up to date,
 - a. Contact telephone number:
 - b. Postal address:
 - c. Regimental Number/Rank:
 - d. Date of service discharge:
 - e. If you were not medically discharged and we do not already hold information on file, we will need evidence that your condition is attributed to or occurred during service. Your GP/health professional may be approached for written evidence. Please note, this can be sent post application so as not to hold up the process, but we will be needed before we can reach our final decision.
2. As the application includes a means-test, please confirm if you are applying for support because of day-to-day financial hardship. We will require you to submit the latest 3 month's bank statements from your account(s).

At this stage we cannot promise that we will be able to fulfil your grant request, however please be assured that all our Grant Requests are reviewed by Subject Matter Experts and your support in providing the information requested above is really important in aiding their review. If your request is endorsed as a need by your Coach or the Sports Recovery Team this should be established at the time of selection or by exception at a later date in the process.

Please be aware that we look at each application on a case by case basis and we will do our utmost to support you if we can.

If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the grants team by emailing grants@helpforheroes.org.uk or the Invictus Games Project Team by emailing ukinvictus@helpforheroes.org.uk