



Help for Heroes Grants Policy



UK Delegation

Invictus Games 2020



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 grant support available for those individuals involved with Invictus Games 2020.

If you feel you would benefit from support towards travel or equipment costs we would ask that you speak with your coach and the Sports Recovery Team at the time of selection, or by exception, later in the training process. 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.

All Grant applications are to be submitted to the Grants Team email grants@helpforheroes.org.uk stating 'Invictus Games 2020' in the subject header.

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 personnel 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 2020 disseminated to all MOD Tri-Service Recovery Leads in Autumn 2018.

Equipment

As part of Help for Heroes' commitment to supporting the training and development of Team UK, we are able to provide 'pool' equipment for certain sports to aid the first phase of training, however we appreciate that this may not be sufficient for all individuals. Please familiarise yourself with the full list of IG20 equipment and resources to support your training ahead of applying for any Grant funding.

The Grants team will review Invictus Games 2020 equipment grant requests on a case by case basis and seek to understand how equipment would support an individual to pursue the sport as their core recovery activity. 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. This will help us understand that the sport is your core recovery activity.

Subject to our internal processes, Invictus Games equipment may be provided through the grants application process ahead of the Games 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 as soon as you are able to.



Applying for Grant Funding:

All Invictus Games 2020 grant requests (e.g. equipment/ travel) will operate via the following process:

Serving Personnel: Following discussion with your coach and the Sports Recovery Team, please contact your Personal Recovery Officer (PRO) or Unit Welfare Officer (UWO) to discuss your request. If they are supportive of your application, they should complete an **Application for Assistance (Form A)** on your behalf. If they require more information about completing this application, they should contact grants@helpforheroes.org.uk.

Veterans: Following discussion with your coach and the Sports Recovery Team, please contact grants@helpforheroes.org.uk for more information on submitting an **Application for Assistance** to our team.

Please note that the Application for Assistance process takes into consideration HOUSEHOLD income and expenditure, not just an individual's position, so that we understand the financial impact on the household's resources.

As we anticipate a high volume of requests in a short period of time, it may take several weeks to consider your request. Please ensure that you contact the team in good time to allow for the process to be completed.

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:
2. As the application includes a means-test, please confirm if you are applying for support because of day-to-day financial hardship. As part of the grants process we will require information to confirm your household income and expenditure.
3. An outline of the equipment/travel costs that you are looking for support towards.

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 important in aiding their review.

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 we cannot offer support ourselves, we will do our very best to signpost you to other organisations who may be able to help.

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