



# Olympic Solidarity 2021-2024 Plan

## Continental Athlete Support Grant

### Guidelines

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#### Objective

To offer financial and technical assistance to National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to prepare their athletes for regional, continental or world level competitions.

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#### Beneficiaries

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

- Be recognised as “Continental Elite” level or in preparation for the Olympic Games.
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#### Description

This programme offers NOCs technical and financial assistance focused on the preparation of athletes who aim to take part in regional, continental or world-level competitions, multi-sport Games, other communitarian Games (e.g. Commonwealth or Francophonie) or the Olympic Games. The activities covered focus specifically on training these athletes during their preparation for these competitions.

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 NOC 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 athletes preparing for specific competitions;
- Coaching and training costs for athletes; and



- Costs relating to the participation of athletes in competitions that are useful to their general training programme.

The following expenses will not be taken into consideration within the scope of this programme:

- Costs relating to the participation of athletes in in competitions that may be covered by the Continental Association (CA) or the organising committee, etc.;
- 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.

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## **Application Procedure**

A two-step application procedure must be respected for this programme on RELAY:

### **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 2021-2024 period. The quadrennial plan should include a brief description of the activities that will be organised and the percentage of the total budget that the NOC wishes to allocate to each year.

### **Step 2: Specific – Annual preparation project**

Subsequently, and following 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 the names of the athletes who will take part.

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## **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 NOC 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 according to the following criteria:

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

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## **Financial Conditions**

The quadrennial budget allocated to this programme is USD 15,000,000.

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 NOC 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.

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## **Follow-up and Control**

### **General – Quadrennial plan**

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

### **Specific – Annual preparation project**

Following the approval of the annual preparation project, the NOC must complete the activities and submit a technical and financial report at the end of the year.

The follow-up, monitoring 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.

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