



# CONTINENTAL ATHLETE SUPPORT GRANT

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## PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

### OBJECTIVE

To offer financial and technical assistance to National Olympic Committees (NOCs) to prepare their athletes for multi-sport Games.

### BENEFICIARIES

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

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

### DESCRIPTION

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

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

- **Quadrennial plan:** Planning over the quadrennial of all the multi-sport Games in which the NOC expects to participate, as well as the activities foreseen. The NOCs will therefore be able to give priority to the Games and athletes that they consider the most important and choose to use their budget for a number of projects.

**Annual preparation project:** The annual preparation project must detail all the activities foreseen during the given year in order to prepare for the Games indicated in the quadrennial plan.

The budgets allocated to the annual preparation project can be used to finance the following activities:

- Costs relating to the organisation of national or international training camps for athletes preparing for specific Games, including training camps proposed by different IFs;



- Coaching and training costs for athletes; and
- Costs relating to the participation of athletes in competitions considered as useful to their 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 of athletes in the Continental and Regional Games, as these may be covered by the Continental Association (CA) in question or Organising Committees;
- Purchase of team delegation uniforms, but 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 within a reasonable percentage of the overall budget.

## EXTERNAL PARTNERS

The International Federations (IFs) and the CAs will assist Olympic Solidarity in the analysis of the NOC proposals, in offering technical advice and in the follow-up of the results of the athletes and/or teams covered by this programme.

The CAs will be regularly consulted and informed with regard to the situation of the programme, the budgets allocated and the results obtained.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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

### STEP 1: GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN

At the beginning of the quadrennial, the NOC should present to Olympic Solidarity a quadrennial plan that lists the Continental and Regional Games for which the NOC intends to prepare, using the programme, during the 2017–2020 period. The quadrennial plan should include a brief description by year 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 on a separate application form to Olympic Solidarity detailing the activities that the NOC has announced in the quadrennial plan which has 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 activities to be supported by Olympic Solidarity; a budget proposal, taking into consideration the budget available from Olympic Solidarity; and a list of the names of the athletes who will take part.



## **ANALYSIS AND APPROVAL**

The analysis 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 provisional budget available to the NOC for each year of the quadrennial.

### **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;
- The athlete profiles presented;
- Budget consistency;
- Feasibility of the activities; and
- The guarantee of participation by the athletes in the respective Games.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

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

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

The amount allocated to the NOC will depend on the scope of the proposal 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 budget only if all the annual 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 NOC's programme. The NOC's annual preparation projects will be monitored according to the quadrennial plan submitted.



## **SPECIFIC - ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT**

Following approval of the annual preparation project, the NOC must complete the activities approved, participate in the Games announced 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 with the letter indicating approval of the annual preparation project;
- Balance payment made upon receipt and acceptance of the annual technical and financial reports.

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

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

NOCs may recommend at any time during the programme (in consideration of an athlete's dramatic increase in technical ability) whether they should be presented as a candidate for the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes "Tokyo 2020" programme.