

AWARDS FOR ALL GRANTS INCREASED TO £10,000

Since its inception in 1999 Awards for All, a joint lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities, has awarded over £900,000 to English judo clubs and during the fiscal year 05-06 more than £94,000 was awarded to discerning clubs. This scheme is not restricted to England, as many clubs in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have also benefited from grants from Awards for All.

Contrary to popular belief funding is not awarded solely for the supply of new judo mats, for example:

Enfield Judo Club was awarded almost £5000 “To develop the profile of judo in Enfield, especially with girls and also to develop more young people's skills to represent their country in this sport.

Fordley Judo Club was awarded over £4000 to enable them to “Purchase new equipment and send their members on some training courses to improve their skills.” Mats, judo equipment, first aid courses, coaching courses, volunteer’s expenses, and judo courses. Were covered by this grant

Huddersfield Judo Club was granted just over £500 “To increase membership through a promotional campaign including visits to local schools and fetes to give demonstrations.”

Greenbank Judo Club received almost £5000 “For equipment to ensure young people can participate in this sport in safety. The money was used for mats, trolleys, suits in various sizes, training, mentoring, coach advancement courses and stationery.”

And £5000 went to **Halewood Inclusive Judo Club** “To provide opportunities for disabled people to take part in judo and will be able to become established by offering weekly opportunities for beneficiaries to take part in the groups activities and receive professional coaching.”

The list is endless and now Awards for All have announced that they have increased the upper limit of the grants they will award to £10,000 to help fund specific projects or activities in any two-year period.

Could your club benefit from £10,000? Even if you have received a grant in the past you can still benefit from a grant now to assist with that project you have been putting off due to lack of funds. Here are some of the things that a grant could be spent on:

- Publicity materials
- Computers
- Transport costs
- Volunteer's expenses
- Updating equipment for health and safety reasons
- Sports equipment
- Training

In addition to these Awards for All will now give grants for refurbishment work, and to apply for a grant could not be easier.

If you are a not-for-profit organisation, you have a bank account that requires at least two people to sign each cheque or withdrawal and you can use the grant within one year, then simply telephone Awards for All on 0845 600 20 40 or text phone 0845 755 6656 to request an application pack in hard copy or on CD or visit their website at www.awardsforall.org.uk and download an EAF application form, then send the completed form to your local A4A office. You should then hear if you have been successful in about eight weeks.

This is a golden opportunity for you and your club to access funding to support your volunteers and coach education and school development programmes and also to enhance your training facilities to help retain existing members and attract new members to Judo and to put British Judo back where it belongs – on the Olympic medal rostrum

For more information or assistance in completing the application form please contact your local Club Development Officer.

Graham Bayley
Midlands, Northern, NorthWest,
Yorkshire & Humberside
Tel: 01925 453601
Mobile: 07974 355007
grahambayley@britishjudo.org.uk

Karen French
London, South, NHC
West, East
Tel: 01252 310870
Mobile: 07779 026346
karenfrench@britishjudo.org.uk