

Grants for Group Development RDA Grant Fund 2017

Once again, we are very pleased to be able to make funds available for grants to RDA Member Groups – thanks to the support of Players of People's Postcode Lottery, BT Supporters Club and other donors.

Please note, we are only able to make grants for projects where the Group can show that the money will enable the Group to grow or improve the quality of experience for riders/drivers. We are purposely not defining the required level of growth or improvement, but expect this to be "substantial" and in relation to the size of the grant. In your application, you will need to show what growth or change you expect to achieve, how it will be achieved, who the grant will benefit and why this will be a benefit.

Please note that there are some specific criteria, of which you should be aware:

1. You must complete the attached application form in full and supply supporting documents, as appropriate.
2. We are unable to make grants to Groups where the reserves are more than 2 years running costs.
3. Grants will not be made for more than £10,000.
4. 20% of the total Grants pot will be awarded to Grants of £2500 and under.
5. Grants will be made subject to the signing of our standard Grants Agreement and the registration of the RDA Tracker. (if you would like to see more information about this, please let us know).
6. Where we make a grant, we may ask to use your Group or the funded project for publicity, to demonstrate the value of such funding.
7. Retrospective Grants cannot be made (we cannot pay for items that have already been purchased).
8. Grants will not be made to Groups who have received an RDA Grant of more than £3,000 in the last 18 months.
9. Grants are only available to full member Groups of RDA. Transitional groups and Accessibility Mark centres are not eligible.

As stated, the funds are being given to help enable your Group to grow or develop in some way. We will not be able to cover general on-going running costs, but please think widely as to how you could apply the funds for this purpose. Remember that the grant does not need to be used for a capital purchase or a building project and there are many ways to help your Group expand. For example, would you like to set up a new after school club, or perhaps expand to include another discipline, could a grant help you with this?