

PRESS RELEASE

1) Applications are invited for release of grants for maintenance/development of playfields.

Government of Kerala is implementing a scheme for maintenance/development of playfields in the state. There is a budget provision of Rs. 50 lakhs for the purpose during the financial year 2008-09. Grants will be released subject to eligibility and other conditions for those institutions that apply in the prescribed form to the Director, Sports & Youth Affairs, Jimmy George Indoor Stadium, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram – 695033 **before 25-09-2008 at 5 p.m.** For Guidelines and Application form visit “What’s new” link in website [http://: www.dsya.kerala.gov.in](http://www.dsya.kerala.gov.in). Application form copied from website can be used. Application form and copy of guidelines will be issued by post on request with stamped self-addressed envelope. Application form and Guidelines can be collected in person also from the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs. Institutions that had applied for grants under this scheme previously but have not received grants have to submit a fresh application. Old applications will not be considered.

2) Institutions eligible to apply

Grama Panchayats, Block Panchayats, District Panchayats, Town Panchayats, Municipalities, Corporations, Government Educational Institutions, Aided Educational Institutions, Unaided Educational Institutions, Universities, Registered Societies, Co-operative Institutions, Autonomous Bodies, Reputed N.G.O. working exclusively for Development of Sports

3) Works eligible for Grants

Maintenance/development of existing Playfields alone is eligible for grants. Formation of new playfields/purchase of sports equipments is not eligible for grants under this scheme.

4) Quantum of Grants

- a) 100% of estimate amount subject to ceiling of Rs. 2.50 lakhs to Institutions working mainly for SC/ST or women or those situated in Tribal Areas and Government Education Institutions, if there is no other source of fund for the particular work.
- b) 75% of the estimate amount subject to ceiling of Rs. 2.50 lakhs to Grama Panchayats, Block Panchayats, District Panchayats, Town Panchayats, Municipalities, Corporations, Aided Educational Institutions, Universities, Autonomous Bodies
- c) 50% of the estimate amount subject to ceiling of Rs. 1.20 lakhs to unaided educational institutions, Registered Societies, Co-operative Institutions, Reputed N.G.Os.

5) Playfield Disciplines eligible for Grants

Badminton, Basketball, Football, Handball, Hockey, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Gymnastics, Athletics, Shooting, Khabaddi, Kho-Kho and Swimming. In case of indoor disciplines such as Table Tennis, Gymnastics etc. grants will be given for maintenance of indoor premises.

6) Selection Criteria

As the amount earmarked for the purpose cannot satisfy all the applicants, following criteria will be adopted for releasing the grants.

- a) Applications not in the prescribed form, applications received after due date, and applications without supporting certificates/documents/recommendations of authorities wherever applicable will be rejected.
- b) Institutions hosted any recognised tournaments in past two years will be given preference.
- c) Organisation whose members have won at least third place in recognised tournaments at district level and above during the past two years will be given preference.
- d) Priority will be given to those institutions which have produced International/National/State level sports persons in that order
- e) Institutions that have received grants from State Government, Government of India, Sports Authority of India, Kerala State Sports Council, any other Governments or Public Sector Undertakings during the past two years for similar purpose will be given lower preferences.
- f) Past two years mentioned in this notice means period from 01/04/2006 to 31/03/2008.

7) Other Conditions

- a) The institution should have standard size playfield for eligible discipline for maintenance improvement.
- b) Applications should be supported with cost estimate signed by any civil engineer in service of Government/local bodies/Autonomous institution. It should be based on current schedule of rates approved by Government of Kerala.
- c) Applications should have recommendation from District Collector in all cases except in the case of Universities, which should be recommended by the Registrar of the University.
- d) The institution should have the capacity to mobilise the funds on their own sources over and above the likely grant amount to successfully complete the proposed works as per estimate.

- e) The institution should give an undertaking that the grants released will be utilised for the purpose within 6 months and the utilisation certificate will be submitted soon after.

8) List of certificates/documents to be compulsorily enclosed with the application

- a) Certificate from the Officer in Revenue Department not below the rank of Village Officer stating that the land where the playfield proposed for improvement is situated is under actual possession of the institution.
- b) Certificates from the Secretary, District Sports Council or the Secretary of the concerned State Sports Association in support of claims furnished under item 22 of the application form. Claims without supporting certificates will not be given weightage.
- c) Copy of certificates in support of claim under item No. 23 of the application.
- d) An undertaking to the effect that the sponsor is willing to complete the work conforming to the specification as contemplate in the original plan and estimate, within the time limit contemplated in the application, raising additional funds required if any over and above the grant sanctioned by the Government from our sources.

DIRECTOR
Sports & Youth Affairs