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# 1 City of Helsinki's grants for sports

These application instructions provide more detailed awarding criteria and application periods for the different types of grants for sports awarded by the City of Helsinki. The more detailed grant awarding principles of the Culture and Leisure Committee's Sports Sub-committee supplement the general guidelines for the City of Helsinki's grants (City Board 7 April 2025, Section 222) and the shared grant allocation principles of the Culture and Leisure Division (Culture and Leisure Committee 12 December 2023, Section 178).

Through grants for sports, the City of Helsinki promotes physical activity opportunities for residents of the municipality in accordance with Section 5 of the Act on the Promotion of Sports and Physical Activity (390/2015). In particular, the grants are used to support civic activity in sports, including club activities, and to promote the achievement of the objectives of the Act on the Promotion of Sports and Physical Activity, taking into account the starting points for their realisation, which are equality, non-discrimination, community spirit, multiculturalism, healthy lifestyles, a safe operating environment and respect for the environment (390/2015 Section 2, updated 3 February 2023/144).

These instructions were approved at a meeting of the Sports Sub-committee on 30 October 2025 and apply to grants awarded from the 2026 budget.

Current information on grants for sports, more detailed awarding criteria and instructions for each type of grant, and contact details for grant coordinators can be found on the sport grants pages of the 'Grants' website ([www.hel.fi/liikunnanavustukset](http://www.hel.fi/liikunnanavustukset)).

## **Jurisdiction**

According to Chapter 17, Section 1 of the City of Helsinki's Administrative Regulations, the Culture and Leisure Committee decides on the principles of allocating the Division's grant budget and supervises the implementation of the grant principles at the division level. The Sports Sub-committee decides on the distribution of the grant funds available, approves the criteria and limits according to which the office holder decides on the allocation of grant funds and monitors the use of grants (City of Helsinki Administrative Regulations, Chapter 17, Section 3).

## **Grant types**

Grants are awarded in the following types:

- Operating grant
- Facility usage grant
- Orienteering map grant
- Grant for other associations that promote physical activity

- Start grant
- Event grant
- Clearing grant
- Grant for promoting safer club activities
- Grant to support regional sports activities

The Sports Sub-committee may also decide on other types of grants.

Each year, the Sports Sub-committee decides on the distribution of the grant budget between the different grants for sports once the City Council has made its decision on the budget for the Culture and Leisure Committee. The Sports Sub-committee decides on the distribution of grants within the budget allocated to it.

### **Instructions binding the grant recipient**

In addition to these instructions, the instructions and regulations issued by Sports Services and the grant decision, grant recipients must also comply with the following decisions, instructions and regulations:

- [City of Helsinki's general guidelines for grants](#) (City Board 7 April 2025, Section 222) (in Finnish)
- [The City of Helsinki's ethical partnership principles for grant allocation and cooperation with organisations](#) (City Board 7 April 2025, Section 222) (in Finnish)
- [Culture and Leisure Division's shared grant allocation principles](#) (Culture and Leisure Committee 12 December 2023, Section 178) (in Finnish)
- Legislation in force
- [Recommendation on good governance for associations](#) (in Finnish)
- [Fair play – Ethical principles for the sports community](#) (in Finnish, updated 25.11.2025)

The aforementioned include regulations on matters such as the provision of information regarding grant decisions, the use and supervision of grants and reporting on the use of grants. In addition to these application instructions, applicants must carefully read the documents in question before applying for grants.

According to Section 47 of the decision issued by the Culture and Leisure Committee on 15 March 2022, grants are not awarded to operators subject to sanctions that bind the City of Helsinki. Furthermore, the grant recipient may not make the grant funds available to or utilisable by parties who are subject to sanctions that bind the recipient or the City of Helsinki.

**Payment of grants**

The operating grant, the sports facility usage grant, the grant for other associations promoting physical activity, the orienteering map grant, the start grant, the grant for promoting safer club activities and the grant to support regional sports activities are paid to the recipient in one instalment following the grant decision.

The event grant is paid after the event, once the grant recipient has reported on the realised event through a separate form.

## 2 Grant types and criteria

This chapter sets out the principles and criteria for awarding the different types of grants.

### Eligibility of communities by grant type

| Grants for basic activities                                 | Sports clubs (definition: Chapter 2.1, item 3) | Sports clubs (other) | Other associations organising sports | Other registered communities |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Operating grant                                             | x                                              |                      |                                      |                              |
| Grant for other associations that promote physical activity |                                                | x                    | x                                    |                              |
| Start grant*                                                | x                                              | x                    |                                      |                              |
| <b>Conditions</b>                                           |                                                |                      |                                      |                              |
| Facility usage grant                                        | x                                              |                      |                                      |                              |
| Clearing grant**                                            |                                                |                      |                                      |                              |
| Orienteering map grant                                      | x                                              |                      |                                      |                              |
| <b>Targeted grants</b>                                      |                                                |                      |                                      |                              |
| Event grant***                                              | x                                              | x                    | x                                    | x                            |
| Grant for promoting safer club activities                   | x                                              | x                    | x                                    |                              |
| Grant to support regional sports activities                 | x                                              | x                    | x                                    |                              |

\*The start grant is intended for registered sports clubs that have been operating for less than a year.

\*\*Targeted facility usage grant for ice sports for ages under 20, intended for clearing ice time for ice hockey and figure skating clubs receiving an operating grant.

\*\*\*Event grants can also be applied for by communities registered outside Helsinki for organising events in Helsinki.

### 2.1 Operating grant, facility usage grant and orienteering map grant

The operating grant, the facility usage grant and the orienteering map grant may be awarded to sports clubs that meet the following conditions:

1. The registered domicile of the sports club is Helsinki and its activities are open to all Helsinki residents. The activities for which a grant is awarded must be primarily directed at Helsinki residents.
2. The sports club must be registered with the Finnish Patent and Registration Office in accordance with the Associations Act. The club's activities must be well-established and the club must have been in operation for at least one full calendar year prior to applying for a grant. This does not apply to cases in which a club has changed its name, a division has registered as a separate association, or the operations of clubs that have previously received a grant are entirely or partially joined together.
3. According to the statutes of the sports club, the club's primary field of activity is sports and exercise, and the umbrella organisation for the sports activities that they organise is a member of the Finnish Olympic Committee and/or is covered by State funding for national sports organisations provided by the Ministry of Education and Culture. More than 50% of the club's regular training activities must be in sports that meet the abovementioned criterion.
4. The sports club organises regular instructed sports activities for the same group within the club at least 10 times for a continuous period of three months.
5. The club's regular instructor-led sports and physical activities must be attended by at least 50 active members who live in Helsinki, or, alternatively, at least 20 active members under the age of 20 who live in Helsinki. In the grant application process for 2026, 'children and young people under the age of 20' refers to people born in 2006 or later.

## 2.1.1 Operating grant

### Grants for basic activities

The operating grant is a general grant for the activities of sports clubs, awarded on a discretionary basis in accordance with calculated criteria. The amount of the operating grant is determined by comparing the club's score, calculated by using the following criteria, with the scores of other clubs applying for an operating grant and the available budget.

The calculation of the operating grant is based on the following criteria:

1. The number of active members living in Helsinki (juniors/adults)



1.1. The weighting of activities for children and young people in the calculation is 80%, while the weighting of activities for adults is 20%. In the grant application process for 2026, 'children and young people' refers to people born in 2006 or later.

1.2. In the application, club members who participate in regular instructed training activities for the same group at least 10 times for a continuous period of three uninterrupted months are reported as active members. At least four members and an instructor or coach must take part in the instructed training activities. The regular activities organised must be the club's own non-profit activities, excluding sports activities acquired by the City as a purchased service or carried out in cooperation with the City. Coaches, instructors, team managers or other club officials are not classified as active members.

1.3. A person can only be reported as an active member for calculation purposes once, even if the same person participates in the activities of several training groups over the course of the calendar year.

2. The number of instructors and coaches who have completed at least VOK 1, i.e. the first level of the national coaching and instructor training programme. In addition to the VOK 1 training programme, the number of instructors and coaches who have completed a training course for coaches and instructors of at least the same level and content, or who have completed an initial vocational qualification (vocational school), a sports instructor's degree (university of applied sciences) or a Master's degree in sports science (sports pedagogy or sports biology) is taken into account.

The grant calculation uses a limit percentage that prevents the reduction of the operating grant by more than 20% from the operating grant awarded the previous year. If the change in the number of active members or instructors and coaches is due to a structural change in the club, such as a division or several leaving the club, the limit percentage is not used.

The combined share of the operating and facility usage grant cannot exceed 80% of the eligible costs of the club's non-profit activities. Loan repayments, interest, depreciation, reservations or other calculated items that are not based on actual expenses are not considered to be expenses resulting from the activities.

Grants of less than EUR 200 are not awarded.

## 2.1.2 Facility usage grant

Conditions

The facility usage grant is a discretionary grant awarded based on calculated criteria. A facility usage grant can be awarded to sports clubs in Helsinki that receive an operating grant for sports the same year.

The facility usage grant is awarded for the facility costs of activities in the gymnasiums of City of Helsinki schools and sports facilities and venues other than those owned by the City of Helsinki Sports Services.

The use of the facilities must meet the following criteria in order to be taken into account in the calculation of the facility usage grant:

1. The sports club has used its facility usage reservation for regular (at least 10 times within 3 uninterrupted months) and instructed sports activities and has paid a lease for the facility. Regular sports activities in facilities owned by the club itself are also taken into account in the calculation.
2. Only regular instructed training sessions organised by the club in sports facilities in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area and attended by at least four active members and an instructor or coach are taken into account. Sports facilities in Helsinki, Vantaa, Espoo and Kauniainen are regarded as sports facilities in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area.
3. The facility usage costs are estimated on the basis of the costs of the previous calendar year. Therefore, the facility usage must have taken place in 2025 (\*exception below).

*\*The amount of the facility usage grant may take into account, on a discretionary basis, significant changes in the club's use of the sports facilities concerning the year of application. Significant changes may be taken into account if they have a substantial impact on the facility usage costs and if they occur in one of the following situations:*

- clubs merging or splitting into several clubs
- a division or several joining or leaving the club
- new sports facilities leased or owned by the club
- a relinquishment of sports facilities leased or owned by the club
- the facility leased or owned by the club becomes or ceases to be eligible for the grant during the application year.

The applicant must indicate such significant changes separately with an application form and a facility usage appendix. If the reservation hours actually used and/or the costs are lower than the figures indicated, they will be deducted from the information provided in the facility usage appendix for the following year. If the applicant does not apply for a facility usage grant the following year, the difference will be recovered.

The facility usage grant calculation is based on the following factors:

1. The calculated maximum hourly rate, which determines the maximum amount of the grant per approved hour of facility usage (60 minutes).
2. If the hourly lease paid by the club has been lower than the calculated maximum hourly rate, the amount of the actual grant will decrease proportionally. The maximum hourly rates are:
  - sports facilities and venues: €24/h
  - swimming hall lane reservation: €14/h
  - ice time at ice halls for ages under 20: €42/h.

When reporting lease payments, the club does not have to take into account the calculated maximum hourly rate defined above; instead, it must report its actual realised lease costs in the grant application.

3. The weighting of activities for children and young people under 20 in the calculation is 100%, while the weighting of activities for adults is 90%.

The facility usage grant is calculated on the basis of the lease invoice reported by the applicant and the facility usage appendix attached to the application. The details provided about the facility in the facility usage appendix must match those provided in the invoice. This means that the facilities cannot be divided into smaller parts to report part-specific prices.

The final facility usage grant is determined by comparing the applicant's calculated facility usage grant with the calculated grants of other applicants for facility usage grants and the budget allocated to the grant type.

The hourly rate for the sports facility administrated by the applicant is calculated as follows:

Any lease income received by the club from the facilities is deducted from the lease paid by the club. The difference between the lease costs and income is divided by the number of hours used by the club for its own regular training activities, resulting in the hourly rate for the use of the facility. Only the share of the sports facilities in the lease is included in the hourly lease. The share of office, meeting and storage facilities in the lease is not taken into account unless these facilities are used for sports activities. In the case of a sports facility owned by the sports club, the association must report all usage costs (e.g. water, electricity, cleaning costs) in the additional information section of the application.

Clearing ice time for ice hockey and figure skating juniors is not supported in this grant type, nor is it reported in the grant application or the facility usage appendix.

## 2.1.3 Orienteering map grant

### Conditions

The orienteering map grant is a discretionary grant for sports clubs to cover the costs of producing orienteering maps completed in 2025. The grant can be awarded to sports clubs in Helsinki that receive an operating grant for sports in the same year.

The grant applies to orienteering and teaching maps reported to the map register of the Finnish Orienteering Federation. The grant can only be awarded for new, remapped or updated maps completed in 2025.

Eligible costs for the grant include the costs of printing, background materials (permits, aerial photography, copying and drawing) and fieldwork. The application must include proof of all costs, broken down for each map.

The maps and the invoices and receipts related to their production costs are to be submitted separately upon request. The invoices and receipts are not to be attached to the grant application.

Informal voluntary work can be taken into account as a production cost:

| Map type     | Max. hours / km <sup>2</sup> | Max. €/hour | Max. €/km <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------|------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| New map      | 50                           | 10          | 500                    |
| Remapped map | 30                           | 10          | 300                    |
| Updated map  | 20                           | 10          | 200                    |

If the map includes different methods of mapping (new, remapping and updating), the amount of voluntary work reported in the application is distributed to each method of mapping in proportion to the number of mapped square metres. Any income from the map, such as advertising revenue, grants and sales income, is deducted from the map-specific costs.

The grant is awarded within the limits of the appropriation, with a maximum of 60% of the loss resulting from the difference between the costs and revenue. Maps completed as a joint effort between associations are awarded funding according to the percentages reported by the associations. The map to which the grant application pertains must feature the logo of the City of Helsinki.

## 2.2 Grant for other associations that promote physical activities

### Grants for basic activities

The grant for other associations promoting physical activity is a general grant for sports clubs and other associations organising physical activity. Sports and exercise for participants aged under 20 and over 64, as well as special needs groups, are given priority when awarding the grant. The grant is discretionary.

The grant can be applied for by and awarded to associations that meet the following criteria:

1. The registered domicile of the association is Helsinki and its activities are open to all Helsinki residents. The sports activities for which the grant is awarded must be primarily directed at residents of Helsinki.
2. The association must be registered with the Finnish Patent and Registration Office in accordance with the Associations Act, and it must have been operating for at least one calendar year prior to applying for the grant. The activities of the association are established. This does not apply to cases where an association has changed its name, a division has registered as a separate association, or the operations of associations that have been awarded the grant in the past are entirely or partially joined together.
3. The association organises regular instructed sports activities for the same group within the association at least 10 times for a continuous period of three uninterrupted months. The exercise groups of special needs organisations must organise regular sports activities for the same group.
4. The association's instructed sports activities must be attended by at least 50 active adult members who live in Helsinki, or, alternatively, at least 20 active members aged under 20 or over 64 who live in Helsinki. The number of members participating in the regular physical activities of the sports groups of special needs organisations is expected to be in line with the functional capacity of the participants and the type of exercise in question.

In the application, association members who participate in regular instructed sports activities for the same group at least 10 times for a continuous period of three months are reported as active members. The regular activities organised must be the association's own non-profit activities, excluding sports activities acquired by the City as a purchased service or carried out in cooperation with the City. In the case of sports groups of special needs organisations, a member who regularly participates in the activity, taking into account their functional capacity, can be registered as an active member.

A person can only be reported as an active member for calculation purposes once, even if the same person participates in the activities of several exercise groups over the course of the calendar year.

The grant may cover a maximum of 80% of the eligible expenses. 'Eligible expenses' refers to expenses that result from the association's non-profit sports activities. Loan repayments, interest, depreciation, reservations or other calculated items that are not based on actual expenses are not considered to be expenses resulting from the activities.

## 2.3 Start grant

### Grants for basic activities

A start grant may be awarded to a registered sports club that has been active for less than one year. The start grant amount is EUR 500.

The start grant may be awarded to sports clubs that meet the following criteria:

1. The registered domicile of the association is Helsinki and its activities are open to all Helsinki residents.
2. The main field of activity of the association must, according to the statutes, be sports activities.

An association may only receive the start grant once.

## 2.4 Event grant

### Targeted grants

The event grant is a grant provided to registered associations, businesses and other communities for the purpose of organising sports-related events. The event must meet the following conditions:

1. The event focuses on physical activity and is organised in Helsinki.
2. The event promotes physical activity among Helsinki residents and diversifies the City's event offering.

3. The grant is applied for before the event.
4. The event is reported on after the event.

The following criteria are emphasised when assessing applications and awarding grants:

- The aim of the event is to inspire new target groups to be active in their everyday lives and engage in independent or instructed physical activity.
- The event is targeted at children and/or young people.
- The scale and visibility of the event.
- Affordability of the event.
- Responsibility of the event:
  - The event will be organised with the environment in mind.
  - Impact on the promotion of non-discrimination and equality.
  - Promotion of inclusion and community spirit.
  - Other measures to promote responsibility.
- Events held in the suburban regeneration areas of Helsinki.

Furthermore, the aim is to select events to support with the widest possible range in terms of the following:

- Seasonal thinking, i.e. events organised at different times of the year.
- The locations of the events to be supported across Helsinki.
- Event diversity from the perspective of different sports.

The event grant is a discretionary grant. The amount and awarding of the event grant is affected by the applicant's own funds, income generated from the supported activities and other funding possibilities (e.g. public support).

The event grant is not awarded to support an applicant's regular training, competition and tournament activities, internal events, camps and courses or major international competitions. The grant is intended for small and medium-sized events. Large sports events can apply for a broader event partnership with the City of Helsinki instead of the event grant.

Eligible costs are the actual costs incurred in organising the event, such as facility fees, communication and marketing costs and any additional staff costs arising from the event.

The event grant may only be used to cover expenses resulting from the event. The event grant is paid to the event organiser after a final report on the event has been submitted to Sports Services.

One event grant can be awarded for one event. On a discretionary basis, the same event organiser may be awarded a grant for several events during the year.

## 2.5 Clearing grant

### Conditions

The clearing grant is a grant covered by the operating grant to support clearing ice time for children and young people under the age of 20 in ice hockey and figure skating clubs. Jääkenttäsäätiö (The Finnish Ice Rink Association) invoices Sports Services according to the actual clearing time used by junior ice hockey and figure skating teams. The amount of the aid is EUR 42 per hour, subject to the grant amount allocated to clearing.

Associations cannot apply for any other grants related to facility usage for clearing time from Sports Services.

## 2.6 Grant for promoting safer club activities

### Targeted grants

The grant for promoting safer club activities is a discretionary grant for sports clubs and other associations organising sports activities in Helsinki, the aim of which is to develop sports activities to make them more responsible and safer. Grants are awarded for development work to promote safer physical activity for children and young people. The projects to be supported must be mainly aimed at children and young people in Helsinki.

Children and young people are able to be physically active in safe company without bullying, harassment, racism or other inappropriate behaviour. Inappropriate behaviour is intervened in quickly and proactively, and it is prevented through many means. A safe club environment offers positive experiences in an encouraging and respectful atmosphere, which promotes social safety and community spirit.

Projects to be supported must include at least two sets of measures. One of these must be the **development of safer club practices**. Examples of how safer practices can be developed are described below. The measures must be based on the examples or similar actions.

For example:

- appointment and training of harassment contact persons
- development and implementation of anonymous wellbeing surveys
- updating the association's statutes to take into account harassment, bullying, racism and other inappropriate behaviour and disciplinary measures that follow



- developing principles for a safer club
- instructions on how to deal with situations involving inappropriate behaviour
- making recruitment practices safer by checking the criminal records of volunteers and employed workers
- communicating about measures for a safer club and making the measures visible.

In addition, one or more of the following sets of measures must be implemented:

- increasing the safety and participation of children and young people in the club's activities
- developing the know-how of coaches, instructors and other club staff from the perspective of safer club activities
- developing anti-racism measures
- drawing up an equality, non-discrimination or responsibility plan and implementing the measures.

When assessing applications and awarding grants, the emphasis is on projects that develop and test new approaches to find sustainable practices for the club's activities. Priority is given to operators who do not yet have ready-made or developed practices for promoting safer club activities.

Applications are also assessed on the following factors: the scale, effectiveness and appropriateness of the project in relation to the objectives of the grant, the accuracy and realism of the financial and operational plan, the self-financing share or other funding of the project, the cost-effectiveness of the project, cooperation with partners outside the club and the continuity of the activities after the project period. The systematicity and concreteness of the project documentation and impact assessment are taken into account when comparing applications.

The grant can only be used for project-related costs. After the end of the project, the applicant must report on the measures carried out during the project and the results achieved. The applicant is required to provide cost centre-specific financial reporting, detailing the costs allocated to the project.

If the project is carried out as part of the club's core activities, e.g. by permanent staff, the report on the use of the grant must specify how many hours of each person's work efforts have been spent on the project. The grant cannot be used to finance the acquisition of fixed assets or support business activities.

The project must have a person in charge, a clear action plan and realistic and measurable objectives. The grant can be used between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2027.

The grants awarded range from EUR 2,500 to EUR 25,000.

Grants may be awarded to applicants who meet the grant criteria and who have applied for the grant by the deadline set. The amount of the grant cannot exceed the amount of the grant applied for.

## 2.7 Grant to support regional sports activities

### Targeted grants

The grant to support regional sports activities is a discretionary special grant awarded for low-threshold sports activities and development work for children and young people in Helsinki.

The grant is awarded for activities and development work to increase low-threshold sports hobby activities for children and young people aged 9–18. ‘Low-threshold activities’ refers to accessible, reasonably priced activities that do not require prior experience, long-term commitment, high skill levels or the participant’s own special equipment. One of the focal areas of the grant is girls with an immigrant background.

The grant can be applied for by registered clubs and other organisations and associations promoting physical activity in Helsinki that have been active for at least a year.

The grant is targeted at activities and operational development in the following suburban regeneration areas: Mellunkylä, Kannelmäki, Malminkartano, Malmi and Meri-Rastila.

Additionally, the grant may be awarded for activities and operational development in the following areas (districts), where participation in recreational activities by children and young people is low when compared to the city average: Jakomäki, Kaarela, Kallio-Alppiharju, Latokartano, Myllypuro, Pitäjänmäki, Puistola, Pukinmäki, Suutarila, Vartiokylä and Vuosaari.

The aim of the grant is to increase physical activity among children and young people and positive encounters between population groups in the region, to prevent social exclusion and to strengthen community spirit and inclusion. The grant is used to promote equal opportunities for children and young people to take part in physical activity and strengthen cooperation between local operators.

When comparing and assessing applications, the following factors are emphasised:

- the project promotes physical activity among girls with an immigrant background
- the project will involve applying new types of partnerships and developing and testing new practices
- the project will be implemented as a joint project between several operators
- the different aspects of accessibility are taken into account in the activities

- the participation and agency of children and young people is taken into account in the activities.

Applications are also assessed on the following factors: the scale and appropriateness of the project in relation to the objectives of the grant, the realism of the project's financial and operational plan, the applicant's own assets and any other funding available for the activities, and the continuity of the activities after the project period. The systematicity and concreteness of the project documentation and impact assessment are also taken into account when comparing applications.

The project must have a person in charge, a clear action plan and realistic and measurable objectives.

The grant can be awarded for projects lasting 1–2 years and for activities started with the grant in 2025. The grant application process for 2026 involves awarding the grant for 2026 and a potential conditional grant for 2027, depending on the reported progress of the project in relation to the project plan and the budget allocated to the grant type. Applicants who received a conditional grant decision in 2025 must apply for the grant in 2026 and complete the interim project report included in the application.

The grants for 2026 range from EUR 3,000 to EUR 30,000 and can be used between 1 June 2026 and 31 May 2027.

The grant may only be used for project-related costs and can cover up to 80% of the eligible costs of the project to be supported.

Grants may be awarded to applicants who meet the grant criteria and who have applied for the grant by the deadline set.

# 3 Grant application periods and appendices

Grants are applied for primarily via the City's grant application service (avustukset.hel.fi). The application periods for the different grant types are set out in the table below. If an application is not submitted by the deadline set for it, it is considered to be late and will be rejected. Incomplete applications may also be rejected.

In exceptional situations, the grant application can be submitted to the City of Helsinki Register Office. More detailed instructions can be found on [the City's website](#).

| GRANT TYPE                                               | APPLICATION PERIOD                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Operating and facility usage grants                      | 9 January – 15 February 2026      |
| Orienteering map grant                                   | 9 January – 15 February 2026      |
| Grant for other associations promoting physical activity | 9 January – 15 February 2026      |
| Start grant                                              | 1 January – 6 December 2026       |
| Event grant                                              | 8 December 2025 – 6 December 2026 |
| Grant for promoting safer club activities                | 9 March – 5 April 2026            |
| Grant to support regional sports activities              | 9 March – 5 April 2026            |

In addition to the actual application form, the application must be accompanied by the obligatory appendices specified for each grant (see the table below). There is no need to resubmit an individual appendix if it has already been submitted to the City via the grant application service in another grant application process.

| GRANT TYPE                                                         | OBLIGATORY APPENDICES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Operating grant</b>                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan for the year of application</li> <li>- Budget for the year of application</li> <li>- Financial statements (latest confirmed/signed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> <li>- Financial or operational audit report (latest confirmed/signed, for the same year as the financial statements)</li> <li>- Annual report (latest confirmed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> </ul> <p>*Additional notes below the table</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Facility usage grant</b>                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Separate facility usage appendix (Excel file). The link to download the appendix can be found on the page for the type of grant in the grant application service</li> <li>- Agreement for a new sports facility or an updated agreement if changes have been made to the current agreement</li> <li>- Lease payment receipts are to be submitted separately upon request</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Orienteering map grant</b>                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Map-specific breakdown of the costs arising from producing the maps</li> <li>- Maps, invoices and receipts related to the production costs are submitted separately upon request</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Grant for other associations that promote physical activity</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan for the year of application</li> <li>- Budget for the year of application</li> <li>- Financial statements (latest confirmed/signed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> <li>- Financial or operational audit report (latest confirmed/signed, for the same year as the financial statements)</li> <li>- Annual report (latest confirmed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> <li>- Separate facility usage appendix (Excel file) if the applicant wishes to have facility usage taken into account when awarding the grant. The link to download the appendix can be found on the page for the type of grant in the grant application service.</li> </ul> |

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|                                                  | <p>- If the applicant organises activities in different sectors, the applicant must submit a budget for the sports activities, an action plan, a financial statement/cost centre report on the income and expenditure of the sports activities signed by an auditor, and an annual report as appendices. Of these, the budget for sports activities should be a separately downloadable document. The other appendices can be submitted as a specified part of the appendix documents for the activities of the entire community.</p> <p>*Additional notes below the table</p> |
| <b>Start grant</b>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extract from the Register of Associations</li> <li>- Statutes of the association</li> <li>- The bank's notice of the account holder or a copy of a bank statement (the applicant must have their own Finnish bank account to which the grant will be paid)</li> <li>- Budget for the current or incoming operating period</li> <li>- Action plan for the current or incoming operating period</li> </ul>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Event grant</b>                               | <p>- Event plan and budget if sufficient information is not provided on the application form</p> <p>*Additional notes below the table (excl. statutes of the community)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Grant for promoting safer club activities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan for the year of application</li> <li>- Budget for the year of application</li> <li>- Financial statements (latest confirmed/signed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> <li>- Financial or operational audit report (latest confirmed/signed, for the same year as the financial statements)</li> <li>- Annual report (latest confirmed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> </ul> <p>*Additional notes below the table</p>                                                                                                                         |

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| <b>Grant to support regional sports activities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Action plan for the year of application</li> <li>- Budget for the year of application</li> <li>- Financial statements (latest confirmed/signed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> <li>- Financial or operational audit report (latest confirmed/signed, for the same year as the financial statements)</li> <li>- Annual report (latest confirmed, for 2024 or 2025)</li> <li>- Budget for the entire project period, broken down by project year, if the project lasts several years</li> <li>- If a conditional grant has been awarded for a multi-year project, a cost centre report on the costs already realised during the first project period</li> </ul> <p>*Additional notes below the table</p> |
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\*If the applicant has not previously applied for a City of Helsinki grant or if their information has changed, the following appendices must also be submitted with the application:

- statutes of the association
- the bank's notice of the account holder or a copy of a bank statement (the applicant must have their own Finnish bank account to which the grant will be paid)
- extract from the register for the entity type in question (YTJ).

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The logo for the City of Helsinki, featuring the word "Helsinki" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, enclosed within a black outline of a speech bubble or a stylized bracket shape.

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