

Society Development Fund Factsheet

The Students' Union has a small pot of money available for societies to apply for. This fund is designed to provide small grants that will help to increase the sustainability of the society and allow it to grow. The following criteria are goals we would expect you to achieve with the development grant:

Collaboration: This funding is for events or initiatives that bring societies together. We are looking for a combination of ideas and activities from two or more societies that is innovative, mutually beneficial to all societies involved and represents all the involved societies equally.

Inclusivity: This funding seeks to help our society welcome students to your activities who may face certain barriers to participation. Improve access to your society with certain equipment, training or other initiative's.

Development: Take your society to be next level, this fund is for purchases that will benefit the society in the long term. E.g. a piece of equipment, subscription to a national organisation or something else that is going to improve your society. Competition entry fees may be covered (funds dependent) if the Society wishes to represent the Union at the national level although societies must self- fund all transport and accommodation costs.

Important Guidelines and tips for a successful application

1. **Be realistic:** The Students' Union only has a small pot of money available for societies to apply for and approximately 60 societies remember we must ensure all societies have fair access to the money available, you need to seriously consider whether you're asking for a reasonable amount. If your society can't survive without this funding, you might need to consider other funding sources or reviewing your activities.
2. **Be clear:** We'll want to know exactly what the funding will be used for, including a detailed run down of how it will benefit your society.
3. **Check our limits:** As a Students' Union, there are some items that we simply can't fund, check the list below for a full run-down of things that might lead to an unsuccessful application.
4. **Eligibility:** Make sure you read the application thoroughly, if your society **does not** meet the mandatory requirements to apply for the development fund, your application will not be considered.

We will not accept funding bids for the following:

- Events or trips that are purely for a social purpose
- Costs of food or drink (if number surpasses society membership)



- Requests made retrospectively to cover costs of a previously made purchase
- Anything contravening other Wolverhampton SU policies, our constitution or bye-laws, or that could be reasonably be construed as such
- Donations to any other charitable organisation

The Application Process

1. Visit -
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=y7lg5ikBu0Se3aqm6QV1FMiTZhW5YaZNj1zNJFZJxEtUMk5LUUIFWDZVNVRKQUVMQzQxMktIS1ZLNi4u&origin=lprLink&route=shorturl> and submit your application form.
2. Be sure to include any links or information on what you are purchasing
3. Once the Opportunities team have reviewed your application, you will be notified of whether your application has been successful or not and given the information on the next steps.

