**GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**Background:**

At the Leyton Orient Fans’ Trust (LOFT) AGM in December 2018, the Board proposed that we provide financial support to football community projects from its general funds. This was agreed unanimously by the LOFT members present. Since this time, LOFT has provided funding to Leyton Orient Women’s Team, Leyton Orient Walking Football FC and also donated to the Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation. In addition we have supported six grassroots football clubs by giving grants to individual teams.

The viability of using funds is considered by the LOFT Board each year and we are pleased to be able to offer grants again for the 2023/24 season. The grant is for £300 per club, per season.

**Grant Details:**

The board will consider applications from any football club within the period of 1st July until 15th August 2023 inclusive. All grant applicants should complete the application form overleaf and email it to lofanstrust@gmail.com. All grant applicants will be notified by 15th September 2023 as to whether LOFT has been able to support them.

Should LOFT be in the position where all the grant money set aside has not been allocated, we will consider applications outside of this period.

In the case of applications outstripping the amount of grant money set aside, any applications from clubs with previous grant funding will be ruled out and the following criteria will be applied:

 Waltham Forest teams 3 points

 Teams within a London Borough 2 points

 Teams within Essex 2 points

 All other teams 1 point

 Female only teams 3 points

 Disability youth and open age teams 3 points

 Mixed youth teams\* 2 point

 Adult Male teams 1 point

*\*We note that the FA determine that all teams up to the age of 18 are now mixed teams. Therefore, even if you do not currently have any females signed to the team, you would be classed as a mixed team.*

 Teams with a link to Leyton Orient Fans’ Trust 2 points

 Teams with a link to Leyton Orient FC 1 point

 Charter Standard (annual health check) achieved (any level) 1 point

In the event of all the above criteria being applied and there being an excess of clubs requesting grants then lots will be drawn, applying randomly allocated numbers to each applicant club. This process would be overseen by an external director, who is not part of the LOFT Board.

Our highest priority criteria aim is to support female football and disability football as they are recognised as being the most under-funded within the national game.

In the case of any queries, please contact the LOFT email address, as above.

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Club Name** |  |
| **Team Name** |  |
| **Club Address** |  |
| **Contact Person** |  |
| **Which league does the team play in?** |  |
| **Please confirm that this team has been entered to their local FA to play football in season 2023/24** |[ ]

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| **Please indicate which fits your team:** |  | For LOFT use only |
| Team within Waltham Forest |[ ]   |
| Team within another London borough |[ ]   |
| Team within Essex |[ ]   |
| Team in any other area |[ ]   |

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| **Please indicate which fits your team:** |  | For LOFT use only |
| Female only team (child/adult) |[ ]   |
| Disability Youth or Open-Age team | [ ]   |  |
| Mixed Youth Team\* |[ ]   |
| Adult Male Team |[ ]   |
| Charter Standard | [ ]  |  |

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| **Please indicate which fits your team:** |  | For LOFT use only |
| Are there are LOFT members in your club set up? Please detail their name(s):  | [ ]   |  |
| Are there any LOFC season ticket holders within your club set up? |[ ]   |

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| If you have a website, what is the site address? |  |
| Do you have a Twitter page? If so, please give the account name |  |
| Do you have an Instagram, Tiktok, Facebook platform for the team? If so, please give details |  |
| Please check to confirm that you would be willing to display our logo and details of our grant on your social media |[ ]

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| What do you anticipate using the grant for? |  |
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| Please tick here if you will be using our grant as shirt sponsorship. We will send you our logo. | ☐ |