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Dear Timothy

**AQW 19349/22-27 – FUNDING PROVIDED BY HIS DEPARTMENT AND ITS
ARM'S-LENGTH BODIES TO SPORTS CLUBS BETWEEN 2015 AND 2020**

You recently submitted an Assembly Written Question AQW 19220/22-27, asking that I detail funding provided by my Department and its arm's-length bodies to sports clubs between 2015 and 2020.

I have arranged for this information for the period from 2016, when my Department came into being, until 2020 to be placed in the Assembly Library.

Yours sincerely

**Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities**

Annex A

Funding provided by the Department for Communities and its arm's-length bodies to sports clubs between 2016 and 2020 as per AQW 19349/22-27

Funding provided by DfC

Neighbourhood Renewal Capital

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£1,561,467.95	5
2017/18	£187,363.71	1
2018/19	£460,240.00	1
2019/20	£379,565.31	2
TOTAL	£2,588,636.97	7

Neighbourhood Renewal Revenue

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£51,585.34	3
2017/18	£51,206.15	3
2018/19	£38,950.74	3
2019/20	£11,997.07	2
TOTAL	£153,739.30	3

Regional Shared Sports Funding Programme Capital

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£199,108.97	1
2017/18	£0.00	0
2018/19	£387,684.76	1
2019/20	£0.00	0
TOTAL	£586,793.73	2

SIF: Social Investment Fund Capital

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£0.00	0
2017/18	£0.00	0
2018/19	£0.00	0
2019/20	£100,000.00	1
TOTAL	£100,000.00	1

Small Capital Grants Programme

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£87,938.00	35
2017/18	£56,235.00	22
2018/19	£321,670.75	100
2019/20	£359,838.12	109
TOTAL	£825,681.87	266

Access and Inclusion Programme

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£0.00	0
2017/18	£0.00	0
2018/19	£8,097.65	1
2019/20	£59,999	2
TOTAL	£68,096.65	3

Total spend each year across all programmes above

Year	Total amount	Number of clubs
2016/17	£1,900,100.26	44
2017/18	£294,804.86	26
2018/19	£1,216,643.90	106
2019/20	£911,400	116
TOTAL	£4,322,948.52	282

Funding provided by Sport NI

I have sought the requested information from the Chief Executive, who has advised me of the following information:

“£11.3 million of funding awards has been awarded to 293 sports clubs between April 2016 and March 2020 with a little over £11 million paid. An annual breakdown is available in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Total Funding Awarded & Paid to Sports Clubs

Financial Year	Number of Awards to Sports Clubs	Total Annual Grant Amount	Total Annual Paid Amount
2016/17	183	£4,025,471	£3,944,894
2017/18	69	£2,698,438	£2,674,861
2018/19	68	£2,976,726	£2,960,684
2019/20	63	£1,604,326	£1,425,568
	383*	£11,304,961	£11,006,008

**Please note Clubs could apply for funding across multiple programmes and financial years and some Clubs have received more than 1 award.*

This includes £7.85 million of 344 Exchequer funding awards that has been awarded to 281 sports clubs between April 2016 and March 2020 with a little over £7.57 million paid. An annual breakdown is available in Table 2 below.

Table 2: Exchequer Funding Awarded & Paid to Sports Clubs

Financial Year	Number of Sports Clubs	Exchequer Annual Grant Amount	Exchequer Annual Paid Amount
2016/17	164	£2,532,006	£2,455,060
2017/18	57	£1,674,661	£1,674,109
2018/19	62	£2,167,912	£2,151,870
2019/20	61	£1,475,609	£1,296,910
	344*	£7,850,188	£7,577,950

**Please note Clubs could apply for funding across multiple programmes and financial years and some Clubs have received more than 1 award.*

This includes £3.45m of 39 Lottery funding awards that has been awarded to 33 sports clubs between April 2016 and March 2020 with a little over £3.42m paid. An annual breakdown is available in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Lottery Funding Awarded & Paid to Sports Clubs

Financial Year	Number of Sports Clubs	Lottery Annual Grant Amount	Lottery Annual Paid Amount
2016/17	19	£1,493,465	£1,489,834
2017/18	12	£1,023,777	£1,000,752
2018/19	6	£808,814	£808,814
2019/20	2	£128,717	£128,658
	39*	£3,454,773	£3,428,058

**Please note Clubs could apply for funding across multiple programmes and financial years and some Clubs have received more than 1 award.*

For any future queries relating to operational matters, you may wish to contact Sport NI directly. Making direct contact with Sport NI will ensure that you receive the information in the shortest possible timeframe and make best use of public resources.