

Funding and Sport

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the engagement, development and support of Sport.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

Sport England: Small Grants

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/small-grants/>

Sport England offers Small Grants ranging from £300 - £10,000 to projects which will help get more people into sport. If you have plans that will help get more people playing more sport more often, but are being held back by cost then they may be able to help.

These grants can be used for a variety of projects such as buying new equipment, training up volunteers or paying for an extra coach.

Their mission is to get more people playing more sport more often and all applications should tell them how they will help deliver their strategic outcomes:

- More people playing sport once a week
- An increase in the number of 14-25s playing sport once a week
- A reduction in drop off at ages 16, 18, 21 & 24
- Growth in the number of disabled people playing sport

Your project must be for new activity and new costs associated with helping more people play sport.

Sport England: Protecting Playing Fields

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/protecting-playing-fields/>

Sport England are reviewing their funding strategy at the moment (03/06/16), so currently this programme is not receiving funding applications. They hope to have a decision on whether this programme continues in a couple of months.

The Protecting Playing Fields programme is inviting applications for projects that help communities maximise the sporting benefits of playing field land. The programme will create, improve and protect playing fields by:

- Improving the condition of pitches
- Support the purchase of playing fields deemed at risk of being lost
- Creating playing field land (not less than 0.2 hectares)
- Bringing disused playing fields back into use
- Offering support to community and voluntary groups and local authorities to protect playing fields.

The PPF programme will provide grants from £10,000 up to a maximum of £65,000 for voluntary sector and education sector applicants and £100,000 for local authorities.

Sport England: Inspired Facilities

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/inspired-facilities/>

Sport England are reviewing their funding strategy at the moment (03/06/16), so currently this programme is not receiving funding applications. They hope to have a decision on whether this programme continues in a couple of months.

Inspired Facilities is a £110 million programme that funds the renovation and modernisation of local sports facilities.

As a result of feedback from previous applicants, they have changed the application process for Inspired Facilities. It is now an open programme which means that you can submit your application as soon as you are ready rather than having to rush to send it in by a specific date.

The next deadline is 8 June 2015

The Inspired Facilities fund could help you refurbish or upgrade your sports facility; or convert an existing building into a venue suitable for sport and accessible to the whole community.

Community and voluntary organisations, including parish and town councils can apply for grants worth between £20,000 and £75,000. At least 70% of the available funding available is set aside for these groups.

Local authorities, statutory bodies and education establishments such as schools, can apply for grants between £20,000 and £150,000

Community Sport Activation Fund

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/community-sport-activation-fund/>

Sport England are reviewing their funding strategy at the moment (03/06/16), so currently this programme is not receiving funding applications. They hope to have a decision on whether this programme continues in a couple of months.

Designed in response to local demand, the Community Sport Activation Fund is a £47.5 million Lottery funding programme provide grassroots activity at a very local level. They will invest in what works best in your area, based on local need and evidence.

The kind of projects they expect to fund include:

- Activities reflecting a broad range of sports
- Informal opportunities which could lead to regular participation
- Multi-sport activities which provide people with a range of choices and opportunities to suit them
- Family orientated activities with a focus on the 14 plus age group
- Local activator roles that focus on directly organising and delivering new opportunities for participation

Projects could be for up to three years and the grants will range from £50,000 - £250,000.

Football Foundation

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/>

Schemes currently open for applications are:

Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation.

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund gives grants for projects that:

- Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities.
- Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability.
- Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

The types of facilities they give money for include:

- Grass pitches drainage/improvements
- Pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms
- 3G Football Turf Pitches (FTPs) and multi-use games areas
- Fixed floodlights for artificial pitches.

The maximum grant available from the Foundation for each facilities project is £500,000. The minimum grant available from the Foundation through this scheme is £10,000.

This programme is currently (03/06/16) open for applications.

Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme

The Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £10,000 for the provision of capital items, or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. The aims of this scheme are to:

- Support the growth of football clubs and activity.
- Prevent a decline in football participation.
- Make improvements to facilities to address any health and safety issues.

Eligible projects

Grants, which cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost, are awarded to support the costs of the following list of projects or items:

- Replacement of unsafe goalposts
- Portable floodlights
- Storage containers
- Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works
- Grounds maintenance equipment
- Pitch improvement works (natural and artificial surfaces)
- Fencing

This programme is currently (03/06/16) open for applications.

Grow the Game

The Foundation's Grow the Game Scheme provides grants of up to £1,500 for the creation of new football teams and coaching qualifications, with money provided by the Premier League and The FA. The Scheme is delivered by the Foundation.

Grow the Game provides funding for projects that use football to increase participation by both players and volunteers.

Grow the Game provides funding to contribute towards a combination of the following essential costs associated with providing new football activity:

- Facility hire
- Hire of FA qualified coaches

- Referees fees
- CRB checks
- Affiliation fees
- League entry
- First aid kits
- Promotion and publicity
- FA coaching courses
- Additional courses
- Football kit

The Grow the Game application window is currently closed to applications. It was open in the first quarter of the year. It may run again early in 2017.

Boost Charitable Trust

<http://www.boostct.org/index.htm>

Boost Charitable Trust was created in 2005 to Build On Over-looked Sporting Talent, to champion the disabled and disadvantaged and to inspire them to overcome their challenges through the power of sport. They award up to £500.

Awards for All

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england>

Awards for All gives groups a quick and easy way to get small Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000.

They want to fund projects which address the issues, needs and aspirations of local communities and people. They will fund a wide range of community projects aimed at developing skills, improving health, revitalising the local environment and enabling people to become more active citizens.

They will pay for activities that will benefit the community, including:

- putting on an event, activity or performance
- buying new equipment or materials
- running training courses
- setting up a pilot project or starting up a new group
- carrying out special repairs or conservation work
- paying expenses for volunteers, costs for sessional workers or professional fees
- transport costs.

Comic Relief

<http://www.comicrelief.com/our-grants/uk/what-we-fund>

Comic Relief support community and other organisations that are using sport as a tool for change to address current social issues.

Communities and Sport for Change

Sport plays an important role in improving the lives of millions of people in the UK and across the world. Under the right circumstances, sport a powerful tool for helping bring about social change. Our Sport for Change strategy runs across our UK and international funding and within this initiative, we're seeking proposals which use sport as a catalyst for change, helping people to take ownership and feel empowered.

Proposals are welcome for grants between £40,000 and £75,000 for up to two years of activity, taking place in one of the areas noted above. They are inviting proposals for work in several of the UK's most deprived areas in England - Knowsley, Middlesbrough, Kingston

Upon Hull, Birmingham, Nottingham. Plymouth, Hastings, Great Yarmouth and Tower Hamlets.

Small grants (up to £10,000) are available for UK based projects through the UK Community Foundation network. UK Community Foundations awards grants through Comic Relief's Building Stronger Communities programme area to locally-based groups or organisations which have a clear understanding of local need. The current round is now closed, further information will be posted here when available:

<http://www.berkshirecf.org/grants/>

Peter Harrison Foundation

<http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/>

The foundation has an Opportunities through Sport programme aimed at assisting sports activities or projects for disabled or disadvantaged individuals.

The Trustees wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills.

Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. They will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project.

The Trustees welcome applications for the following types of project:

- Projects which provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport
- Projects that have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity
- Projects that provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Projects with a high degree of community involvement
- Projects that help to engage children or young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction

Rowing Foundation

<http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

The Rowing Foundation is a registered charity. Its purpose is to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages.

The Foundation gives grants of £500-£2,000 to help organisations and clubs involved in on water elements of the sport of Rowing who are individually affiliated to British Rowing (other than via their governing body) and whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds.

Applications for the June 2016 meeting closed on Friday 13 May 2016. It is not clear if this fund will run again in 2017.

Peoples Postcode Lottery

<http://www.postcodedreamtrust.org.uk/dream-fund>

The Dream Fund 2017 will be open for applications in August. The funding guidelines will be updated and will be published on this page in July.

In the meantime this page contains details of Dream Fund 2016 and the guidance notes will give you an idea of what to expect when Dream Fund 2017 opens for applications.

The Dream Fund gives organisations the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life. They are asking charitable organisations across Great Britain to think big, be ambitious and collaborate with other not-for-profit partners to deliver their dream project.

Registered charities and community organisations in Scotland, England or Wales can join forces to apply for up to **£1 million** to deliver a new and innovative project up to 24 months in length that meets one or more of the following funding themes:

- sports;
- community development;
- environmental protection;
- health;
- human rights; and,
- prevention of poverty.

There will be two or three awards to be granted, of up to £1,000,000 each.

Wakeham Trust

<http://www.wakehamtrust.org/index.php>

They like to help projects that are small scale and would find it hard to get funding from big trusts; or are currently unfashionable or unpopular amongst mainstream funders, but are making a real contribution.

They are privately funded and we don't appeal for funds, so they can take risks and support unpopular causes in ways that big charities find hard to do. They are mainly run by volunteers, so our costs are low.

They provide grants to help people rebuild their communities. They are particularly interested in neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded. Some previous awards have been for sports related activities.

Their grants are usually under £1000.