

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: Community Asset Fund

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/>

The Community Asset Fund is their new capital fund dedicated to enhancing the spaces in your local community.

Anticipated size of bids are £1,000 to £150,000

Whether it's the park you run through, the hall you do classes in or the pitch you play on, welcoming and accessible spaces have a big impact on a person's experience – and likelihood of coming back.

Traditional sports facilities where people spend time getting active are an important part of this, but it can be much wider too. It doesn't have to be a traditional space – or a traditional sport.

Their Community Asset Fund is a programme dedicated to enhancing the spaces in your local community that give people the opportunity to be active.

There are a number of things they want to achieve with this investment, but most importantly they want to help local organisations to create good customer experiences and financially sustainable facilities that benefit their community for years to come – which may mean providing help to get things up and running too.

While they will continue to invest in projects that help people get into sport and increase the number who are regularly taking part, they are also looking to invest in projects that look beyond this to how sport and physical activity can – and does – change lives and becomes a force for social good.

As well as traditional sports facilities where people enjoy physical activity, there are thousands of outdoor spaces up and down the country – like canal towpaths, woodlands and open spaces – all with great potential to be used and enjoyed as part of an active lifestyle.

They are keen to hear from any sports club or community organisation with a great idea that will make a difference to the places where people play sport and get active.

You might already own or lease a facility in the local community, are considering taking over some grounds or a facility that has the potential to be used for sport and leisure. They are keen to hear from all of you.

Sport England: Small Grants

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/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.

They want everyone in England, regardless of age, background or level of ability, to feel able to get involved in sport and physical activity.

The Small Grants programme aims to support this by offering funding to projects involving adults and young people aged 14 or over which meet one or more of the aims of our 'Towards an Active Nation' strategy:

- Get inactive people to become more active
- Develop lasting sporting habits
- Engender more positive attitudes among young people
- Develop more diverse volunteers
- Improve progression and inclusion among the most talented
- Projects working with mixed age groups may still be considered if there is a focus on people aged 14 and over.

Their focus in deciding what they are able to fund is what difference you make with their funding, not what things you buy with it.

However, there are things that they will not fund. These include activity that is already happening, replacement equipment and fixed capital items or building/refurbishment projects (where their Community Asset Fund might be relevant).

Cash 4 Clubs

<https://cash-4-clubs.com/>

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club.

Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their sports National Governing Body or local authority.

Funding is given to clubs on a discretionary basis, with a wide range of applications considered. Whether it's an underwater camera for monitoring swimming technique, the re-surfacing of a tennis court, new kit for your rugby or netball team or extra training for your coaches, there is a very open policy to what they will consider.

There are four tiers of grants at £500, £750, £1,000 and £10,000 which are awarded on a discretionary basis.

Some examples of previous grants are:

- Training for Coaches to ensure they are all level 1 standard
- Junior paddles and safety equipment
- An underwater camera for monitoring swimmers' technique
- Equipment for a golf club team
- Racing wheelchair and other athletics equipment
- New rugby kit, tackle bags, balls and corner flags
- Kit for a junior netball team
- Tennis court resurfacing
- Floor mats and low balance beams
- First aid training for coaches and new first aid equipment
- Lifejackets, radios and paddles
- Developing links with local disability schools to get more disabled kids to play cricket
- Funds for a new floor
- Purchase of Dojang matting
- Tennis ball machine and new balls and nets

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.

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- 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

The Scheme is available to:

- Local authorities
- Educational establishments
- Grassroots football clubs (not including those in the FA National League System)

- Professional and semi-professional Football Clubs and their associated Community Organisations (from Premier League to Conference), to support their community outreach programmes.

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.

National Lottery Awards for All has three funding priorities. Tell us in your application how you meet at least one of them.

Their priorities are:

- bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities
- improving the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enabling more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

It's important to us that you involve your community in the design, development and delivery of the activities you're planning. They feel that your project or activity will be more successful as a result.

They can fund:

- equipment
- one-off events
- small capital projects
- staff costs
- training costs
- transport
- utilities/running costs
- volunteer expenses.

Peter Harrison Foundation

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

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

Recent grants range from £2,000 to £30,000.

Berkshire Community Foundation

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

BCF manages funds on behalf of a range of different donors and funding bodies. They have a variety of grants available to voluntary organisations or groups established for charitable purposes ranging from £50 to £5,000.

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-£3,000 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.

Sports and Play Construction Association

<https://sapca.org.uk/funding/>

They provide a list of current funding opportunities below, which covers capital project funding support currently available for projects in the UK. It does not cover local small trusts and local authority grants.

Robin Greaves Sports Foundation

The Robin Greaves Sports Foundation ("Foundation") was established in memory of the Late Robin Greaves to provide financial grants to charitable organisations working to promote sports and recreation to those living in Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire.

Funding for either a charity or a not-for profit organisation, and your organisation's activities must be legally charitable.

The Foundation will consider grant applications from charitable organizations working in the following areas:

- The advancement of amateur sport
- The promotion and preservation of good health by encouraging community participation in healthy recreation and providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the playing of sport
- The advancement of physical education in young people including, but not limited to, developing skills in physical activity, developing physical and mental capacity, evaluating and improving performance in physical education and making informed choices about healthy, active lifestyles
- The provision or assistance in the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in leadership,

For more information

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Les Mills Fund for Children

<http://lesmillsfundforchildren.org.uk/grants/>

They are committed to creating a healthier and fitter planet for our future generations. They want to do our bit to ensure as many children as we can get the opportunity to grow up

healthy, fit and most importantly; happy. To fulfill our mission, we provide grants to charities and organisations who we believe will do their most to improve the education and physical and emotional wellbeing of children.

They award the funds we raise to registered charities and accountable non-profit organisations who we believe will do their most to improve the education and physical and emotional wellbeing of children. Your work may focus on one or more of these areas:

- Living in Poverty
- Physical & Mental Health Problems
- Health & Wellbeing
- Living With Disability

They invite applications for up to £1,000. We want to support a wide range and number of youth causes that inspire children to get active.

BLF Reaching Communities

https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

Their funding enables people across England to improve their communities by using their local knowledge, strengths and assets to test and implement the ideas that matter most to them, as well as sharing learning about what went well, and what didn't. The most important thing is that you tell them what your ideas are for making positive change in your communities.

They particularly want to hear about ideas that support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage

Maybe you've been doing work in a particular area or on a particular theme for a long time which is trusted and valued by local people and you need support to continue the great work. Or perhaps you have an idea for something new. They want to know how they can support you.

Through Reaching Communities funding you can apply for between £10,000 and £500,000. They can fund some or all of the costs associated with delivering your project, including staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation and overheads.

They can also fund up to £100,000 for small scale capital work, such as refurbishment, the purchase of vehicles, land or buildings. There are some things that their funding cannot pay for, for example, costs incurred before you receiving a funding decision, activities that take place outside of the UK, and fundraising activities.

Swimathon Foundation

<https://swimathonfoundation.org/swimathon-grants/grants-scheme-information>

The Swimathon Foundation Community Grants Scheme offers funding to groups and individuals who provide and promote swimming in their local community. The Foundation is passionate about encouraging people to get involved with swimming, which it hopes to encourage even further with its Community Grants.

Grants vary from £500 to £2,500 and will only be awarded to organisations supported by pools that are participating in Swimathon. The grants are administered by Swim England and the Swimming Trust and are awarded on an annual basis.

Applications for 2018 have now closed. If you have any queries about your application, please email swimathongrants@swimming.org and they will endeavour to respond to your question within three working days.

Berkshire Community Foundation

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Canoe Foundation

<https://www.canoe.foundation.org.uk/online-funding-applications/>

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.

Funding applications are welcome from clubs, community groups and regions with an active interest in wider canoeing participation.

Online funding applications are typically expected to be in the range from £2,000 to £20,000.

They consider applications each quarter with the first review for applications received by 31 October 2018.

Magic Little Grants Fund

<https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/magic-little-grants/>

Localgiving has teamed up with the Postcode Community Trust to provide over 400 grants of £500 to small charities and community groups. Thanks to support from the players of People's Postcode Lottery, the Magic Little Grants Fund provides small charities and community groups the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities, which help to overcome barriers to participation.

To benefit from funding, projects need to meet either of the following themes:

- Overcoming barriers to participation in physical activities in creative ways
- Increasing social cohesion through developing access to sports and other recreational activities

Applications are able to be made from 15th May to 31st October 2018. As part of the grant, organisations who are not currently members of Localgiving will also be awarded an annual Localgiving membership, worth £96, that will enable them to benefit from Localgiving's online fundraising support and services.

In order to apply for the funding grant your organisation must meet the following criteria:

- Income - You must have an annual income under £50,000. Priority will be given to organisations with an annual income under £20,000.
- Physical activity projects - You must be running, or be planning on running a project that encourages individuals to take part in some form of physical activity to help improve their physical and mental health and well-being.
- Operating within Great Britain - Please note that organisations operating in Northern Ireland are not eligible to apply.

Sporting Capital Fund

<https://www.sportingcapital.org.uk/>

Funding is available to incorporated organisations based and operating in England to deliver projects using sport and sporting facilities that generate sustainable revenue and deliver long-term community impact.

Unsecured loans of between £50,000 and £150,000 are available to a range of organisations including community organisations, social enterprises, charities or profit-with-purpose businesses that are incorporated or planning to do so before investment.

The aim of the fund is to invest in organisations that make a difference by developing people and communities through sport, helping them to become financially sustainable. Loans are provided to help organisations, either now or in the future, to:

- Deliver community-based services to meet the needs of local people, either using sport as a tool, or using a community sports setting to deliver services.
- Have a sustainable business model that generates revenues through trading that support the organisation's activities.

Funding can be used for a wide range of projects that use sport, or sporting facilities, to

benefit local communities including:

- Equipment to support revenue streams.
- Recruitment, training and deployment of staff and volunteers.
- Equipment to support business functions including finance, project management and governance.
- Other operating costs.

A total of £3 million is available and the funder expects to invest into around 30 projects until June 2020.

Applications can be submitted at any time.