



Sport England – Small Grants Programme

The Small Grants Programme aims to develop opportunities for communities to get more people physical active, the fund support new projects through national lottery and offers clubs funding opportunities from £300 to £15,000.

The funds supports projects that bring together communities and provide physical activities for people who may be less active. This aligns with the Sport England's Uniting the Movement strategy, where there is a strong focus on tackling inequalities in sport. The Uniting the Movement strategy on providing sport and activity opportunities to the below 4 groups:

- People living with a Disability
- People from Low Socio-Economic Areas
- Girls and Females
- People from Asian and Black Backgrounds

Key Information:

- Awards of £300-£15,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations
- The closing date for applications is 31 March 2024
- Awards are to help inactive and less active people become more active
- Applications should explain why there's a need for the project and how end users have been involved in developing the project.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible types of organisations are:

- A community amateur sports club (as registered with HMRC)
- An unregistered voluntary and community organisation with a not-for-profit constitution
- A registered charity
- A not-for-profit company (limited by guarantee without share capital or charitable incorporated organisation)
- A community interest company (CIC) or other social enterprise
- Community benefit society
- A school using their facilities for wider community benefit.
- Local authority bodies (including town, parish, and community councils).

What can be Funded?

Provided the project meets the programme aims, the programme can fund a wide range of costs and items. However, your application should state how your project adds value to existing services or provision as costs that have previously been incurred won't be funded.

- Coaching – providing opportunities for those less likely to be active, offering them an activity they want to participate in.
- Volunteer training – develop your organisations volunteer base through offering training to both new and existing volunteers.
- Service alterations – providing new ways of delivering your existing activity to attract new participants/members, for example offering outreach or web-based classes or targeting new audiences through connecting with other providers in your locality.
- Additional equipment – to enable expansion of activity or safer delivery of activity, for example a defibrillator and associated costs (such as training for its use) as part of a wider project to deliver sport and physical activity.
- Minor facility alterations – examples include adapting a community space to make it more accessible for those with mobility impairments, refurbishing a space to enable sport and physical activity to be offered or improving a space to make it more energy efficient.
- A list of projects that have previously been funded can be found [here](#)

Applying / Preparing your application:

The assessors have never heard of your application; therefore, it is important to give them all the essential information. Outlining how your project will benefit the local community and give more people the chance to be active.

You will also need to outline how you will deliver the program, include information on what resources you need to deliver the project and be clear on how many people will benefit from the project.

The final recommendation is to provide both a budget and supporting documents, both will provide will give your application legitimacy and increase the chances of success.

Apply Now!

For further information and to apply visit the Sport England [Sport Grants Programme](#) page, alternatively you can contact Sport England on 03458 508 508, or emailing funding@sportengland.org