



SPORT ENGLAND RETURN TO PLAY FUNDING – GUIDANCE

Sport England have released £16.5 million in order to help support sports clubs and other organisations in being able to deliver safe sporting activity under Covid guidelines and restrictions. There are 3 different funding streams to choose from when applying for this funding (further detail will be below about each funding stream):

- Small Grants - £300 - £10,000
- Community Asset Fund - £10,001 - £50,000
- Active Together fund – Crowdfunding and match funded up to £10,000

With the grants there are priority groups that the fund is looking to reach (similar to that of the Tackling Inequalities Funding). There are 'highest priority' and 'other priorities' for the funding. Below is a table of the grants and further information regarding what can be funded and what can't be.

Funding Stream	Amount	Highest Priority	Other Priorities	Potentially funded activity	Non-Funded Activity
Small Grants -	£300 - £10,000	High deprivation areas	BAME communities Disabled people Long-term health conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor facility alterations to meet social distancing requirements • Volunteer training e.g. health and safety, risk assessments • Additional coaching/facility hire costs due to delivering to smaller group sizes • New ways of delivering activity e.g licences for online technology (fund will not cover new activities that are being newly established for different audiences) • Signage/floor markings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not related to coronavirus challenges • Running costs e.g utility/bills • Replacement of equipment • Existing coaching and staffing costs • Projects incurring costs before the date of a potential award letter • Projects not ready to begin within six weeks of application submission

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-visit guidance, marketing and communications about good hygiene • Cleaning and hygiene - PPE and equipment cleaning • Additional sports equipment to minimise sharing 	
Community Asset	£10,001 - £50,000	High deprivation areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BAME communities • Disabled people • Long-term health conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt the way you use a space to meet RTP guidance e.g. one way system, improving ventilation • Convert current space to meet social distancing requirements e.g. showers, changing rooms • Improvements to a building or open space to enable activity to take place temporarily • Cover an outdoor area or temporary floodlights to enable activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not related to coronavirus challenges • Construction/refurbishment projects were planning permissions have not yet been obtained • Routine maintenance for wear and tear • Retrospective funding • Projects not ready to begin within six weeks of application submission
Active Together	Up to £10,000, 50% match funded	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General club costs that are affected due to coronavirus - see examples here 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not related to coronavirus challenges

Note - For the Active Together funding stream, this is not subject to the priorities set out by Sport England, whereas the Small Grants and Community Asset funds are.

Who can apply for the funding?

Organisations that can apply for the funding include:

- Not-for-profit voluntary group or sports club
- Not-for-profit community club or organisation
- Registered charity
- Not-for-profit company
- Community Interest Company (CIC) or other social enterprise
- Leisure Centre operator, operating a single site

Who can't apply for the funding?

Organisations that cannot apply for the funding include:

- An individual or sole trader
- Statutory body or educational establishment – including Academies and Universities
- A Leisure Centre operator with more than one site
- A commercial/for profit entity

How to apply?

All applications for the 3 funding streams above can be found using the link to the Sport England website [here](#), including the 'Find The Right Fund' tool to help you with which funding stream to apply for. The website will also give you more information about the funding streams. All applications are direct to Sport England. You will need to set up an account on their application portal if you have not done previously.

Links to each specific funding stream can be found below:

[Small Grants](#)

[Community Asset](#)

[Active Together](#)

Support for your application

At Basketball England, we want basketball clubs to be at the forefront of attaining funding to help them through this difficult time and to help those most vulnerable in community. Basketball clubs up and down the country do great work in engaging these communities and helping people become and remain physically active.

We are able to support you in a number of ways to help put your application in the strongest position possible when submitting. Support includes:

- Email support to answer questions you may have
- Webinars (see the 'Club Support' page for this information)
- Look over the application before submission
- Database of useful data to help with construction of application

If you have any questions about the funding streams, please email support@basketballengland.co.uk or you can contact Sport England directly at 03458508508, email funding@sportengland.co.uk or use their web chat function online