



TACKLING INEQUALITIES FUNDING ROUND 2 – GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

Basketball England have been awarded £150,000 from Sport England as part of the 'Tackling Inequalities' funding available.

The Tackling Inequalities Fund has been set up to help reduce the negative impact of COVID-19 and the widening inequalities in sport and physical activity. It has been highlighted that within society, certain groups of communities have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. These groups of people are from:

- Lower Socio-Economic Groups
- BAME Communities
- Disabled People
- People with Long Term Health Conditions (LTC)

These 4 priority groups have been shown to have reduced levels of **physical** activity during the COVID-19 period.

This funding is designed to reach deep within these priority groups through our club and local league networks to minimise the impact COVID-19 has on physical activity. The 3 main areas of funding are to:

- Support clubs, Area Associations and Leagues through hardship due to COVID-19 and provide financial support to them enabling the delivery basketball to these priority groups
- Enable adapted delivery of basketball sessions and competitions, or new sessions for those priority groups
- Develop new relationships outside of their membership with organisations that engage with these groups with the emphasis on increasing physical activity through basketball (NEW)

There is no one solution to reaching these audiences, so very much welcome an innovative and multi-faceted approach to bids being submitted.

Eligibility for Funding

- Basketball England affiliated club/organisation (if not affiliated, please email support@basketballengland.co.uk before applying)
- Cannot be any private business making organisation or sole trader unless a Social Enterprise or Community Interest Company
- Constitution as an organisation or Other Governing Document relevant (CIC, Charity etc)
- Club or league bank account
- Welfare Officer / Safeguarding Officer

Note – organisations in receipt of the 1st round of funding are eligible to apply for round 2

Use of Funding

The funding is to be used to deal with 'here and now' issues that as a club/league you face (period of funding is to support delivery from May 2021 – February March 2022). Eligible items that funding can be used for include:

- Personal Protective Equipment (including sanitising and screening equipment)
- Rent/Facility hire
- Staffing/Coaching costs
- Training costs
- Utility costs
- IT costs
- Insurance

There are items that the Tackling Inequalities Fund cannot be used for, such as:

- Activities or costs which are already covered by other government funding
- Capital works
- Activities promoting religious or political beliefs
- Personal benefit to an individual
- Sole traders/Partnerships
- Any private business making organisation unless a Social Enterprise or Community Interest Company

Note – for Area Associations applying, it needs to be for Area Association activity e.g. PPE for referees and officials. Clubs need to apply for themselves.

Notional funding range to apply for is £100 - £3000 (able to fund more if deemed appropriate)

Decision Making Process

With the funding needing to be utilised in a speedy manner, it is important that the decision-making process is efficient and robust to ensure it reaches those organisations in need, helping those most in need.

As part of this, several key considerations form the decision making:

1. Be focused on one or more of the following target audiences:
 - Lower Socio-Economic Groups
 - Black, Asian Minority Ethnic Communities
 - Disabled People
 - People with Long-Term Health Conditions (LTC)
2. Show how the funding will either help the club/community body to survive through the next 6 months and/or support their participants to remain active in the COVID19 lockdown and early recovery stages over the next 6 months.
3. Demonstrate a clear financial need for the funding sought.
4. Demonstrate the existing relationship the club/group have with the target audience and the extent of its reach into the target community.
5. Not be a duplicate application for funding already received from the Sport England Community Emergency Fund and from the previous round of TIF funding (N.B additional funding is acceptable if a further financial need is evident).

Once an application has been submitted, there will be a two-staged decision-making process:

1. A) Using data (where possible) to establish ability to reach one or more of the priority groups e.g. portal info, government deprivation indices, application form.
1. B) Panel meeting between BE staff members and relevant Regional Chair (or suitable replacement) to review the application based on a set criteria. This may also include local Active Partnerships where possible.
2. Successful applications will be sent to Sport England for their final approval before confirming this with the club/league/association – only at the point of approval by Sport England that any funding is officially awarded.

How to apply?

The funding can be applied for through the below Wufoo page from Thursday 11th March:

<https://basketballengland.wufoo.com/forms/sc91jx3084fj6q/>

For this round of funding, we will also be accepting video applications as part of the process as an alternative or additional option for applications which can be submitted. For further information on video application, there is the 'Video Application Guidance' available on the funding page. If you are unable to upload a video on the application form, you can share the file if it is saved to a cloud based system – please ensure this is emailed to support@basketballengland.co.uk and ensure your file is backed up

The form cannot be saved so be sure to complete this all in one go. Please ensure that only one application per organisation is submitted.

Deadline for Applications – 16th April at 5pm

If you have any questions about the funding, please email support@basketballengland.co.uk

Questions As Part Of Application:

Section 1

- Name of Club / League / Area Association (AA)
- Club / AA / League
- Region located
- Are you affiliated to Basketball England?
- Main Contact
- Position in Organisation
- Email address
- Contact Number
- Welfare/Safeguarding Officer
- Welfare/Safeguarding Officer Email Address
- Billing Postcode of Club /AA / League / Organisation
- Postcode of delivery site if different to registered address above
- Attach Club constitution (can be submitted at a later date)
- What age groups take part in your club?
- BACS details (used for successful applications)

Section 2

- Choose form of submission (written/video/both)

- As a club or league, what is your current activity level? (running training sessions, interaction with members, online activities)
- What has been the general and financial impact of COVID-19 on your club/association/league
- Which priority groups are you focussing on (can be more than one) – Long Term Health Conditions, Disabled People, Lower Socio-Economic Groups, BAME
- Estimated number of individuals benefitting from the support – BAME, LSEG, Disability, LTHC
- How do you currently/pre COVID-19, work with these community groups?
- What is the overall funds being used for? Hardship and/or Basketball Delivery
- What will the funds be used for and what will be the impact?
- How much are you applying for?
- Provide breakdown of costs
- Have you received funding from other organisations in regards to COVID-19?
- How will you showcase the project and report on the impact of funding? Photos/Stories/Social Media/Video (tickbox)
- Upload video (if relevant)