

Funding Opportunities December 2017

Sport England Funds

Sports England are a valuable source of funding however they should not be relied upon to fund an entire project. They consider themselves as a last resort of funding and will actively encourage partnership funding first before applying. Part of their application process involves demonstrating what measures have been taken to secure funding prior to applying and any project should be well known and have full support of its local community.

Small Grants

The Small Grants scheme supports projects that meet the aims of Towards and Active Nation with a focus on developing participation in physical activity. Grants between £300 to £10,000 are awarded. This is a rolling programme meaning there are no application deadlines.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11688/small-grants-guide-2017.pdf>

Email: funding@sportengland.org

Community Asset Fund

The Sport England Community Asset Fund offers funding to support underused facilities or programmes that are in need of updating, improving customer service or even emergencies that are stopping people from being active. They award grants between £1000 to £50,000.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.sportengland.org/media/11425/community-asset-fund-guide-january-2017.pdf>

Email: funding@sportengland.org

Strategic Facilities Fund

The Sport England Strategic Facilities Fund is designed to support local authorities invest strategically to deliver the outcomes essential to local communities. Their funding is designed to think about a whole area to make sure existing and future facilities will work together – not just looking at an individual building or the needs of an individual sport. To apply for this funding your project must have clear local outcomes and demonstrate not only a return on investment but also cost-effective operating solutions.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/strategic-facilities/>

Email: funding@sportengland.org

Social Sector Funding

Social sector funding comes in two forms; grants and investment. Grants tend to come typically from organisations that are focussed primarily on delivering social objectives. Investment funding will come in the form of repayable finance, such as loans from social sector banks, charity bonds or investment from social funds and social impact bonds.

National Lottery

Awards for All

The National Lottery Awards for All offers grants between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them including sporting projects. You can apply to Awards for All if you are a not for profit groups (including social enterprises), parish or town council, health body, or school. You do not need to be a registered charity to apply.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All>

Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk

Reaching Communities

Reaching Communities provides funding between £10,000-£500,000 for voluntary or community groups. They are looking for people to use their local knowledge, strengths and resources to come up with projects that make positive changes in local communities. Projects that can demonstrate a lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces, communities and taking action to focus on the root causes of social issues.

Further Information

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

Heritage Lottery

Similar to National Lottery funding, the Heritage Lottery uses money raised by National Lottery players to fund projects that protect the heritage they care about. The fund takes into account sporting heritage with projects that can demonstrate a commitment to preserving the history of clubs and facilities that mean a lot to their local communities. Stories and memories behind the people, places, and events that make up sporting heritage are the key criteria behind the fund.

Further Information

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/news-features/sporting-heritage>

Veolia Trust

Veolia Environmental Trust

The Veolia Trust offers grants for a broad range of community projects including play and recreational facilities. They have a history of supporting community sports projects such as the refurbishing of artificial surfaces for the West Yorkshire Hockey Club and the building of changing room extensions for South Yorkshire Rugby Club. All funding is subject to the proximity of location with the website offering a Postcode checker to see if funding is available in your area. They offer grants anywhere between £10,000 to £75,000.

Further Information

Online: http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/index.php?page=Our_Criteria_1

Biffa

Biffa Award

Biffa provide grants for a variety of different projects providing they represent the best aspects of community spirit and ambition. Previous projects have included the building of multi sports play areas as well as funding towards local clubs. Their mission is to build communities and transform lives through innovative projects including those that get people physically active.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.biffa-award.org/apply>

WREN

FCC Community Access Fund

WREN looks to fund community projects for the provision, maintenance or improvement of public access. The areas in which they look to fund include; multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks, Sports and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/wren-grant-scheme>

Social Investment Loans

Investment funding can be quite complicated with most projects required to demonstrate how a return in investment can be generated. Good Finance offers free and simple advice on how to apply as well as possible avenues for investment.

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

Charity Bank

Charity bank offers social investment loans to projects aiming to further a social mission. All of their shareholders are either a charitable trust, foundation or social purpose organisation meaning they will have a good understanding of how your project can benefit the community. Their loans are designed to support your projects with repayment schedules to fit your specific circumstances. You will also be assigned a relationship manager who will support the process the whole way.

Further Information

<https://charitybank.org/charity-loans>

Club and Project Funding

Aviva

The Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund offers you the chance to get funding for an important cause in your community. It's open to everyone and if you are able to get enough votes from friends, family and supporters in your community, your project could be entered into the Finals, where a judging panel will award the funds. Funds are awarded for anything that can demonstrate a positive difference in your community. Funding ranges from anything up to £25,000.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/>

BlueSpark Foundation

BlueSpark is particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.funding4sport.co.uk/2017/11/22/bluespark-foundation/>

Cash 4 Clubs

Cash 4 Clubs funding scheme provides clubs a chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. Since 2008 they have provided over £291,000 in grants to 373 community sports clubs across the UK. It's a flexible, no-fuss way to get some help for your club or team. Grants awarded can vary from £250 to £1000.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

Living Sport

The Community Small Grant by Living Sport is available to community sports clubs or organisations. The grants are designed to help clubs engage with their local community to increase participation in their sport. They also provide a great way to kick start a new project that activates participation, supporting coaches to get projects of the ground.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.livingsport.co.uk/funding/community-small-grant/>

Email: jayne.thacker@livingsport.co.uk

Boost Charitable Trust

Boost Charitable Trust is more specific towards the development of disability sport in the UK with funding opportunities available for over-looked sporting talent that champion the ability of disabled



and disadvantaged people and to inspire them to overcome their challenges through the power of sport. They offer both smaller (£500 or less) and larger (£500 or more) grants to support projects.

Further Information

Online: <http://boostct.org/>

Email: <mailto:liz.turtle@boostct.org>

Persimmon Healthy Communities

Persimmon is based across England, Scotland and Wales and offers grants up to £750 to fund sports equipment and team clothing. Upon successful application your club will also automatically be entered into a grand prize draw whereby they may be eligible to receive £200,000. The application deadline for the year closes in December but will be reopening in May 2018.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities/entry-criteria>

Samworth Brothers - Community Sports Opportunity Fund

The Samworth Brothers Sports Opportunity Fund supports deserving community sports projects close to Samworth Brothers' locations in Leicestershire, Cornwall and the North West of England. The fund was launched in October 2013 and offers smaller grants of up to £1,000 as well as Major Project grants for larger projects in the community.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.samworthbrothers.co.uk/Our-Responsibilities/Community/Sports-opportunity-fund>

Ford Britain Trust

The Ford Britain Trust looks to fund community projects with special attention towards projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities. Small grants of up to £250 are available at four different stages throughout the year. Larger grants between £250 to £3000 are currently still available with an application deadline of 31/01/2018.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/about-ford/ford-britain-trust>

Email: fbtrust@ford.com

Community Sports Trust

The Community Sports Trust is a company based in Derbyshire that looks to develop sports and physical activity opportunities in the areas people live and work. They specifically fund projects in the areas of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire and have a partnership with Fit 4 Life that actively promotes the projects across the country.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.communitysportstrust.co.uk/contact-us/>

Email: info@communitysportstrust.co.uk

Traditional Sources

County Sport Partnerships

County Sport Partnerships are committed to raising participation in physical activity. They will regularly inform you of any funding available in your local area.

Further Information

Online: <http://www.cspnetwork.org/>

Funding Central

Funding Central is a website designed to support you in finding and applying for funding in your local area.

Further Information

Online: <https://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/search.aspx>

Crowd Funding - Just Giving

Crowd funding is a way of gaining funding via small donations. People can donate however much they like and in return receive small rewards. It can be particularly effective in small communities. Just giving is perhaps the most common crowd funding website.

Further Information

Online: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=bing&utm_campaign=UK-Generic-Crowdfunding-NonVertical-NA-Exact-Desktop-AlwaysOn&utm_term=crowdfunding

Match Funding

A number of organisations will also offer match funding for any funds raised independently or as part of a charity. During a match fund campaign, every donation is either guaranteed or given an equal chance of being matched. The amount and type of donation matched varies depending upon the specific match fund campaign running. Barclays, Morrisons and Aviva are an example of some Trusts that will offer match funding towards community projects.

Follow the link for an example of Morrisons match fund

Online: <https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/funding.html>