

# Sport England - Small Grants Programme

Funding body: Sport England

Maximum value: £10,000

Application deadline: None specified

## Background

Sport England is committed to the creation of a world-leading community sport system. This means focusing investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport to create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

## Objectives of Fund

The Sport England Small Grants Programme has been set up to support local community sport projects that seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

## Value Notes

Grants of between £300 to £10,000 are available, and the total project cost should not exceed £50,000.

## Who Can Apply

Applications will be accepted from formally constituted, not-for-profit organisations and statutory bodies in England. Examples of eligible organisations include:

- Sports clubs.
- Voluntary organisations.
- Local authorities.
- Schools.
- Governing bodies of sports.

In order to be eligible for funding applicants must:

- Have a written constitution or governing document which contains a clear not-for-profit statement and charitable dissolution clause.
- Meet Tier One of the Code for Sports Governance.

Applications will also be accepted from branches of larger organisations that are able to show that they are independent of their parent organisation. Branches do not need to have their own committee, bank account or constitution to apply, but must have the support of their parent organisation.

## Location

England

## Terms and Conditions

Successful applicants will be required to report on the success of their project.

## Restrictions

Grants are not available for:

- Individuals
- Sole traders.
- Partnerships.
- Organisations established to make profit.
- Organisations not established in the UK.
- Projects which have a total cost of more than £50,000
- Projects with a start date that is less than eight weeks after the submission of their application form.
- Organisations providing 'high risk' sporting activities that are not affiliated with their sport's national governing body.
- Replacing equipment.
- Items which only benefit individuals.
- Salaries.
- Used road vehicles.
- Activities which the government has a legal obligation to fund.
- Projects involving the construction or refurbishment of property.
- Fixed items of equipment.
- Retrospective costs/expenditure.
- Contingency costs/recoverable VAT
- Projects involving travel to another country.
- Sponsorship, endowments and loan repayments.
- Cricket projects.
- Football only projects.

### **Eligible Expenditure**

Grants are available to deliver new or expand on existing activities which deliver sport and physical activity benefits over a twelve month period and meet one or more of the aims of Sport England's strategy 'Towards and Active Nation':

- Get inactive people to become more active.
- Develop more resilient sporting habits.
- Lead to more positive attitudes among young people.
- Develop more diverse volunteers.
- Improve progression and inclusion in talent development.

Eligible projects must be:

- Focussed on sports that are recognised by Sport England.
- Delivered to beneficiaries based in England.

Applicants seeking funding for sports which Sport England deems 'high risk' must be affiliated with their sport's national governing body.

Small grant funding can be used toward the cost of equipment which will help the applicant organisation to get people active and playing sport.

## How To Apply

Applications can be made at any time.

Applications can be made online via the Sport England website.

Upon receipt of applications, it should take no longer than eight weeks for applicants to receive a decision. However, this only applies if all the necessary information has been sent upon submission of the application. Otherwise Sport England will email the applicant, who will have to send the required information so the bid can be assessed.

All clubs and associations must remember to submit:

- Governing document/constitution
- Most recent accounts (new organisations must submit a three-year income and expenditure forecast)
- Last three bank statements (new organisations must provide evidence of a bank account)
- Relevant safeguarding policies.

Where appropriate the following may also be required:

- Evidence of affiliation to your sport's national governing body
- A detailed breakdown of your budget
- Copies of quotes from suppliers (required for items over £5k)
- A project delivery plan Confirmation of partnership funding

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## Useful documents & links

### Useful Links

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants/before-you-start/>

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## Addresses and contacts

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

1. **Funding Enquiries**

Sport England  
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Loughborough

Leicestershire

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