



Grant funding guide

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What is this document for?

The Club Durham funding guide is designed to support clubs and individuals seeking grant funding for a particular, project or event. The document details key information on each fund, however we would recommend you visit each funder's website for more detailed information if you are considering applying for funding.

Area Action Partnerships

Description

Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) cover all areas of the county. They help deliver high quality services and give local people and organisations a say on how our services are provided.

Eligible activity

AAPs have been set up to give people in County Durham a greater choice and voice in local affairs. The partnerships allow people to have a say on services, and give organisations the chance to speak directly with local communities. By working in partnership AAPs help ensure that the services of a range of organisations - including the county and town and parish councils, police, fire, health, and voluntary organisations - are directed to meet the needs of local communities and focus their actions and spending on issues important to these local communities.

AAPs have set priorities for their local area. If you have a project that falls into these priorities, please contact your local AAP. To identify your local AAP and their priorities, please visit the website.

Exclusions

Please visit the website for further details.

Available funding

Please contact your local AAP for further information

Who can apply

Please contact your local AAP for further information

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/1960/About-AAPs>

ASDA foundation

Description

ASDA Foundation is set up to assist charities, people and projects within the UK that require financial assistance. The Foundation can only support a limited number of requests which have the direct support and involvement from ASDA.

Eligible activity

Examples of successful funding applications include the purchase of **transmission equipment for a community radio station**, funding towards a **mini bus for a special needs school**, allowing children to get out into the local community and the purchase of equipment for a young children's centre.

Exclusions

Applications will not be considered where the money is to be used for salaries or for general funds.

Available funding

No minimum or maximum amount is stipulated. The Foundation supports projects that will make a difference to the communities in which ASDA has a presence and its colleagues can get involved in. The Foundation recommends that possible applicants contact their local store to see if they are able to support the cause proposed.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from registered charities and local community groups within the UK such as playgroups, community centres, football teams and schools.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://www.asdafoundation.org/>

Bag 4 Sport foundation

Description

Bag4Sport Foundation was set up to address the funding deficit holding back sporting talent in the UK at all levels.

Eligible activity

Organisations can apply for funding to cover the costs of **coaching, equipment, kit and travel expenses**.

Individual athletes (up-and-coming, elite, able-bodied or disabled) are also eligible to apply to assist with **training costs, kit and travel costs**.

Exclusions

None stated, please visit the website for further information.

Available funding

Organisations can apply for a small grant of up to £500.

Individual athletes can also apply for a small grant of up to £500.

Who can apply

- Grass root sports clubs, where in today's economic environment funding for sustainability is very difficult and/or impossible to obtain.
- Young, talented up-and-coming athletes of all levels and abilities striving to make it to the next level.
- Established athletes suffering financially following government funding cuts.
- Disadvantaged children giving them the opportunity to take part in sport to help improve social skills.

Deadlines

None stated, please visit the website for further information

Contact details

<http://www.bag4sport-foundation.co.uk/small-grants.html>

Bauer radio's cash for kids

Description

Cash for Kids responds to the needs of children in our communities so they can live life to the full and realise their individual potential.

Based across 21 areas in the UK, at the heart of your favourite radio stations, we support children aged 0-18 who are disabled, disadvantaged or suffering from abuse or neglect.

Eligible activity

Examples include the purchase of **medical, educational or sporting equipment**, the funding of **holiday schemes** or **transport, facilities** and the **development of activities** amongst children and young teenagers.

All funds are distributed to provide relief from sickness, handicap or disadvantage amongst children under the age of 18 or to assist in the promotion of the physical, mental and general welfare of youngsters

Exclusions

Staff funding is not usually successful

Available funding

No minimum or maximum amount is stipulated. The Foundation supports projects that will make a difference to the communities in which ASDA has a presence and its colleagues can get involved in. The Foundation recommends that possible applicants contact their local store to see if they are able to support the cause proposed.

Who can apply

If you know an individual child suffering from abuse, neglect, who are disabled and have special needs or who simply need extra care and guidance, please apply.

In addition if you know a community group or charity that works with children who need our help please apply; all applications are more than welcome. Grants must directly benefit the children, but they often have a life-enhancing effect on their families too.

Deadlines

All applications are presented to an allocation meeting held twice a year and awards are made based on the recommendations of an independent Board of Trustees. Please visit the website for more details.

Contact details

<http://www.cashforkids.uk.com/grants/>

BBC Children in need main grants

Description

BBC Children in Need awards grants each year to organisations supporting disadvantaged children and young people in the UK.

Eligible activity

Children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through, illness, distress, abuse or neglect, any kind of disability, behavioural or psychological difficulties or living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Funded projects make a difference in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects achieve these differences by either **working directly with children** or **seeking to improve their social and physical environments**.

Exclusions

Local authorities and statutory health bodies cannot apply. You cannot apply for building projects for more than £20,000.

Available funding

Funding is available for grants over £10,000. The maximum amount of funding available is £120,000

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from not for profit organisations such as such schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups working with children and young people aged 18 years and under.

Deadlines

15th May, 15th September

Contact details

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants>

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Funded projects make a difference in children's lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects achieve these differences by **either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.**

Exclusions

Local authorities and statutory health bodies cannot apply.

Available funding

The maximum amount of funding available is £10,000

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from not for profit organisations such as such schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups working with children and young people aged 18 years and under.

Deadlines

1st March, 1st June, 1st September, 1st December

Contact details

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

Cash 4 clubs

Description

The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded through Betfair and supported by SportsAid. The scheme gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club.

Eligible activity

Improving **facilities**, purchasing new **equipment**, gaining **coaching qualifications**.

Exclusions

Cash for Clubs have a very open policy with regards to what funding can be used for. Some examples include resurfacing of tennis courts, coaching qualifications, equipment for golf clubs and kit for a junior netball team

Available funding

There are four tiers of grants at £250, £500, £750 and £1,000 which are awarded on a discretionary basis.

Who can apply

Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their National Governing Body or local authority.

Deadlines

Grants are awarded once a year.

Contact details

Applications can be made online at <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Central social and recreational trust

Description

The Central Social and Recreational Trust aims to improve the conditions of boys and girls under the age of 21 and of all other persons by reason of their poverty who would otherwise be unable to obtain facilities for recreational or other leisure time occupations.

Eligible activity

Applications will be accepted for **equipment** for the use of all members and the **maintenance of property** as long as the property is owned by the club or there is a significant lease.

Exclusions

Grants will not be considered for individuals. Individual items will not be considered i.e. gum shields, shorts and vests.

Available funding

Grants will generally be no more than £1000 although the Trustees will consider applications above this figure in exceptional circumstances.

Who can apply

Only clubs/organisations affiliated to their governing body i.e. Amateur Boxing Association of England; National Association of Clubs for Young People; Football Association etc. will be considered for a grant.

All young people who are to benefit must be under 21 years of age. The Trustees will consider the application where the large majority are under 21.

Deadlines

No deadlines stated, please visit the website for more information

Contact details

<http://www.csr.info/index.html>

The children's foundation

Description

The Children's Foundation is a local charity, set up in 1990, with the vision of giving children and young people in the North East the best health and wellbeing services in the UK.

Eligible activity

The Foundation supports **community projects that benefit children and young people** in the North East area in line with our aims and objectives.

The key areas we support include: Mental Health, Disability, Child Safety, Exercise & Obesity.

Other innovative projects may be considered but they must demonstrate clear and tangible benefits to the health of children.

Exclusions

None stated, please visit the website for further information.

Available funding

Grants awarded are up to a maximum of £1,000.

Who can apply

Any non-profit making group which is properly constituted can apply.

Deadlines

The Regional Small Grants panel meets three times a year; in March, July and November

Contact details

<http://www.thechildrensfoundation.co.uk/we-help/regional-small-grants/>

Description

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme aims to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that remain in the coalfield communities of England. The priority target areas include parts of the Midlands, Kent, the North East, the North West and Yorkshire.

Eligible activity

Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities

Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work

Health: Supporting activities that improve the health and wellbeing of all age groups

Exclusions

None stated, please visit the website for further information.

Available funding

Applications can be submitted for up to £10,000 (with a maximum of £5000 for capital items)

Who can apply

Registered charities, Companies Limited by Guarantee, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies, Charitable Incorporated Organisations and Community Amateur Sports Clubs can apply for a grant as long as their unrestricted income is below £250,000, they have a governing document, a bank account in the organisation's name, and a management committee with at least three people, and their project is in a priority target area.

Deadlines

There will be four rounds between April 2016 and January 2017

- Summer round with applications considered in July 2016 – Employment.
- Autumn round with applications considered in October 2016 – Health.
- Winter round with applications considered in January 2017 – Skills.

Contact details

<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/social-investment/coalfields-community-investment/>

Description

This programme aims to support a range of innovative projects that are using sport as a tool for making a real difference in the communities in which they are based.

Eligible activity

The organisation will fund projects that help to deliver at least one of the following aims:

- Better futures
- Healthier finances
- Safer lives
- Stronger communities
- Fairer society

Exclusions

Please visit the website for ineligible criteria

Available funding

Please visit the website for further information

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from community groups and organisations across the UK.

Deadlines

This funding round is now closed. Please continue to visit the website for further details.

Community amateur sports club scheme

Description

The Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme (CASC) enables amateur sports clubs that meet certain eligibility criteria to receive mandatory business rate relief for 80% of total rates bills and the potential to reclaim Gift Aid on donations.

Eligible activity

CASC clubs receive 80% mandatory business rate relief, exempt from corporation tax, the ability to raise funds from individuals under Gift Aid.

Exclusions

Clubs are excluded if they do not meet the 'Who can apply' criteria.

Available funding

Not applicable.

Who can apply

To register as a CASC your club must meet the following qualifying conditions and meet them on an ongoing basis otherwise the club may lose its CASC status and be subject to a de-registration charge:

1. Be open to the whole community
2. Be organised on an amateur basis
3. Have its main purpose the provision of facilities for, and the promotion of participation in, one or more eligible sports.
4. Not exceed the income limit
5. Meet the management condition
6. Meet the location condition

The club must also have a suitable constitution. Your NGB may have a model CASC compliant constitution.

Deadlines

Any time.

Contact details

<http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/>

Description

County Durham Community Foundation is an independent grant-making charity. They promote lasting charitable giving by bringing together donors with their chosen causes, through well targeted grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people. Grants support local voluntary-led organisations and projects that have an incredible impact in their community.

Eligible activity

Various funds are available and cover a **wide range of activity** including training for **volunteers and coaches, equipment** and the **cost of events**.

Applicants are encouraged to complete a standard application form and the foundation will match the application to the most appropriate fund.

Exclusions

Exclusions will vary depending on the fund but applications for feasibility studies, improvements to land or buildings not open or accessible to the general public, feasibility studies, retrospective funding, salaries (unless for a few hours per week) or contingency amounts will not be accepted by any fund.

Available funding

Average grants are around £2500, but can range in size from £50 to £250,000

Who can apply

The grants support community and volunteer led organisations as well as individuals and families in need.

Applications must evidence the need for the funding, community involvement and value for money.

Deadlines

Deadlines vary for various funds. Please visit the County Durham Community Foundation website for more information.

Contact details

<http://www.cdcf.org.uk/home>

Dickie Bird Foundation

Description

The Foundation was established by Dickie Bird in March 2004 with the aim of helping disadvantaged young people, nationwide, to participate in sport. The vision of the Foundation is to assist young people under 18 years of age to participate, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity, and to ensure that, in doing so, they improve their chances both inside and outside sport.

Eligible activity

Grants are payable to disadvantaged children aged under 16 for **essential sports equipment**.

Exclusions

Travel and coaching are not payable. Payment is for individuals; therefore teams/groups should not apply.

Available funding

There are no maximum grant levels stated in the guidelines, although it is expected that grants will not exceed £5000.

Who can apply

Individuals in schools, clubs, universities, colleges, sporting societies or sports associations are eligible to apply for funding. Projects must take place in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). Individuals must be under the age of 18 years at the time of making the application.

Deadlines

Please visit the website for deadline information.

Contact details

<http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk/home/grant-information/>

Future sport

Description

Future Sport is a charity dedicated to supporting young people and assisting their progress in sport in North East England. Focusing on the grass roots, Future Sport raises money in order to offer grants to promising youngsters from a wide variety of backgrounds. We particularly target our funds at the socially and economically disadvantaged, whatever sport they participate in.

Eligible activity

Grants are awarded, according to personal needs, towards: **out-of-pocket training costs, travelling expenses, purchase of special food, additional cost of lodgings in training away from home, hire of facilities and coaching fees.**

Exclusions

The priority of Future Sport is to offer financial support for up and coming, young, talented sports people supported by their governing body, and who are NOT in receipt of National Lottery Funding.

A well-established senior international performer is not likely to be supported from Future Sport funds. Rather support will be forthcoming to individuals starting out on their sporting paths.

Available funding

Grants, usually average £500 to help towards training costs in the following 12 months.

Who can apply

Future Sport Awards are given to applicants who are up and coming young, able and disabled sportspeople. Preferably, applicants should demonstrate their potential to improve and advance in their chosen sports. Future Sport also aims to target the socially and economically disadvantaged and help remove the associated barriers for participation in their chosen sport.

Applicants should normally be between 10 and 20 years of age at the end of the period for which the grant is requested.

Deadlines

No deadline information provided.

Contact details

<http://www.futuresport-ne.co.uk/>

Enable Sport: Fund to assist gifted & talented disabled children

Description

A national children's charity is seeking the country's gifted and talented disabled children to apply for adapted sports equipment. The "Enable Sport" programme has been launched by Caudwell Children, in partnership with Barclays Wealth.

Eligible activity

Applications are accepted for **adapted sports equipment for disabled children** participating in competitive sport such as individually adapted sports wheelchairs and hand bike tricycles.

Exclusions

Funding is only available to families whose joint/wages/salaries are less than £45000 gross per annum (not including any benefits)

Available funding

No minimum and maximum amounts are specified but some specialized equipment can cost up to £3000.

Who can apply

The fund is only available to individuals engaged in competitive sport. The child must be 18 years old or under at the time of application, be a legal resident of the UK and have a chronic illness or disability.

Deadlines

There are no deadlines specified but funding is limited and applications are encouraged as soon as possible.

Contact details

www.caudwellchildren.com or charity@caudwellchildren.com

Football foundation

Description

The Football Foundation has a range of grants available. These range from facilities grants that support the growth of football activity to Respect packs.

Please visit the Football Foundation website for further details.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/>

Hedley Foundation

Description

A charitable foundation which supports young people, the disabled and the terminally ill.

Eligible activity

The Foundation makes grants to small charities working with young people in the areas of **Recreation, Sport, Training, Health and Welfare**, Support and **outdoor Education** of young people between the ages of 11 and 25. The Foundation is particularly keen on open air and adventure-type activities and the funding of appropriate kit and equipment.

Exclusions

The Foundation will only make grants to UK Registered Charities, Grants cannot be made direct to individuals. The Foundation is unable to assist,

Churches, Cathedrals and Museums. Exclusive charities (which only help people from specific groupings).

Appeals for general funding, salary, deficit, core revenue or transport funding.

Appeals for building works or refurbishment projects.

Available funding

No minimum or maximum amounts specified.

Who can apply

The fund is available for small charities.

Deadlines

23rd March, 25th May, 20th July, 14th September, and 9th November

Contact details

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>

DM Thomas foundation for young people (formerly HCF)

Description

DM Thomas Foundation for Young People is dedicated to helping disadvantaged and vulnerable young people and children. Under our [ABLE banner](#), our priority is to make a difference through targeted grant support, helping local and regional community groups and charities across Europe to deliver projects which improve access to opportunities and improve well-being

Eligible activity

The Foundation prefer to fund projects which **provide and facilitate access to education**; provide tools and opportunities through **equipment, facilities and training**; and **relieve suffering, improve treatment, care and wellbeing**.

Exclusions

Please visit the website for further details.

Available funding

There is approximately £150,000 available to distribute each quarter. Please visit the website for further details.

Who can apply

Grants are awarded to registered charities

Deadlines

9th February 2016, 10th May 2016, 26th July 2016, 11th Oct 2016

Contact details

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/>

Lord Taverners foundation

Description

Founded in 1950 at the Old Tavern at Lord's cricket ground by a group of actors who enjoyed watching cricket, the Lord's Taverners has developed into both a club and a charity. The aim of the charity is to give young people, particularly those with special needs, a sporting chance.

Eligible activity

The foundation has many schemes, covering a wide range of criteria. Schemes include **Youth Cricket**, **Specially adapted Minibuses**, **Sport and recreation for young people with special needs** and **Sports Wheelchair sponsored scheme**.

Exclusions

Exclusions will vary depending on the scheme being applied to. Please visit the website for more information.

Available funding

Available funding will vary depending on the scheme being applied to. Please visit the website for more information.

Who can apply

Homes, schools, sports clubs and special needs organisations in the United Kingdom that cater for young people under the age of 25 who are able bodied, or with disabilities, are eligible to apply.

Deadlines

Deadlines will vary depending on the scheme being applied to. Please visit the website for more information.

Contact details

<http://www.lordstaverners.org>

Lottery programmes: Awards for a ll

Description

Awards for All is a National Lottery funded programme operated by the Big Lottery Fund. The programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need through better access to training, creating stronger, healthier and more active communities and improving rural and urban environments.

Eligible activity

Equipment hire or purchase / **training** / volunteer expenses / **land, building and refurbishment** projects costing £25,000 or less / **publicity materials** for use in the project.

Exclusions

Activities that happen or start before the grant is confirmed / Projects that do not meet the aims of the programme / land, building and refurbishment projects costing more than £25,000 / existing activities and repeat or regular events including those that have been funded before.

Available funding

Awards are for amounts between £300 and £10,000. Organisations cannot draw down more than £10,000 worth of Awards for All grants in any 24 month period.

Who can apply

Community groups, not for profit groups, parish or town councils, health bodies or schools.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk>

*Please note, you can access webinars through the Big Lottery which provide you with advice and guidance on how to complete funding applications.

Lottery Programmes: Reaching communities

Description

Reaching communities supports projects that improve the quality of life of communities across England offering help where it is most needed. The fund supports the voluntary sector, health, education and the regeneration of communities.

Eligible activity

Grants are available for **revenue** and **capital** projects that provide **better access to training and development, stronger communities with more active citizens**. Other projects that are eligible for funding include projects that **improve rural and urban environments for communities to access and enjoy** and **healthier more active people**.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals, profit making organisations and organisations applying on behalf of other organisations.

Available funding

Minimum grants of £10,000 and maximum grants of £500,000 are offered over a maximum period of five years to allow a project to develop and become sustainable. The programme mainly supports revenue projects but capital funding is available.

Projects do not require match funding but contributions from other sources might be seen as evidence of commitment to a project and its sustainability.

Applicants must demonstrate a need for the project, how their project provides the solution and the community will be involved. Applicants must also evidence how the project complements local plans and strategies.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, statutory bodies including schools, registered charities, social enterprises and charitable or not for profit companies.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

*Please note, you can access webinars through the Bog Lottery which provide you with advice and guidance on how to complete funding applications.

Lottery Programmes: Reaching community buildings

Description

The buildings strand of Reaching Communities provides funding for land and buildings projects costing more than £100,000. It can also provide revenue funding to help to get the building running and deliver project activities.

So this funding makes the biggest difference to those most in need, it is targeted at buildings or sites based in the most deprived 'Lower Super Output Areas' in England.

However, we recognise that geographical boundaries may not give us the full story so if your project is ineligible, but based close to an eligible area, we may consider making an exception and inviting you to apply.

Eligible activity

You can apply for projects that will **replace or improve existing buildings**, but we will only fund the purchase of property or construction of new buildings in exceptional circumstances.

You can ask us for **revenue funding** to help launch your building and to ensure that you have sufficient funds in place to deliver the project activities when the building work is complete.

We can fund your project for a total of five years, including the period of building work needed before the building can be opened for use by your beneficiaries.

Every project we fund must respond to need. Need is the term we use to describe a problem or issue, or situation where something needs to change to make things better for a person, group of people or environment. Projects should focus on the needs of beneficiaries and how the services and activities delivered from the building will address these needs, not the need for the building itself or the improvements to the building.

All projects should involve the people who will benefit from the project in planning and running the project, and must achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- **People have better chances in life**, with **better access to training and development** to improve their life skills,
- **Stronger communities**, with **more active citizens**, working together to tackle their problems,
- **Improved rural and urban environments**, which communities are better able to access and enjoy,
- **Healthier and more active people** and communities.

Exclusions

- Individuals and sole traders.
- Profit-making organisations.
- Other types of statutory organisations.
- Projects previously funded under our Community Buildings programme.

Projects must help people and communities in England.

Grants will not normally be available to groups applying on behalf of other organisations, in poor financial health, with poor history of managing grants, or established outside of the UK.

If you are a branch, or related to, a large organisation that may have some legal responsibility for any grant awarded, they must know about your application.

Available funding

You can apply for grants of over £100,000. Although the average grant size is expected to be around £300,000, you can apply for more than £500,000 but must contact the awarding body first.

Who can apply

You can apply if the eligibility checker on the awarding body's website confirms your eligibility and you are:

- An unincorporated association, incorporated association, trust or company set up and registered as a charity,
- An unincorporated association set up as a voluntary and community group,
- A community interest company,
- A not-for-profit company limited by guarantee,
- A community benefit society,
- A town or parish council.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-buildings-england>

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The National Hockey foundation

Description

The Foundation is a Charitable Trust originally established to develop and operate the hockey stadium at Milton Keynes. It is and has always been completely separate from the Hockey's National Governing Body.

The Foundation hopes to be able to give financial support to the development of sport particularly at youth level for hockey and in Milton Keynes.

Eligible activity

Grants can be awarded for **refurbishment costs, equipment purchase**, and for a **new construction**.

Funding generally will be given for **training/re-training**, educational equipment, **activity based learning**, sports equipment, **transport** and **occasionally costs of project staff**. If requesting salary funding applicants should submit a job description for the post.

Grants may be awarded to cover part of a cost of a project.

Exclusions

Individuals, programmes aimed at solely supporting elite athletes, fundraising events, projects outside England, day to day running costs, general donations, funding to sponsor an award, projects that are not sustainable and the payment of salaries.

Available funding

The Foundation does not generally award grants for less than £10,000 or more than £75,000

Who can apply?

Grants can be awarded to clubs, limited companies, registered charities and other bodies. Applications will be supported where the application has been supported by England Hockey.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time and grants are awarded quarterly.

Contact details

<http://www.54408.mrsite.com/page10.htm>

Peter Harrison foundation: Opportunities through sport

Description

The Trustees wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfill their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. Grants will often be one-off grants for capital projects. In some cases funding will be allocated to 'new' revenue projects or to projects where funding would be key to their continuation.

Eligible activity

Eligible projects will provide a focus for **skill development and confidence building through the medium of sport, projects that have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity**, projects that provide **sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people**, projects with a high degree of community involvement and projects that involve children and young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction.

Exclusions

The foundation do not fund general fundraising appeals, requests for retrospective funding, individuals, outdoor activity projects such as camping and outward bound expeditions, holidays or expeditions in the UK or abroad, other grant making bodies to make grants on the Foundation's behalf and projects that directly replace statutory funding.

Available funding

Not specified.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from charities through the United Kingdom.

Deadlines

There are no specific deadlines. The foundation's financial year runs between 1 June – 31 May and the panel meets regularly during this period.

Contact details

<http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/grant-programme/recent-grants>

Ron Pickering memorial fund

Description

This fund was established in 1991 in accordance with the belief that sport can enhance young lives in more ways than just the physical. The fund is dedicated to assisting aspiring young athletes who have shown by their attitude and dedication that they possess the qualities which will ensure the growth and protection of sport.

Eligible activity

Funding is available for **training** or the provision of **equipment**.

Exclusions

There are no exclusions stated but potential applicants are advised to contact the organisation to ensure the project meets the eligibility criteria.

Available funding

There are no minimum or maximum levels of support with each application being assessed on its own merit.

Who can apply

Both able and disability UK athletes between the ages of 15 and 23 can apply. Grants to those aged over 23 may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Deadlines

Applications open on October 1 and close on the 29 November every year.

Contact details

<http://www.rpmf.org.uk>

Rowing foundation

Description

The Rowing Foundation aims to aid and support young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages through their participation in sport and games particularly water sports.

Eligible activity

Projects must incorporate participation in sport and games, particularly water sports.

Examples of eligible activity include **buoyancy aids, splash suits, canoes** and the **promotion of taster rowing courses** for youth clubs, sailing and other water sports clubs.

Statistically, the Foundation favours giving grants for equipment that will be used on the water and exclusively for juniors and the disabled of all ages.

Exclusions

Applications are not accepted for individuals or for general funds.

Available funding

Grants of £500-£3,000 are available for pump prime projects.

Who can apply

The foundation supports organisations and clubs in Britain whose requirements may be too small, or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at anytime.

Contact details

<http://www.britishrowing.org/rowing-foundation>

Rugby football foundation: Groundmatch grants

Description

The Rugby Football Foundation (RFF) is a charitable trust established by the Rugby Football Union. The purpose of the RFF is to promote and develop community amateur rugby in England. The Groundmatch Grant Scheme provides easy access to grant funding for capital projects that contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players in England.

Eligible activity

The following are examples of eligible activity:

- **Pitch facilities** – Playing surface improvements, pitch improvement, rugby posts and floodlights
- **Clubhouse facilities** – Changing room and shower facility additions or improvements, improvement or installation of disabled facilities and match officials
- **Equipment** – Large capital equipment, pitch maintenance capital equipment

Exclusions

Applications for retrospective funding will not be accepted.

Available funding

The minimum grant available is £1,500 and the maximum is £5,000.

Grants are available on the basis of matching clubs' own funds (internally or externally generated) on a 50/50 basis for a proposed project.

Who can apply

All clubs at level five and below in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship (i.e. the leagues) are eligible to apply to the scheme.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://www.rfu.com> or foundation@therfu.com

Rugby football foundation: Helping hands grant

Description

The Rugby Football Foundation (RFF) is a charitable trust established by the Rugby Football Union. The purpose of the RFF is to promote and develop community amateur rugby in England.

Eligible activity

The 'Helping Hand Grant' provides a mechanism for clubs to apply for a small grant for eligible **capital projects** (for example a new set of rugby posts, redecorating the changing rooms etc.) with the club matching the grant on a £ for £ basis.

Exclusions

Applications for retrospective funding will not be accepted.

Available funding

The minimum grant available is £500 and the maximum is £1500.

Grants are available on the basis of matching clubs' own funds (internally or externally generated) on a 50/50 basis for a proposed project.

Who can apply

All clubs at level five and below in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship (i.e. the leagues) are eligible to apply to the scheme

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://rugbyfootballfoundation.org/index.php/what-we-do/grants-loans/helping-hand-grants>

Sir James Knott trust

Description

The Sir James Knott Trust is a registered charitable Trust based in Newcastle upon Tyne that supports community projects in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham including Hartlepool. The aim of the Trust is to help improve the conditions of people living and working in the North East of England.

Eligible activity

Grants are available for projects in areas such as **education, health and sport, community and arts and culture**. Specific examples of funded health and sport projects include funding to Active Berwick towards volunteer sports coach training and Bowburn and Parkhill Community Partnership for a Multi User Games Area.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals or organisations that do not have an identifiable project within the beneficial area. Applications will not be accepted for retrospective funding or to replace funding withdrawn by local authorities.

Available funding

For the 'Under £1000 scheme, the average grant is £700. For the meetings grant, the average is £4500.

Who can apply

Eligible applicants are UK registered charities operating in, or for the benefit of the North East of England. Organisations that are not registered charities may apply provided the local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) or a registered charity can administer or process funds on behalf of the applying organisation.

Deadlines

Applications for funding under £1,000 may be submitted all year round. Applications over £1,000 must be submitted for consideration at Trustee meetings which occur in spring, summer and autumn. The deadline for the next trustee meeting in February is 14 January 2011.

Contact details

<http://www.knott-trust.co.uk> or info@knott-trust.co.uk

Description

STA Trust provides funding for physical improvements to community leisure amenities through the Landfill Communities Fund. It supports projects that make physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings/ structures in any of 100 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by STA UK.

Eligible activity

STA currently offer two funds.

- **Primary fund** - Grants of up to £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations whose **significant community leisure amenity improvement project** has an overall cost of no more than £250,000
- **Smaller projects fund** - Sometimes a small capital investment can make a huge difference to a community. Therefore we offer grants of up to £20,000 towards smaller projects with an overall cost of less than £40,000. Through this fund we are looking to support applicants requesting funding for smaller projects that take a matter of weeks or months to complete. No compliant project is considered too small and there is no minimum funding amount.

Exclusions

Funding is only available on 100 STA funding zones. To find out whether your project falls under one of the zones please visit <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker>.

Available funding

Please see the Eligible activity section for available funding.

Who can apply

Not for profit organisations including charities, local authorities and councils can apply.

Deadlines

5pm on the 25th January 2016

Contact details

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/>

Description

Sport England offer a variety of difference funding opportunities to support clubs and organisations for revenue or capital projects aiming to increase participation in sport.

Please visit the Sport England page for more information on which funding pots are currently available.

The most suitable funding opportunities available through Sport England are outlined below; however this is just a small selection of the opportunities available.

- **Small Grants** - Small Grants uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport. This fund is open all year round.
- **Inspired Facilities** - Inspired Facilities is our £110 million programme that funds the renovation and modernisation of local sports facilities. This fund is open all year round.

<http://sportengland.org/funding/>

Spoted

Description

Spoted is a free membership organisation that supports community sport clubs and groups across the UK that deliver sport for development.

They support the inspirational local heroes and heroines that run these clubs by providing free business and financial support so that they have the skills, knowledge and resources to continue their amazing work.

They have a network of volunteer business mentors who work with our members on a one-to-one basis, providing expert consultancy on business issues ranging from financial planning and fundraising, to marketing and governance.

Eligible activity

Spoted is a membership organisation and those wishing to access support must become a member first.

Exclusions

Clubs must meet the 'Who can apply' criteria outlined below.

Available funding

Funding available through Spoted will vary. Please visit their website or contact Spoted directly for further information.

Who can apply

In order to apply your organisation must meet the following criteria:

- Deliver sport for development activities or is planning to start to
- Interested in Sport for Development activities
- Works for young people aged 11 – 25 or is planning to start to
- Uses sport/physical activity
- Takes place within a disadvantaged community

Deadlines

Please visit the website for further information

Contact details

<http://spoted.org.uk/>

Description

SportsAid helps young, unfunded athletes to overcome one of their greatest barriers to success - the financial challenge of trying to become Britain's next generation of Olympians, Paralympians and world champions.

Eligible activity

Grants are designed to ease the pressure on parents and carers burdened with **day to day costs** of being an athlete.

Exclusions

SportsAid only supports unfunded athletes who are nominated by their sport's national governing body. This ensures the right athletes get the right help at the right time - enhancing the sports' talent development programmes rather than duplicating them.

Available funding

There are no minimum or maximum levels of funding stated.

Who can apply

Every athlete who receives SportsAid support is nominated to the charity by their sport's national governing body (NGB). NGBs are organisations like British Athletics, British Cycling, and British Swimming and so on.

Deadlines

Nominations take place every autumn. You should contact your sport about whether you meet the criteria for the next round of SportsAid awards. Meeting the nomination criteria does not necessarily guarantee a SportsAid award because the charity can only distribute what it has fundraised.

Contact details

<http://www.sportsaid.org.uk/>

Swimathon foundation: Community grants scheme

Description

The Swimathon Foundation Community Grants Scheme offers funding to groups and individuals who provide and promote swimming in their local community. The Foundation is passionate about encouraging people to get involved with swimming, which it hopes to encourage even further with its Community Grants.

Eligible activity

Applications are invited for funding for an innovative and sustainable project which will **help more people participate in and enjoy swimming** and to **make swimming more accessible**. Applicants must demonstrate in their application how the funding will allow them to:

- Introduce people to swimming who would otherwise not swim
- Increase the frequency that existing swimmers go to the pool
- Improve the swimming experience for new or existing swimmers

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from organisations that promote a political party or activity, organisations which exist to promote religion itself and applications where the recipient community must participate in religious services.

Grants will not be provided to cover basic running or maintenance costs or to fund projects other than that detailed in the application form.

If an organisation is successful in receiving a grant, they cannot apply again within one calendar year.

Available funding

Grants of between £300 and £2,500 are available. Match funding is not a specific requirement.

Who can apply

Awarded to organisations supported by pools that are participating in the Swimathon.

Deadlines

Closed until Monday 11th January 2016.

Contact details

http://swimathon.org/page.php?page=tsf_Grants_Rules_Criteria

Tesco community grants

Description

Tesco will award six grants per year in each of the 427 Tesco regions to make sure the funding is spread evenly across England, Wales and Scotland. In total the Bags of Help programme will support thousands of projects each year.

Eligible activity

It will fund **capital projects** that provide **community benefit** and there is no charge to access. Examples include Parks, pocket parks and urban green spaces, Green corridors – river and canals, cycle ways, Formal and informal play areas, Open access sports facilities within public parks and recreation grounds – e.g. football pitches, tennis courts and cricket pitches. Informal outdoor recreation facilities; e.g. gym equipment, trim trails and woodland walks

Exclusions

No exclusions stated, please visit the website for further information.

Available funding

Tesco customers will vote over two weekends in their store for their favourite shortlisted local project. Grants will then be awarded as follows:

- 1st place in Tesco customer vote: £12,000 grant
- 2nd place in Tesco customer vote: £10,000 grant
- 3rd place in Tesco customer vote: £8,000 grant

Who can apply

The grants programme will be open to organisations such as: voluntary/community organisations, registered charities, health bodies, Parish/Town councils, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies, schools, hospices, community councils, local authorities and housing organisations. Other not-for-profit organisations might also be eligible.

Deadlines

Round 2 is scheduled to open in April 2016

Contact details

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/Pages/large-grants-tes>

The Bernard Sunley charitable trust

Description

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust is a general grant making trust. The aim is to raise the quality of life, particularly those who are young, disadvantaged or elderly.

Eligible activity

Previously funded activities include **education, community, health** and **social welfare** projects

The trustees support **capital projects** including new builds, refurbishment, **equipment** and **transport**.

Exclusions

Running costs will not be funded.

Available funding

Grants range from £1,000 to £250,000, but most will be for less than £10,000.

Who can apply

Charities registered with the Charity Commission for England Wales.

Deadlines

None stated, please contact the trust for more details.

Contact details

<http://www.bernardsunley.org/>

Torch trophy trust bursary

Description

The Torch Trophy Trust has its origins in the 1948 Olympics held in London. The Torch Trophy Trust is a charitable organisation, whose main aim is to encourage voluntary work in sport and other related outdoor activities within local communities. The mission statement "Encouraging Sports Volunteers" defines the purpose of the Torch Trophy Trust.

Eligible activity

The aim of the Bursary is to provide financial aid to individuals or groups to **undertake training** to enhance knowledge or improve their coaching skills to assist their club, organization or community and develop their chosen sport.

Exclusions

None stated, please visit the website.

Available funding

Bursaries range from £100-£1000 and must not account for more than 50 per cent of the total costs of any course or activity.

Who can apply

A Torch Trophy Trust Bursary is awarded to a voluntary provider seeking to improve a skill that will benefit the local community or group to which you are affiliated. A bursary is also awarded if your governing body wishes to assist but cannot provide adequate funding for your chosen activity.

Deadlines

The fund is currently closed, please visit the website for further details.

Contact details

<http://torchtrophytrust.org/>