

A GUIDE TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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Introduction

Developing the game takes money whether it is for building a new clubhouse or buying a new team kit.

Help is at hand from a range of Funding opportunities! The opportunities included in this document are just some of the possible funding opportunities grassroots football clubs may be able to access.

Applicants are encouraged to consider how each of the sources could meet their needs thereby ensuring that funds stretch further and that a successful application is more likely. In seeking support from some of these sources, you will generally be expected to demonstrate the wider community benefits of their proposals.

In addition, availability of some of the following resources will depend on the location of any proposed project.



FOOTBALL FOUNDATION



The Football Foundation is a unique partnership funded by the FA Premier League, The FA and the Government. The Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity. The Foundation offers a number of grant schemes to support football development.

Guidance and advice

All applicants are advised to seek pre application advice from your County FA. For further information please contact Chris Hutchinson on Chris.Hutchinson@DurhamFA.com or 0191 3872928.

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund, which is available to football clubs, schools, councils and local sports associations, is focused on supporting the development of new or refurbished local football facilities, and replaces the previous Facilities Scheme, Build the Game and the Premier League Community Facility Fund. For further grant and criteria information access the following link <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund/>

The Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £10,000 for the provision of capital items, or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund-small-grants-scheme/>

Football Stadia Improvement Fund

www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/football-stadia-improvement-fund-grant/

The FSIF provides money for clubs in the Football League and the National League System down to step 7 (Wearside League, Northern League, Unibond League) and below who want to improve their facilities.

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The Football Foundation

Grow The Game Grant

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/community-grants/grow-the-game/>

Grow the Game provides funding for projects that use football to: increase participation by both players and volunteers.

This is done by supporting the costs associated with providing new activity. Grow the Game is an extremely popular scheme and the assessment process is competitive.

Please contact Andrew.Brown@DurhamFA.com for more information about this grant.



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Sport England: Sport England is committed to investing in clubs and projects across the country to create a great environment that encourages more people to play sport. Whether you need to make your make your clubhouse more accessible, want to improve the drainage of your pitch or need financial help to put on more coaching sessions, we have a funding stream that could help.



W: <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/>

Playing Fields Legacy Fund: The aim of the fund is to get more people, especially the young and disadvantaged, playing outdoor sport through more effective use of playing fields.



W: <http://playingfieldslegacyfund.org.uk/>



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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

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



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County Durham Community Foundation

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>

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Lottery Programmes: Awards for All

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

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



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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 fulfil 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 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

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



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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.



THE SIR JAMES KNOTT TRUST

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 next Trustee meeting will be held on Monday 20th of March 2017. The deadline for receiving completed applications for this meeting is Friday 17th of February 2017 at 4.30pm.

Contact details

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



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SITA is now SUEZ Community Trust

Description

SITA 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 SITA UK.

Eligible activity

Suez currently offers 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

To be eligible for SUEZ Communities Trust's LCF programme your project must be in England and fall within one of our active funding zones. <http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.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

Various

Contact details

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



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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 activity has fallen into the following categories

Education,

Community,

Health

Social welfare

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

Exclusions

Running costs will not be funded.

THE BERNARD SUNLEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

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

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

