

Amateur FA Funding Guide



Popular Funding Opportunities

Football Foundation

The Football Foundation is funded by the Premier League, The FA and Government. They deliver grassroots football facilities, which means better games and more players - helping transform communities where demand is greatest, and impact will be strongest. Funding is available for a range of projects, including new goalposts, changing room refurbishments and grass pitch improvement. They provide both revenue and capital funding.

<https://footballfoundation.org.uk/>

Sport England Small Grants Programme: £300-£10,000

Projects by not-for-profit organisations seeking to develop opportunities for communities to get more people physically and addressing environmental sustainability.

www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx

The National Lottery – Community Fund: £300-£500,000

The National Lottery Community Fund offers revenue grants to a range of organisations which help communities and people it considers most in need.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding>

London Marathon Charitable Trust: £5,000-£250,000

The London Marathon Charitable Trust provides predominantly capital funding to help improve existing amenities or build new facilities that will enable organisations to encourage and support all members of the local community to become and remain physically active.

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

Cash 4 Clubs: £250-£1,000

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which 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.

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

London City Hall

The Mayor of London's approach to sport in London is the belief in the power of sport to bring people together and improve their lives.

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/sports>

Revenue Funding Opportunities

The Co-operative Local Community Fund: £100-£2,000

Funds are awarded to organisations who carry out positive work in the community and which address a community issue, provide long-term benefit to the community, support co-operative values and principles and are ideally innovative.

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

The Wakeham Trust: £125-£2,500

The Wakeham Trust provides grants to help small scale community projects which are unlikely to receive funding from large trusts. They are particularly interested in neighbourhood projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded.

<https://thewakehamtrust.org>

Asda Foundation: £250-£1,000

Supports small grassroots organisations with funding that will benefit the community, bring people together and ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to be involved.

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants>

The Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants: £250-£4,000

Supporting projects open to the wider community for which the mainstay is either capital costs or a one-off short-term activity.

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

Warburtons Community Grant: £400

Warburtons Community Grants provides small grants to support charitable organisations towards broader activities which improve Health, Place or Skills for families in their community.

<https://www.warburtons.co.uk/corporate/sustainability/community/grant>

Sir Edward Lewis Foundation: £500-£3,000

Offering grants to charitable organisations in London and Surrey supporting a wide range of causes, including amateur sports, children and young people, disability, and the advancement of health.

lewis.foundation@awlinson-hunter.com

Gilbert and Eileen Edgar Foundation: £500-£6,000

The Gilbert and Eileen Edgar Foundation provides funding to charities for a range of charitable purposes, including provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, and helping of the young, the old and the needy.

trustee@milcote.uk

Central Social and Recreational Trust: £1,000

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

<http://www.csrt.info/>

Chapman Charitable Trust: £1,000-£2,000

Support UK charities with a focus on organisations that promote physical and mental wellbeing and address the root cause of problems.

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

City Bridge Trust

Providing charities and CICs with an array of different funding themes and grants, some of the projects the Trust funds look at working with older and/or disabled people or improving the environment.

<https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/funding>

The Foyle Foundation: £2,000-£10,000

Designed to support UK charities actively working and delivering at a grassroots and local community level, particularly those offering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community.

www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme

Persimmon Community Champions: £6,000

Persimmon Community Champions is here to fund local good causes and community initiatives across the UK.

<https://www.persimmonhomes.com/community-champions/>

Better Community Business Network: £3,000

BCBN's Grant Initiative aims to provide small third-sector grant awards to empower charities and local community projects. This initiative will distribute a one-off grant to a charity or small but credible community projects, which are able to demonstrate their positive impact on the communities they aim to serve.

<http://bcbn.org.uk/grant-initiative/>

DWF Foundation: £5,000

For charities making an impact with health and wellbeing when either tackling a community issue, encouraging the involvement of excluded community members, enabling young people to develop skills, or helping voluntary community groups become more effective and efficient.

www.dwfgroup.com/en/about-us/dwf-foundation

Postcode Society Trust: £500-£25,000

Funds available to charities and good causes in the south of England to enable participation in physical activity or increase community access to outdoor space.

www.postcodesocietytrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

The Allianz Sports Fund: £500-£3,000

Awards are to help sports clubs continue to provide opportunities within their local community. Please note you must be nominated by a broker to be eligible to apply.

<https://www.allianz.co.uk/broker/broker-extras/sport-fund.html>

The Britford Bridge Trust: £10,000-£30,000

Inviting applications from UK charities, one of the purposes of the Trust is the advancement of amateur sport, alongside other causes.

<https://thebritfordbridgetrust.org>

The Henry Smith Charity – Strengthening Communities: £20,000-£70,000

The grant supports small, grassroots organisations who are embedded in the community, working within the most deprived areas of the UK. Funds are provided to work that enables people to participate in activities which improve connectedness and wellbeing and/or build a stronger, more engaged community.

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/strengthening-communities-grants>

Kick It Out – Fans for Diversity

Financial and logistical support for fan-led initiatives and events that promote diversity and inclusivity and takes a stand against discrimination.

www.kickitout.org/get-support/fans-for-diversity

Xerox (UK) Trust

Supporting small charities that have a project to help children or young people achieve a goal that would otherwise not be possible without funding.

<https://www.xerox.co.uk/en-gb/about/corporate-social-responsibility/uk-trust>

Jazz Apple Foundation: £500

Offers monetary support to people, groups and charitable endeavours that are important to you and share our beliefs.

<https://jazzapple.com/uk/jazz-foundation/>

Greene King IPA – Proud to Pitch In: £4,000

Supporting local grassroots and community sports clubs, with cash grants to provide them with the tools to help them continue the sport they love. Project beneficiaries must be aged over 18.

<https://www.greeneking.co.uk/proud-to-pitch-in>

Boost Charitable Trust: £750

Provides funding to inspiring programmes which help improve the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged (financial hardship, mental health, social exclusion, medical research and relief) through the power of sport.

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

Jack Petchey Foundation

Offer a wide range of grants opportunities for schools and youth organisations across London and Essex to help create more opportunities for young people up to the age of 25.

<https://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/opportunities/grant-programmes/>

Barclays Community Football Fund: £500

Offers small grants, training, kit, and exclusive ticketing offers to hundreds of clubs across the UK to make football more accessible in our communities.

<https://sported.org.uk/barclays-community-football-fund-2/>

Capital Funding Opportunities

The Rank Foundation – Pebble Grants: £250-£4,000

Supporting projects open to the wider community for which the mainstay is either capital costs or a one-off short-term activity.

<https://rankfoundation.com/pebble-grants/>

The Percy Bilton Charity: £500-£5,000

Grants for charitable organisations assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities and older people. May apply for equipment or capital items including refurbishments.

<https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/>

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FCC Community Action Fund: £2,000-£100,000

The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D and Object DA of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

<https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund>

Screwfix Foundation: £5,000

For charities and not-for-profit organisations looking for support in relation to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes, community buildings and other buildings.

<https://www.screwfix.com/help/screwfixfoundation/>

The Rose Foundation: £5,000-£10,000

We provide financial assistance to registered charities and exempt bodies undertaking building projects less than £200,000 in the London area.

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

Biffa Award – Recreation: £10,000-£75,000

Applications welcomed from sports clubs for the building works or improvements to clubhouse facilities (such as kitchen or toilets), that can demonstrate the multi-usage within the wider community if the site is within a selected distance from Biffa operations.

<https://www.biffa-award.org>

Veolia Trust Community Grants Scheme: £10,000-£75,000

The community grant scheme is available to constituted not-for-profit organisations and local authorities. Grants are available to create or improve buildings or outside spaces for the benefit of the community.

www.veoliatrust.org/funding/

The National Lottery – Reaching Communities Fund: £10,000-£100,000

Fund projects that work to make positive changes in their community, such as improving the places and spaces that matter to communities and bringing people together and building strong relationships in and across communities.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england>

Community Ownership Fund: £1,000,000

The UK government has launched a new £150 million Community Ownership Fund to help communities across the UK take ownership of local facilities, community assets and amenities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus>

HS2 - The Community and Environment Fund: £250,000

This fund is targeted at the voluntary/community sector operating in communities that are demonstrably disrupted by the construction of Phase One route of HS2 and can be used for the enhancement or replacement of sports and recreational facilities

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus>

Suez Community Trust: £50,000

To provide, maintain or improve an amenity that is used primarily for leisure and recreation. The amenity must be open to all sections of the community for at least 104 days a year.

<https://grantscape.org.uk/fund/suez-communities-fund/>

Bernard Sunley Foundation

Support charities with capital projects, including new buildings, extensions, refurbishments, and recreational spaces.

www.bernardsunley.org/

B&Q Foundation: £5,000

Providing grants to registered charities who are creating or improving spaces so that more people in communities have a place to feel at home.

<https://bqfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Leyland SDM – Give London A Lift: £1,000

London-based charities, community groups, clubs and sports teams can apply to help open new premises, recover an existing building from a state of disrepair or any project which benefits the community.

<https://leylandsdm.co.uk/givelondonlift>

Other Funding Tools

London Sport

The London Sport website provides support and resources for organisations wanting to access funding available to deliver sport and physical activity related projects.

<https://londonsport.org/our-work/funding-support/>

London Sport Consultancy

Helping to identify funding opportunities to allow your club/organisation/group to grow, through refining your project concept and initiate a tailor-made fundraising strategy.

<https://londonsport.org/our-work/consultancy/funding/>

My Funding Central

Search for funds for your charity, voluntary organisation, or social enterprise.

<https://www.myfundingcentral.co.uk/>

Local Authorities

Contact your local authority as they often have grants available for projects. Some of London's local authority opportunities can be found here: <https://londoncf.org.uk/apply/available-grants>

Corporate Social Responsibility

Many big corporations will run grant schemes in the communities where their branches, offices, factories, or distribution centres are based. Search local businesses and check their websites for community sections, where further details will be listed. Some of these have been listed in this document.

Space Hive

The world's first funding platform for civic projects, which aims to make it easier for people, companies, and councils to fund things that make places better.

<https://www.spacehive.com/>

Spond – Spot The Ball

Spot The Ball is a way to raise money through using the Spond platform to create an individualised prize competition tailored to your club.

<https://help.spond.com/en/articles/25857-how-to-enter-spot-the-ball>