

Grantfinder

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FUNDING FOR FOOTBALL



INTRODUCTION

This funding guide is intended as a starting point for football clubs seeking to obtain funding for football activities and projects. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and potential sources of funding and the conditions of grant aid may change.

For this reason this publication is set up to direct readers to various funding websites.





GENERAL POINTERS

The most important source of funding for any football club is its membership, both in the form of regular fees and subscriptions and fundraising activities such as social events and raffles. The revenue which can be raised from these sources is, however, often limited and can be restrictive to the clubs overall aims and growth. Due to this, external sources of funding have a key part to play in the development of many clubs.

Obtaining funding from sources external to any club is a complex and often frustrating process, however approached in the correct manner, wasted effort can be minimised and prospects

of receiving support greatly enhanced.

The points outlined below provide general hints, aimed at assisting you in strengthening your funding applications:

- Always read the entire application pack thoroughly before attempting to respond to any questions. It is essential that you are fully aware of what the objectives of the funder are in relation to the grant programme you are applying under
- If possible find another club, who have successfully obtained funding from the

funder and speak to them about their experience of the process and ask if in hindsight they would have done anything differently

- Make a photocopy of any application form and fill this in as a draft until you are happy that you have framed your application in the best manner possible
- Most funders have a clear idea of what they will and will not fund, make sure that you are aware of this and that your application is appropriately structured
- Make sure that your project is able to deliver the kind of results which the funder is seeking, i.e. helping more females to become involved in football
- Before completing the final application form, obtain another opinion - Oxfordshire FA will be happy to provide this service
- Ensure that your application complies with the timetable for applications if one exists; late applications are unlikely to receive support
- If they have them, follow the funder on social media to keep up to date with opportunities and deadline dates.

USING THIS GUIDE

Each funding pot has been grouped according to the area it funds and is generally laid out from district level to county level to national level.

For each funding opportunity there is a brief introduction along with a summary of the grant. At the end of each description there are contact details and where to get more information and help.

Oxfordshire FA are committed to supporting clubs, schools and organisations to bring more investment into the game. If you would like some support with an application or more information on funding please contact us:

Tel: 01993 894406

Email: Development@OxfordshireFA.com



TYPES OF FUNDING

REVENUE FUNDING

This funding type covers the large majority of funding areas and for the purpose of this guide has been split into six main categories:

Kit & Equipment

This can be a stand alone application or included as part of a wider application where money for kit and or equipment is needed as well as funding to carry out activity. Awards can vary from £250 to £1,000 and the need for Partnership funding depends on the funder. Applicants will be required to show that there is a need for a grant beyond just a 'nice to have' and how the money will make a difference to the recipient/s.

IT Equipment & Software

This funding is largely in place to support and enhance communities. In football terms this should be aimed at club and league officials to make their roles easier. Grants are usually given in the form of equipment rather than cash.

Talented Players

Funding for talented players usually comes in the form of bursaries to cover the costs of travel and training or discount schemes where performers can get reduced access to local authority sports facilities. The definition of talented varies between funders but usually applies to those playing at county level and beyond.

Coaching & Officiating

These bursaries are available to support coaches and referees to gain qualifications. The amount of support differs from part to full funding and is usually offered on a percentage basis. Funding is rarely retrospective and tends to be paid upon successful completion of the course. Applicants are expected to actively use the qualification.

General Activity

These grants are for projects based around activity and participation and there are a range of available schemes and levels of funding out there. Funding tends to be awarded for projects looking to develop new activity and is often focussed on target agendas such as increasing participation.

Goalposts

As with kit & equipment grants there are schemes that will provide funding for goalposts on their own as well as those that will fund them as part of a wider bid. Posts must comply with British Safety Standards.

What makes a good revenue application?

- Caters for an obvious need / meets local demand
- Is strategic
- Has a good plan with clear specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time measured (SMART) objectives
- Makes an impact
- Is sustainable and not just a quick fix
- Has partnership funding where required
- Represents value for money
- Financial endorsement of other funders
- Engages with the community
- Good sense of ownership
- Hits the funder's agenda

CAPITAL FUNDING

This funding type concerns the development of new or refurbishment of existing facilities and is covered under one heading in this guide:

Facility Development

Projects under this category could cover a wide range of areas including changing room development, pitch drainage and maintenance, astro-turf, floodlighting, improvements to meet FA ground grading criteria, maintenance equipment and storage. Funding ranges from around £500 to £500,000 and Partnership funding is required in most cases.

What makes a good capital application?

- The facilities are justified by a realistic football development plan
- Fits with local strategy / need
- Sustainable post funding / build
- Meets FA & Football Foundation Standards
- Represents value for money
- Financial endorsement of other funders
- Engages with the community
- Good sense of ownership
- Hits the funder's agenda



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OPEN THE DICKIE BIRD FOUNDATION

The vision of the Foundation is to assist young people under 16 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.

Who is it for?

Disadvantaged children under the age of 16

What will it fund?

The foundation provide the following guidelines for sport appropriate items:

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Footwear
- Swimwear
- Personal items of equipment for use by the applicant only.

What it doesn't fund

- Children over the age of 16 at the date the application is received
- Travel costs
- Professional fees of any kind including club membership or club fees
- Scholarships
- Summer/Winter training camps.

Eligibility criteria

- Applications will only be considered if the applicant can demonstrate that they are unable to raise the funds by any other means

- The foundation only accept applications from individual children that meet the criteria
- Groups, clubs, schools, colleges or associations are no eligible to apply
- The fund will not pay for travel expenses.

Decision process

- Trustees meet at least four times a year to make a decision.

How to apply

An application form can be downloaded from the website.

Contact & more information

Dickie Bird Foundation

Tel: 07503 641457

Web:

Thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk

OPEN THE ROBIN GREAVES SPORTS FOUNDATION

The Robin Greaves Sports Foundation was established in memory of the Late Robin Greaves to provide financial grants to charitable organisations working to promote sports and recreation to those living in Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Gloucestershire and Hampshire.

How much?

No specified limit.

Partnership funding

Not specified.

Who is it for?

Clubs, charities or not-for profit organisations whose activities are legally charitable.

Eligibility criteria

The Foundation will consider grant applications from charitable organisations working in the following areas:

- The advancement of amateur sport
- The promotion and preservation of good health by encouraging community participation in healthy recreation and providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the playing of sport
- The advancement of physical education in young people including, but not limited to, developing skills in physical

activity, developing physical and mental capacity, evaluating and improving performance in physical education and making informed choices about healthy, active lifestyles

- The provision or assistance in the provision of facilities, courses, training programmes and resources to enable, assist and encourage the education of persons in leadership.

Contact & more information

Blake Morgan LLP

Email:

grantapplications@blakemorgan.co.uk

OPEN COMMUNITY AMATEUR SPORTS CLUB (CASC) STATUS

Around 6,000 clubs are now registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC). These clubs, partly through mandatory rate relief and the ability to claim Gift Aid on voluntary donations, have benefitted from almost £100 million in savings since 2002.

Who is it for?

Recognised sports clubs

Benefits

- 80% mandatory business rate relief
- The ability to raise funds from individuals under Gift Aid. A registered CASC can reclaim up to £25 in tax for every £100 donated, though at the moment this does not apply to all types of donations
- CASCs are exempt from Corporation Tax on profits derived from trading activities if their trading income is under £30,000 per annum
- Profits derived from property Income are also exempt for CASCs if gross property income is under £20,000 per annum
- CASCs whose income does not exceed these thresholds will no longer be required to complete an annual Corporation Tax return.

Eligibility criteria

- Sports clubs must be amateur.
- Clubs must not discriminate in any way in their membership policies and be wholly open to all sections of the community
- Clubs must have a core purpose in the promotion of amateur sports participation
- Clubs must be non-profit making,

and re-invest any profits in the sports club

- Clubs must stipulate that in the event of being wound up, any remaining assets be distributed to either the sports governing body for use in community sport, another CASC or charity
- Clubs must ensure that anyone involved in the day-to-day running of your club is deemed to be a 'Fit and Proper Person'
- All of the above must be referenced in the club's constitution
- Once registered as a CASC a club will remain under that classification until they de-register.

How to apply

- Clubs are required to submit a completed application form to HMRC with a copy of the club's constitution adhering to the criteria set out above.
- Clubs are recommended to follow the advice on the CASC website and download and complete the application form at: www.cascinfo.co.uk/applyingforcasc

Contact & more information

HMRC Charity Helpline

Tel: 08453 020203

Web: cascinfo.co.uk

OPEN MUSIC MAGPIE



MusicMagpie.co.uk is a business that takes old CDs, DVDs, games and other items and then reconditions them. They then sell the fully refurbished items in over 90 countries around the World.

How much?

MusicMagpie.co.uk will provide cash in exchange for a range of CD's, DVD's, Games, Tech, Electronics and Clothing.

Who is it for?

Any club, league or organisation

How it works

1. Register for the scheme and receive information and boxes to pack the collected items
2. Contact MusicMagpie to arrange a free courier to pick up the filled boxes
3. Complete the order form and include it in the last box
4. Courier collection at a suitable time.

Eligibility criteria

Eligible items include:

- CDs
- DVDs
- Games
- iPad

- iPhone
- MacBooks
- Apple TV
- Kindle & other tablets
- Mobile Phones
- Playstation 3
- Playstation 4
- PSP
- Xbox
- Nintendo Wii
- Nintendo DS
- Laptop or PC
- Flatscreen Monitors
- Clothes

Decision process

As long as the collected items meet the specified standards, payment will be delivered 14 working days after receipt.

Contact & more information

MusicMagpie.co.uk

Web: [MusicMagpie.co.uk](https://www.musicmagpie.co.uk)

OPEN CAUDWELL CHILDREN ENABLE SPORT FUND



The Caudwell Children's Enable Sport Fund provides specifically designed sports equipment to enable disabled children and young people.

How much?

Grants depend on the applicant's level of need.

Partnership funding

In exceptional circumstances 100% funding will be considered dependent on the family/child's circumstances.

Who is it for?

UK residents under the age of 18 with a medical need.

Eligibility criteria

- All funding requests must be by application form and be on behalf of a specific child
- Donations must make a significant difference to a child's life
- Funding is only available to families whose joint wage does not exceed £45,000 gross per annum (not including any benefits). The financial details required are those of parents or guardians
- Equipment need must be supported by a medical professional and a coach/manager
- Proof/confirmation of the child's

situation in written form from a professional body or health care professional will be required as will confirmation that the item requested is suitable for that child

- The charity will not consider any application for funding for items that have already been purchased or ordered before the application has been approved
- The fund is limited and a one-off programme.

Decision process

- They will look to communicate a decision within a month of receiving an application.

How to apply

An application form is available to download online.

Contact & more information

Caudwell Children

Email: charity@caudwellchildren.com

Web: CaudwellChildren.com

OPEN FA RESPECT BARRIER SCHEME



The FA and Football Foundation's Respect barriers and packs are available to football leagues and clubs to ensure there is good behaviour by players and parents alike in the grassroots game, with money provided by The FA and vouchers supplied by the Foundation.

Who is it for?

- FA affiliated clubs
- FA affiliated leagues
- Schools based in England

How much?

Clubs

Vouchers are provided for a 50% discount based on the status of clubs:

- **Affiliated Non Charter Standard Clubs:**
Two vouchers
- **FA Charter Standard Clubs:**
Three vouchers
- **FA Charter Standard Development Clubs:**
Four vouchers
- **FA Charter Standard Community Clubs:**
Five vouchers

Each voucher can be used towards a range of Respect items or packs of items.

Leagues

Affiliated, Charter Standard and Respect Leagues can request a single voucher that entitles the league to get 50% off a maximum of £5,000 of Respect items or

packs. The voucher has a maximum value of £2,500 and can only be used once during the season.

Schools

Schools are eligible to apply for two vouchers providing a 50% discount on a range of Respect items or packs of items.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants can submit one application per season
- All items must be purchased through the scheme provider, TMG
- Items purchased must be used at the site of the applicant club, school or league and cannot be transferred elsewhere
- Delivery costs are not included as part of the scheme and must be paid for separately.

Decision process

Once an application is received the Foundation will send a confirmation email, followed shortly by an offer email providing the unique voucher code and grant amount.

How to apply

Applications can be submitted online.

Contact & more information

The Football Foundation

Tel: 0845 345 4555

Web: [Footballfoundation.org.uk](https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk)

OPEN AWARDS FOR ALL ENGLAND



National Lottery Awards for All England offers funding to support projects and activities that matter to people and communities. While the projects we fund usually last for up to 12 months, we know that some can take a little longer, and other grants are for one-off events.

How much?

£300 - £10,000.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- Voluntary or community organisations
- Registered charities
- Constituted groups or clubs
- Community Interest Companies (CIC's)
- Social enterprises
- Schools
- Town or Parish Councils

What will it fund?

- Small capital projects
- Training costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Staff costs
- Transport
- One-off events
- Equipment
- Utilities/running costs

What it doesn't fund

- Profit making/fundraising activities
- Statutory activities
- Recoverable VAT
- Contingency costs, loans or interest
- Paying someone else to write your application

Eligibility criteria

- National Lottery Awards for All has three funding priorities and project ideas must meet at least one of these:
 - bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
 - improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
 - enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage
- Applicants must involve the local community in the design, development and delivery of their projects and demonstrate this in their application

- Projects working with young people or vulnerable adults must demonstrate they have safeguarding policies in place
- Capital projects must have planning permission in place before application (if required)
- Applicants looking for capital investment must have a minimum of a 5 year lease or landlord permission.

Decision process

- Applications can be made at any time. Decisions are reached in 10 weeks with grants paid out in a further two if successful.

How to apply

A PDF application form can be completed online

Contact & more information

Awards for All England

Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk
 Tel: 0345 410 2030
 Web: Biglotteryfund.org.uk

APPLICATION WINDOW GREGGS FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT



The Environmental Grant fund is dedicated to improving the local environment. They look to fund projects that improve the physical environment in a way that also benefits the wider community. They have seven local charity committees which meet regularly throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

How much?

Up to £2,000

Partnership funding

Not required

Who is it for?

- Any not for profit organisation with preference given to small, locally based and community led organisations with a turnover not in excess of £300,000 per annum
- Schools are also encouraged to apply and are given the same level of priority as small locally based organisations.

What will it fund?

The scheme focusses on projects that improve the physical environment in a way that will improve people's lives.

Eligible items could include:

- Purchase of new equipment
- Sessional salary costs
- Small capital projects
- Approaches to supporting the local environment

What it doesn't fund

- Ongoing running costs
- Overseas travel
- Curricular activities that take place during the school day
- Religious promotion
- Major capital projects

- Sponsorship of events of activities

Eligibility criteria

- All projects must deliver a real benefit to the environment. Priority will be given to projects that also include one or more of the following:
 - improves the local environment
 - ensures the involvement of local communities
 - delivers a sustainable and measurable difference
 - supports people in need
- Grants are most likely to be awarded to projects which have a Greggs shop in their region

Decision process

- Funding is awarded in a series of rounds with decisions communicated approximately 8 weeks of each round deadline

How to apply

Applications can be made online

Contact & more information

Greggs Foundation

Email:

greggsfoundation@greggs.co.uk

Tel: 0191 212 7626

Web: Greggsfoundation.org.uk

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KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISING SCHEME



@KrispyKremeUK

Krispy Kreme's fundraising scheme aims to help non profit organisations and charities raise funds through selling their doughnuts.

How much?

£4.45 for every dozen doughnuts sold.

Partnership funding

Doughnuts must be purchased up front at a cost of £5.50 a dozen.

Who is it for?

- Sports Clubs
- Community Organisations
- Registered charities

How it works

The club or organisation purchase Original Glazed Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for a special fundraising price of £5.50 a dozen and then sell them on for £9.95 per dozen or £1.55 per doughnut keeping all of the profit.

Eligibility criteria

- Fundraisers must be non-profit making organisations or registered charities and proof must be provided
- Charities must provide details of their registered number which will be checked against the national database
- Organisations must meet minimum order requirement of 10 dozen up to a maximum of 30 dozen per event per day
- The organisation must comply with Krispy Kreme recommended resell prices
- Organisations can participate in the fundraising programme once per

calendar month unless otherwise agreed

- Krispy Kreme are unable to accept returns
- All fundraising orders must be picked up within four hours of agreed-upon pick up time or they will be considered cancelled
- Cancellations must be received by the providing store no later than four days prior to scheduled pick up
- Cancelled orders received less than three days in advance are subject to a charge of 50% of the total purchase price
- Orders not picked up within one hour of agreed-upon pick up time will be subject to a charge of 100% of the total purchase price
- Ideally Krispy Kreme require two weeks notice of fundraising requirements.

How to apply

- Decide how many doughnuts are needed and the date they are required
- Place the order online
- Krispy Kreme will then be in contact to confirm the order and take payment
- Doughnuts need to be collected on the event date from the chosen Krispy Kreme store

Contact & more information

Krispy Kreme UK Office

Email: office@krispykreme.co.uk

Web: KrispyKreme.co.uk



APPLICATION WINDOW

THE GALAXY HOT CHOCOLATE FUND



@GalaxyHotChoc

The Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund helps small, local community groups and charities by donating cash awards to support warm-hearted people and projects. The Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund is now in its fifth year and has helped to support more than 100,000 people through its campaigns.

How much?

Each weekly winner will receive £300

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- Community groups
- School groups
- Charity organisations in the UK and Ireland

How it works

- Applicants enter their details, information about their organisation and how the money could help on the fund website
- The public can vote for the project they want to receive funding and the one with the most votes each week wins. A winners shortlist is also randomly selected each week with four more winners selected.

Decision process

- The projects with the most votes are selected as winners each Monday for the People's Choice
- Each week a random shortlist of winners is also created and each project contacted by the team for further information before another

four winners are selected based on:

- The extent to which the proposed initiative will help the local community in question
- The extent of the proposed initiative's reach
- The perceived local need for such hobbies, sporting or leisure activities
- Entries will remain valid each week until either they win or the closing date is reached
- Votes will be reset each week
- Projects can only win once.

How to apply

Visit galaxyhotchocolate.com and complete the online entry details. Describe in no more than 200 words how a £300 award from the Fund could help support the project and organisation do more in the local community.

Contact & more information

Mars Chocolate Drinks & Treats

Tel: 0845 045 0042

Web: Galaxyhotchocolate.com

OPEN THE FA LEAGUE IT GRANT SCHEME



The FA acknowledges that operating a league is a time consuming task for the volunteers engaged in it. It also recognises that the past 10 years have seen huge strides in the development of IT-based league operations systems designed to ease the administrative burden on volunteers.

How much?

Grant awards are based on the number of teams playing in a league. The scheme awards £10 per team and operates from a minimum value of £350 to a maximum of £1,000.

If a league has 150 teams or more they can apply for grant aid up to a maximum of £1,200.

Grants are capped at a maximum of up to £600 for a Desktop/Laptop Computer and £450 for a Tablet.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

All sanctioned leagues outside of the National League System (Steps 1-7) Leagues in the Women's Pyramid must be below Step W4

Eligibility criteria

- Leagues must be FA or County FA sanctioned
- Leagues must be 11-a-side / youth / mini-soccer or small-sided (non-commercial)
- Leagues must be non-profit making
- School Leagues are not eligible for this funding
- Leagues administered via the OFA will only be eligible for this funding in exceptional circumstances

- The primary use of any equipment purchased must be to assist the administration of the league and should be regarded as essential for that administration
- Where computer equipment is being purchased, the League Finance Committee must be satisfied that the equipment will be in constant league use.
- The requirement for the equipment must be stated on the application form
- Eligible equipment includes:
 - League Laptops
 - Personal Computers
 - Printers
 - Scanners
 - Monitor / Mouse / Keyboard
 - Printer / ID Card Printer
 - Shredder
 - Laminator
 - Software
 - Tablets
 - External Hard Drive
 - Digital Camera

How to apply

An application form can be obtained through Oxfordshire FA.

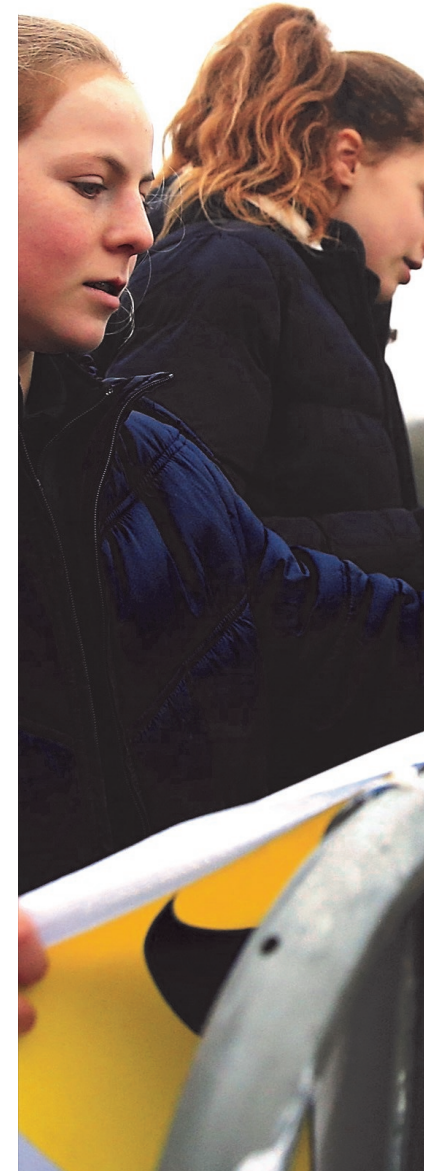
Contact & more information

Oxfordshire FA

Tel: 01993 894406

Email: Development@OxfordshireFA.com

Web: OxfordshireFA.com





OPEN **OXFORD CITY** **COUNCIL FREE** **ACCESS TO** **FACILITIES FOR** **NATIONAL** **SPORTS** **PEOPLE IN** **OXFORD (FANS)**

The Oxford City FANS scheme is open to Oxford's elite sports people of all ages who currently compete or perform at a national level in any sport recognised by Sport England.

How much?

Scheme members will be granted appropriate free usage of Oxford leisure facilities.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

Current members of a national team or squad in a sport recognised by Sport England.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must reside in the City of Oxford for the majority of the year or be full time students whose parents/guardians reside in Oxford.

Partnership funding

Not required.

How to apply

An application form is available to download online.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01865 252692

Web: [Oxford.gov.uk](https://www.oxford.gov.uk)

OPEN GLL SPORTS FOUNDATION AWARDS



The GLL Sport Foundation supports young sporting talent in the South of England. They have currently provided funding and training grants to over 2000 athletes across 60 different sports at a value of over £1.5million.

How much?

Up to £1,250 to support associated training, travel and equipment costings and training awards that allow free sporting access to more than 100 sports venues managed by GLL and partners.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

Young athletes operating at regional level or above.

Eligibility criteria

- Award recipients must live, be educated (school, college or university) or a member of an affiliated club with a training base within a Borough or District where GLL or partners manage sport and leisure venues. These include:
 - South Oxfordshire District Council
 - West Oxfordshire District Council
- Individuals can only receive one GLL Sport Foundation award per annum and cannot apply for

multiple Boroughs / Districts

Decision process

- The Awards Criteria will act as guidance to the GLL Sport Foundation Board to prioritise / determine allocation of awards within categories
- Support priority is given to Olympic and Paralympic sports, however applications will be considered from other sports recognised by Sport England
- Where a Local Authority / Public Sector partnership athlete talent scheme operates the GLL Sport Foundation will work in partnership; awards and award terms and conditions will be aligned to the partnership agreement
- Where there is oversubscribed applications, priority for financial awards will be placed on athletes who live in the relevant partnership area
- Applicants will be notified in April (of the award year) the outcome of their application. Awards will be then distributed to athletes thereafter.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted online.

Contact & more information

Email: gllsportfoundation@gll.org

Web: gllsportfoundation.org

OPEN WEST OXFORDSHIRE INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT IN SPORT, ACTIVE RECREATION & PLAY GRANT

This grant supports groups who wish to develop their workforce capacity in coaching, officiating and playwork to increase participation.

How much?

Up to £200

Partnership funding

A minimum of 10% of the course cost is required.

Who is it for?

- Groups in West Oxfordshire
- Non West Oxfordshire groups who can prove the award would significantly contribute to sport and play in the district.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must show how the grant will help them achieve one or more of the priorities of WODC
- The maximum grant available is £200
- Organisations can apply for no more than 90% of the total course cost
- Applications will only be accepted from organisations as listed:
 - Registered charities
 - Excepted charities
 - Constituted voluntary organisations

- Commercial organisations and exempt charities are not eligible
- Organisations must demonstrate how the award would significantly contribute to sport, active recreation and play in West Oxfordshire
- Coaching/Officiating/Playwork must take place within West Oxfordshire following the course
- All individuals included on the application must be aged 16 years and above
- Individuals must hold a valid enhanced Criminal Records Check (CRC) if specifically working with children, young people or vulnerable adults. It is the responsibility of the organisation to ensure this is the case
- Applicants must have a bank account in the name of the organisation
- Organisations can receive a maximum of two grants per year
- Applicants must show a need and consult with a Governing Body representative
- Grants will not be made retrospectively

- Applicants must provide copies of supporting documentation as specified.

Decision process

- Emphasis is given to applications which offer opportunities to break down barriers to participation, provide opportunities for individuals new to coaching, officiating or playwork or have partnership funding from another group or organisation
- Applicants can expect a decision on their application within four weeks.

How to apply

An application form is available to download online

Contact & more information

WODC Leisure & Tourism

Tel: 01993 861557

Email:

leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk

Web: Westoxon.gov.uk

OPEN OFA RAY MILLS TRUST FUND



@OxfordshireFA

In recognition of the former Oxfordshire FA Chairman and Vice President Ray Mills, a Trust Fund has been set up to support the development of young coaches and referees in Oxfordshire.

How much?

Grants cover a proportion of course cost and are considered on a case by case basis.

Partnership funding

Applicants are required to cover the remainder of the course fee.

Who is it for?

- Aspiring coaches aged between 16 and 19 who are members of Oxfordshire FA affiliated clubs
- Aspiring referees aged between 14 and 19 living within the Oxfordshire FA boundaries.

Eligibility criteria

Referee applicants must reside in the local authority areas of either Cherwell, Oxford, South Oxfordshire or West Oxfordshire.

How to apply

Nominations are to be emailed to the address below.

Contact & more information

Oxfordshire FA

Email:

Development@OxfordshireFA.com

Web: OxfordshireFA.com





APPLICATION WINDOW TORCH TROPHY TRUST BURSARY SCHEME

This scheme aims to help volunteers to improve their skills as coaches or officials when they are unable to do so without funding. The bursaries provide financial support for those wishing to undertake training.

How much?

Grants are from £100 to £1,000 but will not be more than 50% of the total costs involved.

Partnership funding

Applicants will need to fund the remainder of the course fee.

Who is it for?

Voluntary providers are unable to obtain the necessary funding from any other source.

Eligibility criteria

- Candidates must be under 25 years old
- Candidates must be seeking to improve a skill that will benefit the community or group to which they are affiliated
- Candidates must be able to explain why they are in need of the bursary and why it can't be met by current funding arrangements
- A letter from the relevant Governing Body must support the application.

How to apply

Applications must be completed online, printed and then posted to the address provided. The form can be found online.

Contact & more information

Torch Trophy Trust

Web: Torchtrophytrust.org

APPLICATION WINDOW

FA COACHING BURSARY PROGRAMME



The aim of The FA Coaching Bursary Programme is to further the qualifications, skills and experience of both female football coaches and football coaches from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.

How Much?

Grassroots coaches can gain £600 funding towards the full cost of an FA Level 3 (UEFA B).

Professional game coaches can gain 90% funding toward The FA Level 4 (UEFA A) in Coaching Football; Advanced Youth Award and/or The FA Level 5 (UEFA Pro) in Coaching Football.

Partnership funding

Required.

Who is it for?

All female coaches and both male and female coaches from BAME communities, who aspire to further their coaching qualifications, skills and experience in grassroots or professional level football.

All applicants must be over 18 years of age and residents of the UK.

Decision process

To be considered for a Grassroots Bursary applicants must provide the following:

- A completed online application form

- Evidence that they are currently or have recently been involved in coaching football

- A declaration that they are able to take part in the course

- An accepted Enhanced FA CRC Disclosure (i.e. issued within 1 year of the application)

- Evidence that they have completed an FA Safeguarding Children Workshop

- Evidence that they hold a valid FA Emergency Aid qualification

- A copy of their Level 2 Action Plan

- Evidence of a minimum Level 2 coaching qualification

To be considered for a Professional Bursary applicants must provide the following:

- A completed online application form

- Evidence that they are currently or have recently been involved in coaching football

- A declaration that they are able to take part in the course

- An accepted Enhanced FA CRC Disclosure (i.e. issued within 1 year of the application)

- Evidence that they have

completed an FA Safeguarding Children Workshop

- Evidence that they hold a valid FA Emergency Aid qualification

- Evidence of a minimum UEFA B qualification

- An up to date copy of their coaching CV

- A letter of recommendation from their Head of Academy

- A copy, as applicable, of their Level 3 action plan (for the UEFA A Licence) or their Level 4 action plan (for the UEFA Pro Licence).

Once the application process has closed The FA will be in contact within four weeks.

How to apply

Applications can be made online

Contact & more information

FA Education

Email: Education@TheFA.com

Web: Bursary.thefa.com

OPEN OXFORD SPORTS COUNCIL GRANT SCHEME

The Oxford Sports Council annually awards up to £10,000 worth of grants to Oxford City based voluntary sports clubs and organisations.

How much?

Up to £1,000 with most awards ranging from £50 to £300.

Partnership funding

Expected in most cases.

Who is it for?

- Sports clubs and organisations within the boundary of the city of Oxford.
- Individuals representing a Sports Club within the boundary of Oxford City
- Oxford City resident individuals representing sport at Oxfordshire County level and above
- Projects must support one or more of the schemes aims:
 - Promote more sporting activity for juniors as well as adults
 - Increase the quantity and quality coaches and officials
 - Provide long-term sporting benefit particularly for the

under-represented community groups

- Example projects could include building and developing club - school - community links, providing introductory activity for non-sport participators or further developing existing members' sporting ability
- In terms of sporting excellence, grants could be used to support clubs and individuals resident in Oxford City representing sport at Oxfordshire County level and above or to increase the quantity and quality of sports coaches and officials
- Grants could also be used to assist in the purchase of essential equipment for long-term benefit, to further the development of sport in the City of Oxford or to assist in the purchase of equipment to aid in the starting of new activities
- If a project or activity does not fit in with the criteria the Sports

Council are happy to discuss individual applications.

What it doesn't fund

- The Oxford Sports Council does not fund retrospectively
- Hire of facilities
- Transport / travel costs
- Advertising / promotion.

How to apply

An application form is available to download online.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01865 41336

Web: [Oxspa.co.uk/oxford-sports-council](https://oxspa.co.uk/oxford-sports-council)

APPLICATION WINDOW

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION 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.

How much?

£1,500 per new team created.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- Football clubs (Youth and Adult)
- Youth clubs with a football programme
- Community groups/centre/clubs
- Charitable organisations
- Parish Councils
- Sports Associations
- Local Authorities
- Multi-sports clubs
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Industrial and provident societies
- Unincorporated not-for-profit organisations

Eligibility criteria

- Grants will be given to organisations setting up a minimum of one new team with no maximum
- At least one of the planned teams must start in the 2017/18 season
- Organisations must have a constitution, child protection policy, equal opportunities policy and income/expenditure records. The scheme provides funding

towards a combination of the following essential costs associated with providing new football activity:

- Facility hire
- Hire of FA qualified coaches
- Referees fees
- CRC checks
- Affiliation fees
- League entry
- First aid kits
- Promotion and publicity
- FA coaching courses
- Additional courses / workshops
- Football kit (for teams aged under 15 and above)
- Flexibility may be afforded to projects specifically targeting disabled players
- The Foundation does not fund retrospectively and will not consider applications for costs that have already been made or are due before an offer of a grant has been awarded
- The scheme does not fund groups wishing to apply for charitable status.

Decision process

- Grow the Game is an extremely popular scheme and the assessment process is competitive, therefore the

Foundation strongly recommend that applicants contact their County Football Association to discuss their project before applying.

- Oxfordshire FA are keen to prioritise projects focusing on the following areas:
 - Male teams aged U14+
 - Female teams aged U7 to Adult
 - Disability teams
- Organisations will only be able to apply for one Grow the Game grant every four years
- Grow the Game applications can only be submitted during designated funding windows
- Once the funding windows have been closed, County FA and Foundation staff meet to discuss county applications.
- After discussions all projects are brought together by Foundation staff nationally and final decisions are made
- The Foundation will let applicants know if they have been successful by May
- Projects are assessed against a range of criteria and applicants must be able to demonstrate financial need to be successful.

Contact & more information

OFA Football Development Team

Tel: 01993 894407

Email: Development@Oxfordshirefa.com

Web: Footballfoundation.org.uk



OPEN SPORT ENGLAND SMALL GRANTS SCHEME



The Small Grants Programme makes awards to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport.

How much?

£300 - £10,000

Partnership funding

Not required. The fund does not expect to contribute to projects costing over £50,000

Who is it for?

- Voluntary or community clubs or organisations
- Local authorities
- Schools
- Health bodies

Eligibility criteria

- Projects must fit with Sport England's Youth and Community Strategy:
www.sportengland.org/about-us/what-we-do
- Applicants should be able to deliver the project within 12 months of the date of the offer letter
- Projects must be focused only on sports currently recognised by Sport England and must be delivered to beneficiaries based in England
- The project start date must be at least 10 weeks after submission of a completed application and supporting documents
- The project must be for new

activity and new costs associated with helping more people play sport.

What it doesn't fund

- Projects that have already started or where an organisation has committed to expenditure
- Projects that do not address Sport England's strategic outcomes
- The general running costs of an organisation (e.g day to day expenses such as rent, gas, electricity, and insurance costs)
- Repeat or regular events (except the extra cost of involving new people)
- Existing activity. This includes repeat funding of projects previously supported by Sport England. They would support a project that follows a small-scale pilot or taster sessions. A 'pilot' is defined as a small-scale project that evaluates the time, cost, feasibility and effects of running a particular project
- Replacement of equipment. They may fund extra equipment if it allows more people to take part and if you can demonstrate clearly why it is needed
- Items which only benefit an individual e.g. bursaries or kit and equipment that is not shared.

- They may fund team playing kits for new teams or for teams who have not previously had a kit. They are unlikely to fund training and coaches kits and other items of clothing
- Salaries - except for coaching costs or fixed term positions needed to meet a specific project requirement. Funding of coaches must be clearly additional to usual club expenditure
- Used road vehicles
- More than £10,000 to the same organisation in any 12 month period, from the date of our award letter
- Activities that the government has a legal obligation to fund, for example, sport sessions which take place in school during curriculum time
- Projects involving construction or refurbishment of property. They will also not fund the erection of temporary buildings or land improvement work (e.g. drainage, resurfacing of playing surfaces, laying of artificial surfaces or installation of irrigation systems)
- Fixed items of equipment (e.g. goals and nets that cannot be easily removed). They also cannot fund fixed equipment which may require planning permission or may impact on any lease.

- Projects that take place or incur costs (including deposits and costs associated in submitting the application) before the date of the offer letter
- Contingency costs and VAT that can be recovered
- Projects involving travel to another country where a similar sporting benefit can be gained in England
- Sponsorship, endowments or loan repayments.

Decision process

- Once an application has been received there is no more than a six week turnaround provided applicants have provided all required information
- Projects will be informed in writing.

How to apply

Application forms can be completed online.

Contact & more information

Web: [Sportengland.org](https://www.sportengland.org)



APPLICATION WINDOW OFA SMALL GRANTS FUND



The Small Grants Fund aims to re-invest £15,000 of discipline income back into the game for our member clubs and leagues throughout the season.

How much?

Up to £1,000.

Partnership funding

Typically grants are awarded for up to 50% of the total cost of the project or item.

Who is it for?

Oxfordshire FA affiliated clubs and leagues only.

What will it fund?

- Non personal football kit and equipment purchase (that is, equipment that is not used just by one person. An example of eligible equipment could be portable floodlights)
- Goalposts through our Official Goalpost Supplier MH Goals
- Facility investment such as improvements, repairs and pitch maintenance equipment
- Essential clubhouse items such as smoke alarms, boilers and showers
- Items to enable a club or league to meet health and safety requirements
- IT equipment to support club volunteer roles
- Items to sustain and increase participation such as marketing materials

What it doesn't fund?

- League/competition entry fees
- Facility utility bills
- Fines of any kind
- Individuals or items solely for an individual's use
- Loans, endowments or interest payments
- Transport costs
- Events or one off projects
- Personal accident insurance
- Sponsorship or projects that will see the funds distributed to other organisations
- Defibrillators
- The cost of coaching, refereeing, welfare or medical courses
- Facility development projects with a total project cost above £15,000.

Eligibility criteria

- An application for a Grant will only be accepted for consideration if the application form is fully completed and accompanied by:
 - A copy of the club's constitution
 - A copy of the financial accounts for the previous season
 - A copy of the club's latest bank statement
- Failure to provide the above will result in the application being rejected for that season and all paperwork will be returned to the

applicant

- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a financial need for funding
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate the Partnership funding is in place
- Only one application can be accepted per club each financial year
- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively therefore applications for costs that have already been incurred or are due before an offer of a grant has been made in writing will not be considered
- When a Grant is offered, the applicant must send a copy of receipt of payment for the goods.

Decision process

- All applications will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - Applicant's financial need
 - Value for money
 - Evidence of need / Impact
 - Disciplinary record over the past 3 seasons
 - Charter Standard Health check position (if appropriate)

- The decision of the panel is final and binding, there is no right of appeal
- Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision via email no more than seven days after the panel has met
- Successful applicants will have two months from notification of award to provide paid invoices or receipts for all related expenditure or the grant will be lost.

Contact & more information

Oxfordshire FA

Tel: 01993 894406

Email:

Development@OxfordshireFA.com

Web: OxfordshireFA.com

SMALL GRANTS FUND 2016/17



Total cost of projects supported
£58,875

Total amount awarded by the scheme
£15,000

Average award per club
£810

Average award percentage of total project cost
37%



Member clubs supported

We awarded **£15,000**

Clubs raised **£43,875**

The Small Grants Fund has helped clubs to:



Purchase
1 Pair
of Dugouts



Carry out
Changing Room
Improvements



Purchase
Respect
Equipment



Purchase Portable
Floodlights & Carry
Out Floodlight
Repairs



Purchase a Tractor
for Pitch
Improvements



Purchase 8
Sets
of Goalposts



Purchase
Consumables for
Pitch Repair
& Improvements



Purchase Fencing for
Pitch Protection
& Safety





APPLICATION WINDOW COTTSWAY COMMUNITY FUND

The Cottesway Community Fund provides small grants for local start-up projects, events, development, equipment and materials for community groups. This cash helps groups to take part in and benefit from many community services and activities. There's a total budget of £22,500 each year to support communities across West Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Wiltshire.

How much?

Up to £2,500

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- New groups and projects starting up
- Existing groups to start up projects and/or expand their services
- Groups that are led or managed by local people
- Groups and projects that encourage local people to get involved
- Groups and projects that are working with 'hard to reach' groups
- Individuals looking to gain skills to improve employment prospects

What will it fund?

- Items of equipment
- Local events and one-off projects
- Training to improve your group/project's effectiveness, e.g. management of your group/project, budgeting
- Printing and publicity
- Environmental projects and improvements
- Course costs, books and equipment.

What it doesn't fund

- Activities that do not deliver at least one of their funding aims
- Work that will overlap with or repeat what others are already doing in the community identified in the application
- Political activities
- Constructing or buying buildings
- The cost of getting freehold or leasehold rights over land
- Activities carried out outside of the UK
- Interest charges
- Service charges arising on finance leases, hire purchase and credit arrangements not related to the grant funded project
- Any costs resulting from not making payments to creditors on time
- Payments for unfair dismissal
- Redundancy payments
- Payments into private pension schemes
- Payments for unfunded pensions
- Compensation for loss of office
- Bad debts arising from loans to trustees, proprietors, partners, employees, directors, shareholders or guarantors of the programme manager, or a person connected with any of these
- Gifts
- Travel and living costs that would lead to a taxable benefit if a person

- is responsible for the cost, but does not pay it
- VAT that your group can claim back during the period the group benefits from grant funding
- Other tax
- Fines and penalties you must pay by law
- Criminal fines and damages
- Any costs that are not a direct result of work carried out for the Cottesway Community Fund programme
- The cost of work or activities that any other organisation or person must carry out by law.

Eligibility criteria

Projects must meet one or more of the funds priorities:

- Services and activities for young people and/or older people
- Services and activities that address rural issues and tackle rural exclusion and social isolation
- Services and activities that will benefit the environment
- Services and activities that help prevent debt, provide financial advice and reduce poverty
- Services and activities that contribute towards getting people online and reduce digital exclusion

Projects must benefit Cottsway residents in either West Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Wiltshire.

Decision process

- Applications are currently assessed by members of Cottsway's Youth Forum with the final decision then approved by the Head of Housing
- Applicants will be advised whether their application has been successful or not with a phone call, email or letter.

How to apply

Application forms can be downloaded from the Cottsway website

Contact & more information

Communities Team

Tel: 0800 876 6366

Email: Communities@cottsway.co.uk

Web: Cottsway.co.uk/get-involved

APPLICATION WINDOW CASH4CLUBS

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports grants scheme which gives clubs a chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000, whether it be to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, or generally invest in the sustainability of their club. The scheme is funded by BetFair in partnership with SportsAid.

How Much?

Awards of £250, £500, £750 and £1000 are available.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

Sports clubs.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants clubs must be registered with their National Governing Body or Local Authority
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate they are serious about making their club a better place to play
- No preference is given to the type of sport or the age of participants
- Cash4Clubs look to fund clubs that play an active role in the community
- Items that have been funded previously include:
 - Training for Coaches to ensure they are all level 1 standard
 - Junior paddles and safety equipment
 - An underwater camera for monitoring swimmers' technique

- Equipment for a golf club team
- Racing wheelchair and other athletics equipment
- New rugby kit, tackle bags, balls and corner flags
- Kit for a junior netball team
- Tennis court resurfacing
- Floor mats and low balance beams
- First aid training for coaches and new first aid equipment
- Lifejackets, radios and paddles
- Developing links with local disability schools to get more disabled kids to play cricket
- Funds for a new floor

Decision process

- Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis
- Grants are awarded every 6 months after selection by committee
- Committee judges include representatives from Betfair, SportsAid, and other independent and sports committee members.

How to apply

Applications can be made online at: Cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant

FUNDING ROUNDS

OXFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SMALL AND VITAL FUND

The Small and Vital Fund provides small but important expenses to help groups carry out established work at the heart of the community. It covers minimal costs or component parts of projects without applicants having to complete huge amounts of paperwork.

How much?

£1 - £1,500.

Partnership funding

Required. Any award is expected to cover a significant amount of the project cost.

Who is it for?

- Sports clubs
- Registered charities
- Constituted groups
- Social enterprises.

What will it fund?

- Items of equipment
- General expenses
- Activity equipment
- Volunteer expenses
- Transport or equipping halls
- Events or outings
- Sessional costs for trainers and facilitators.

What it doesn't fund

- Projects that are the purchase of buses or other vehicles
- Large-scale construction projects (including fixed structures e.g. playgrounds)
- Projects where the costs have already been incurred.

Eligibility criteria

The panel will assess grant applications more favourably

where:

- The project is in an area of deprivation
- There is evidence of stability and good governance
- The outcomes are clear
- The budget is well thought through and itemised
- Other funding has been secured
- Volunteers are being used to deliver impact
- The group is collaborating with other organisations and stakeholders, or there is no other provider of the work.

Applicant organisations must have been in operation for a minimum of 12 months.

Decision process

The grants panel meet every four months to assess applications.

How to apply

Applications can be completed and submitted online

Contact & more information

Tel: 01865 798666

Email: OCF@Oxfordshire.org

Web: Oxfordshire.org



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OPEN DORIS FIELD CHARITABLE TRUST

The Trust makes one-off and recurrent grants to large UK organisations and small local projects for a wide variety of causes. Although grants can be awarded UK wide, the trust favours local causes in Oxfordshire.

How Much?

From £100 upwards.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- Local projects
- Registered charities.

What will it fund?

The fund mainly contributes to capital costs.

What it doesn't fund

- Salaries
- Rent.

Decision process

Trustees meet three times a year to consider applications.

How to apply

Further details and application forms are available from:

Sue Robins, Blake Morgan LLP

Tel: 01865 262102

Email:

sue.robins@blakemorgan.co.uk

OPEN TESCO BAGS OF HELP GRANTS



Tesco is using the money raised from the 5p bag charge in stores in England, Wales and Scotland will pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities.

Administration of the local funding will be managed by the community charity Groundwork, which specialises in transforming communities and the local environment for the better.

How much?

Either £4,000, £2,000 or £1,000 depending on whether a project finishes in first, second or third place in the in-store customer vote.

Partnership funding

Not required but if additional funding has been secured, there is no limit to what this amount can be and any funding awarded by Bags of Help can form part of wider project costs.

Who is it for?

- Voluntary/community organisations
- Registered charities
- Schools
- Health bodies
- Parish/Town Councils
- Social enterprises
- Community Interest Companies
- Community Councils
- Local Authorities
- Housing Organisations.

What will it fund?

The types of projects funded will be very broad and could range from:

- Purchasing items which will benefit local community groups such as sports kit, specialised medical equipment, art and crafts materials, spades, litter pickers, camping equipment

- Improvements to a building that benefits the local community such as a Scout or Guide hut, church or village hall, changing facilities for sports
- Developing an outdoor space play area, allotment, park, school grounds, woodland or wildlife area
- Running a community event or activity such as fun runs, village fete or clean-up days.

Eligibility criteria

- Projects can be stand-alone or a discrete, self-contained part of a larger project or part of a phased project but will need to be delivered within 12 months of receipt of the grant
- Applicants will need to submit a signed landowner permission form with their application to demonstrate that they have the authority to carry out any funded capital works
- Profit making organisations or individuals are not eligible to apply for funding
- The scheme will not fund retrospectively
- Running costs and overheads are not eligible for funding.

Decision process

- Applications will be assessed by the grants team who will notify applicants if they have been

accepted or not

- Successful applicants will have their projects put to a public vote in their local Tesco store with Tesco customers.

How to apply

- Applications will need to provide project descriptions and budgets for each of the three potential award scenarios
- Applications can be completed online starting with an eligibility quiz.

Contact & more information

Tel: 0121 237 5780

Web: [Groundwork.org.uk/sites/tescocommunityscheme](https://groundwork.org.uk/sites/tescocommunityscheme)

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CROWDFUNDING

Crowdfunding is a way of raising finance by asking a large number of people each for a small amount of money. Until recently, financing a project or venture involved asking a few people for large sums of money. Crowdfunding switches this idea around, using the internet to talk to thousands – if not millions – of potential funders.

How much?

Dependent on the crowdfunding platform

Partnership funding

Not required

How it works

- Those seeking funds will set up a profile of their project on a crowdfunding website
- Projects set a funding goal to achieve
- Projects can use social media, alongside traditional networks of friends, family and work acquaintances, to raise money
- Websites vary but a percentage of donations or a percentage of the full amount when raised will be taken as commission by the provider
- Support with fundraising may be offered by the host website
- There are three different types of crowdfunding:

Donation/Reward Crowdfunding

People invest simply because they believe in the cause.

Rewards can be offered (often called reward crowdfunding), such as acknowledgements on a plaque, tickets to an event, regular news updates, free gifts and so on. Returns are considered intangible. Donors have a social or personal motivation for putting their money in and expect nothing back, except perhaps to feel good about helping the project.

Debt Crowdfunding

Investors receive their money back with interest. Also called peer-to-peer (p2p) lending, it allows for the lending of money while bypassing traditional banks. Returns are financial, but investors also have the benefit of having contributed to the success of an idea they believe in. In the case of microfinance, where very small sums of money are lent to the very poor, most often in developing countries, no interest is paid on the loan and the lender is rewarded by doing social good.

Equity Crowdfunding

People invest in an opportunity in exchange for equity. Money is exchanged for a share, or a small stake in the business, project or venture. As with other types of shares, apart from community shares, if it is successful the value goes up. If not, the value goes down.

Contact & more information

UK Crowdfunding Association

Web: www.ukcfa.org.uk

OPEN PERSIMMON COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



Persimmon Community Champions helps local community groups, good causes and charities. So far since they launched in March 2015, they have donated over £500,000 to fund community initiatives. All Persimmon's businesses have £2,000 to give away every month – 28 regional businesses, plus Persimmon's Space4 and PLC head office.

How much?

Up to £1,000

Partnership funding

Match funding required

Who is it for?

- Community groups
- Community charities

Decision process

- Applications can be made each month
- Unsuccessful projects are able to re-apply

How to apply

Applications can be made online

Contact & more information

Community Champions

Email: contact@persimmonhomes.com
Web: [Persimmonhomes.com/
community-champions](http://Persimmonhomes.com/community-champions)



APPLICATION WINDOW

PERSIMMON HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



Healthy Communities is Persimmon Homes' amateur sports programme. They are searching for individuals and sports teams to enter a £600,000 programme, which has a top prize of £200,000 to create a legacy for individuals, clubs or teams.

How much?

£750 with selected entries going forward to a national competition where prizes range from £5,000 to £200,000.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- Registered charities
- Clubs
- Schools
- Individuals
- Organisations who provide sports training and sports opportunities.

What will it fund?

- Playing kit
- Training equipment
- Facility development
- Coach or team development

Eligibility criteria

- Projects must be aimed at

providing sport for those aged 21 or under.

Decision process

- 30 awards are made monthly with 30 projects selected annually to go forward for the national awards. The national winner will receive £200,000 with runners-up receiving £50,000 and remaining finalists £5,000.

How to apply

Applications can be made online with applicants demonstrating in now more than 1,000 words why they are eligible for funding

Contact & more information

Community Champions

Email:

contact@persimmonhomes.com

Web: [Persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities](https://www.persimmonhomes.com/healthy-communities)

APPLICATION WINDOW

SKIPTON BUILDING SOCIETY GRASSROOTS GIVING



@SkiptonBS_GrG

Grassroots Giving was launched in 2013 to celebrate the Society's 160th anniversary. Grassroots Giving donates pots of money to smaller, community minded organisations which would normally struggle to win funding.

How much?

£500.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

- Community organisations, or groups, who only have access to limited funding from elsewhere
- Registered charities are not eligible for funding.

What will it fund?

The scheme focusses on projects that improve the physical environment in a way that will improve people's lives.

What it doesn't fund

- Rent and/or maintenance of a property
- Expeditions, holidays or travel programmes
- UK centres for overseas projects
- Projects which are normally the responsibility of other organisations such as the NHS or local government
- Medical research and medical equipment
- Animal welfare
- Party political activities
- Promotion of religious causes
- Running costs including: rent, insurance, employee wages, expenses and training of volunteers

- Direct costs of fundraising events, including: paying for food, drink, room hire, promotional goods or other direct elements of a fundraising event or activities
- Loans or business finance
- Requests to cover the costs of travel expenses or sponsorship of events
- Individuals and students not part of a wider group
- Groups that have an annual net profit of more than £10,000
- Activities taking place outside of the UK.

Decision process

- Following the deadline applications are shortlisted and listed on the Grassroots Giving website for public vote.

How to apply

Applications can be made online.

Contact & more information

Grassroots Giving

Email: grgapply@skipton.co.uk

Tel: 0191 212 7626

Web: Skiptongrg.co.uk

OPEN

PETER HARRISON FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SPORT

The Peter Harrison Foundation was founded by Peter Harrison in 1999. The Trustees wish to support sporting activity 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.

How much?

Each grant request is reviewed on its own merits.

Partnership funding

Project dependent.

Who is it for?

- Registered charities who have been in operation for at least two years
- Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) who have operated for a similar time scale.

What will it fund?

Grants will often be one-off grants for capital projects but applications are welcomed for the following types of project:

- Projects which provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport
- Projects that have a strong training and/or educational theme within a sporting activity
- Projects that provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Projects with a high degree of community involvement
- Projects that help to engage children or young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction

What it doesn't fund

- Requests for retrospective funding
- Activities that are primarily the responsibility of central or local government
- Individuals
- Overseas projects
- Adventure challenges or expeditions in the UK or abroad
- Projects that are solely for the promotion of religion.

Decision process

- Applicants are required to complete an initial enquiry form to determine whether a project is eligible
- If successful, applicants will be invited to complete a full application form.

How to apply

An initial enquiry form can be completed online.

Contact & more information

Peter Harrison Foundation

Email:

enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org

Tel: 01737 228000

Web:

Peterharrisonfoundation.org

OPEN THE SCREWFIX FOUNDATION



The Foundation raises funds throughout the year to support causes that will change people's lives. They work with both national and local charities donating much needed funding to help all sorts of projects, from repairing buildings and improving facilities in deprived areas, to decorating the homes of people living with sickness or disability.

How much?

Up to £5,000.

Partnership funding

Not required.

Who is it for?

Registered charities.

What will it fund?

- Projects looking for funding support to fix, maintain and improve properties or community facilities.

Eligibility criteria

- Projects need to demonstrate that they will support people in need in the UK (by reason of financial hardship, sickness, disability or other disadvantage or distress).

Decision process

- Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

How to apply

Applications can be completed online.

Contact & more information

Screwfix

Web: [Screwfix.com](https://www.screwfix.com)



FUNDING ROUNDS

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL CAPITAL GRANTS

South Oxfordshire District Council offers grants to capital community projects in South Oxfordshire through its Community Capital Grants Scheme.

Approximately £1 million per year is distributed in capital grants.

How much?

A minimum of £1,000 and up to 50% of the total project cost.

Partnership funding

Applications requesting funding for more than 50% of the total project cost will be rejected.

Who is it for?

- Volunteer Groups
- Community Organisations
- Town & Parish Councils.

Eligibility criteria

- This scheme will only fund capital expenditure
- The scheme will not fund projects retrospectively unless in exceptional circumstances
- Repairs and maintenance expenditure will not be classified as capital
- The scheme does not provide revenue funding to cover such things as salary costs, heating or rent
- If applying for over £25,000 applicants must have ownership of the site or a minimum of a 10 year lease.

Decision process

Applications are assessed primarily on the information included on the form and possibly a site visit.

Applicants may be required to provide the following information:

- Copies of the organisation's latest bank/building society statements
- Two quotes or a professional estimate to support your total project cost
- A breakdown of the budget for the project, including how the rest of the cost will be funded
- The organisation's signed constitution, rule or articles of association (except parish or town councils)
- Copies of any necessary planning, listed building, Diocese faculty and other relevant permissions
- Most recent financial accounts or the working budget and financial plan if a new organisation
- A detailed project plan that includes how any ongoing maintenance costs will be funded.

How to apply

Applications can be made online

Contact & more information

SODC Grants Team

Tel: 01235 42240

Email: grants@southandvale.gov.uk

Web: Southoxon.gov.uk



APPLICATION WINDOW

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT

The Community Facilities Grant aims to provide financial support for community led capital projects for the improvement and or enhancement of existing community facilities and the procurement of new facilities/ equipment.

How much?

Up to £50,000.

Partnership funding

Organisations can apply for no more than 25% of the total project cost.

Who is it for?

- Constituted voluntary organisations
- Town and parish councils
- Registered charities
- Excepted charities
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)

Eligibility criteria

Only capital projects associated with the following areas are eligible:

- Village Halls and Community Centres
- Sports
- Outdoor Play
- Arts
- Heritage.
- Applicants must demonstrate that their project will achieve one or more of the priorities of West Oxfordshire District Council
- Commercial organisations and exempt charities are not eligible to apply for funding

- Applicants must have at least three unrelated people on the management committee/board
- Applications relating to projects on school or church sites are permitted where they provide the only community facility of that type in the village/town, or complement existing provision
- Applicants must evidence that they have sought funding from their town/parish council
- Partnership funding is required from town and parish councils where an application concerns a facility which is their responsibility
- Projects must take place within West Oxfordshire
- Community facilities must be made widely available for community use. Grants will only be awarded towards play area and Multi-Use Games Area projects where there is free public access to the site
- Applicants must demonstrate community benefit (i.e. to residents of and visitors to West Oxfordshire)
- Recent consultation, to demonstrate need, must have been undertaken in developing the project
- Applicants must demonstrate that

- they have taken into account the needs of the wider community including disabled people and those with mobility issues, when planning their project
- Applicants must have a bank account in the name of the organisation with at least two unrelated signatories
- Only one grant can be allocated per project
- Previously awarded grants (unless subsequently withdrawn) determine when organisations can apply
- Only projects of a capital nature will be eligible for a grant. Feasibility studies, running costs and routine maintenance will not be supported
- Grants will not be made retrospectively and purchases must not be made, or work commenced, before an offer of a grant has been received in writing
- Applicants must demonstrate a financial need for grant funding from West Oxfordshire District Council
- Applicants must provide copies of supporting documentation as specified

- Applicants must check if their project requires planning permission. The applicant is expected to communicate directly with the appropriate planning department.

Decision process

There will be two application rounds in each financial year. All applications will be subject to a compliance check and review. Recommendations will then be reported to West Oxfordshire District Council Cabinet for consideration. Financial information will be reviewed by West Oxfordshire District Council finance officers.

How to apply

Application forms can be accessed online

Contact & more information

Rachel Biles

Tel: 01993 861080

Email:

leisureandcommunities@westoxon.gov.uk

Web: Westoxon.gov.uk



FUNDING ROUNDS

VIOLIA ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST



Violia Environmental Trust support community and environmental projects in England and Wales through the Landfill Communities Fund, using money provided by Viola.

How much?

£10,000 - £75,000.

Partnership funding

A minimum of 20% of the total project cost must be acquired in cash before an application can be made. Cash equivalent goods or services or pledged amounts will not be considered as eligible contributions to this.

Who is it for?

- Not for profit constituted groups with a bank account.

What will it fund?

Capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates in one of the following categories:

- Community buildings and rooms
- Outdoor spaces
- Play and recreation
- Sports grounds
- Pavilions
- Changing rooms.

What it doesn't fund

- Projects established to generate an income for use other than on the upkeep of the project
- Projects with accommodation on site
- Projects that involve the purchase

- of land or buildings
- Restoration of buildings
- Portable equipment including sports and fitness kit
- Staff costs that do not relate to the project

Eligibility criteria

- Projects must be located within an eligible area which can be checked via the online postcode checker
- When considering proposals, the trust look for projects that will:
 - Benefit a wide range of users, including excluded, often overlooked, deprived and hard to reach groups
 - Meet a need that has been evidenced through community consultation
 - Involve volunteers
 - Use environmentally friendly solutions
 - Achieve value for money
 - Demonstrate innovation, imagination and excellence
- Projects must have a total cost of under £250,000 (including VAT and professional costs)
- Projects must have secured all permissions including planning
- Projects must be completed within 12 months
- Projects must be open to the wider general public for at least 104 days a year without any limit or unreasonable restrictions of

use

- Projects are required to have a minimum of six years remaining on their current lease
- Funding is not retrospective therefore projects must not have started
- Schools and other education establishments are not eligible to apply.

Decision process

- Applications can be made at any time. Decisions are reached in 10 weeks with grants paid out in a further two if successful.

How to apply

- An online eligibility checker needs to be completed and if successful applicants can progress to Stage 1 (20% of the total project cost must be secured before a Stage 1 application can be submitted).

Contact & more information

Violia Environmental Trust

Email:

UK.EnvironmentalTrustInfo@veolia.com

Tel: 01902 794 677

Web: Veoliatrust.org/funding

FUNDING ROUNDS

FCC COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (WREN)

The FCC Community Action Fund is designed to deliver amenity projects within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating area, under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund. WREN defines an amenity as something that a community will use for leisure or recreation purposes. It should make the environment more pleasant or comfortable and/or improves the aesthetic qualities of an area for the general public.

How much?

Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for projects with a maximum total project cost of £500,000.

Partnership funding

Required including third party funding to meet Landfill Tax requirements.

Who is it for?

- Community organisations
- Voluntary groups
- Charities
- Not-for-profit organisations and groups
- Local Authorities.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicant sites must be within 10 miles of a WREN Recycling Site
- All projects must relate to a park or amenity which protects either the built, natural or social environment
- The amenity site must be open and accessible for the general public. It should be somewhere where the general public can go, join or use without any limit or restrictions of use (or with reasonable access costs) being in place. If your facility is not available every day for the public to use please contact WREN for advice before applying

- Work must be targeted on a specific amenity at a single location
- Projects must be completed within 12 months of the grant award
- Sports clubs applying for funding must not be members only
- Projects must have the backing of the local community and meet the needs of that community
- All planning permissions must be in place at the point of application
- Day to day management and running costs as well as routine maintenance are not eligible for funding
- WREN will consider applications for funding for the internal fittings of a new building or extension, but applicants should demonstrate that they have the build costs secured
- Funding towards the refurbishment of an existing community building is also available.

Decision process

- All eligible applications are reviewed by local volunteer Advisory Panels who know the needs and requirements of the area and have the regional knowledge and expertise to assess and consider applications for funding

- The Regional Advisory Panels make a recommendation to the WREN Board on whether your projects should be supported or not
- All projects are then considered by the WREN Board, which assesses projects in association with the Regional Panel's recommendation and decides whether they should be supported, declined or the funding decision deferred.

How to apply

Applications can be made online

Contact & more information

Tel: 01953 717 165

Email: info@wren.org.uk

Web: Wren.org.uk

FUNDING ROUNDS

VIRIDOR CREDITS SMALL GRANTS SCHEME



Viridor Credits give the maximum benefit to communities within ten miles of Viridor's Landfill or Energy Recovery Sites located in Bolton, Cardiff, Exeter, Oxford and Runcorn. This is achieved through the careful selection of great schemes and the distribution of as much Landfill Communities Fund money as possible.

How Much?

Up to £20,000.

Partnership funding

Required including third party funding to meet Landfill Tax requirements.

Who is it for?

Any not-for-profit organisation or group that is properly constituted.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicant sites must be within 10 miles of a Viridor Landfill or Energy Recovery Site
- Projects must have no restrictions on access or use
- Facilities must be made available to the public at all times for at least 104 days per year
- Projects must contribute towards the protection of the environment; the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public
- Projects must be able to begin draw down of funds within three months of the date of the Offer Letter and be complete within six months
- Projects that have already started are not eligible for funding.

Decision process

Applications will be assessed on the basis of whether they meet the eligibility and general criteria:

- Deprivation index
- Disamenity due to landfill proximity
- Access
- Sustainability
- Community need
- Other fundraising
- Use of volunteers
- Ability to start.
- The contribution of the project to the scheme's priorities will also be taken into consideration
- Site visits and telephone assessments may be required
- Funding decisions are usually made at monthly steering groups.

How to apply

Application forms downloaded from the Viridor website.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01823 476476

Web: [Viridor-credits.co.uk](https://viridor-credits.co.uk)



FUNDING ROUNDS

VIRIDOR CREDITS MAIN GRANTS SCHEME



@viridorcredits

Viridor Credits give the maximum benefit to communities within ten miles of Viridor's Landfill Sites. This is achieved through the careful selection of great schemes and the distribution of as much Landfill Communities Fund money as possible.

How much?

Between £20,001 and £50,000.

Partnership funding

Required including third party funding to meet Landfill Tax requirements.

Who is it for?

Any not-for-profit organisation or group that is properly constituted.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicant sites must be within 10 miles of a Viridor Landfill or Energy Recovery Site
- Projects must have no restrictions on access or use
- Facilities must be made available to the public at all times for at least 104 days per year
- Projects must contribute towards the protection of the environment; the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public
- Projects must be able to begin draw down of funds within six months of the date of the Offer Letter and be complete within 12 months

- Projects that have already started are not eligible for funding.

Decision process

Applications will be assessed on the basis of whether they meet the eligibility and general criteria:

- Deprivation index
- Disamenity due to landfill proximity
- Access
- Sustainability
- Community need
- Other fundraising
- Use of volunteers
- Ability to start.
- The contribution of the project to the scheme's priorities will also be taken into consideration
- Site visits and telephone assessments may be required
- Funding decisions are usually made at monthly steering groups.

How to apply

Application forms downloaded from the Viridor website.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01823 476476

Web: Viridor-credits.co.uk

FUNDING ROUNDS

VIRIDOR CREDITS LARGE GRANTS SCHEME



Viridor Credits give the maximum benefit to communities within 10 miles of Viridor's Landfill Sites. This is achieved through the careful selection of great schemes and the distribution of as much Landfill Communities Fund money as possible.

How much?

Between £50,001 and £250,000.

Partnership funding

Required including third party funding to meet Landfill Tax requirements.

Who is it for?

Any not-for-profit organisation or group that is properly constituted.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicant sites must be within 10 miles of a Viridor Landfill or Energy Recovery Site
- Projects must have no restrictions on access or use
- Facilities must be made available to the public at all times for at least 104 days per year
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- Projects must be able to begin draw down of funds within 6 months of the date of the Offer Letter and be complete within 12 months
- Projects that have already started are not eligible for funding.

Decision process

- Applications will be assessed on the basis of whether they meet the eligibility and general criteria:
 - Deprivation index
 - Disamenity due to landfill proximity
 - Access
 - Sustainability
 - Community Need
 - Other fundraising
 - Use of volunteers
 - Ability to start.
- The contribution of the project to the scheme's priorities will also be taken into consideration
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How to apply

Application forms downloaded from the Viridor website.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01823 476476

Web: [Viridor-credits.co.uk](https://www.viridor-credits.co.uk)

FUNDING ROUNDS

BIFFA AWARD GRANTS SCHEME

Viridor Credits give the maximum benefit to communities within 10 miles of Viridor's Landfill Sites. This is achieved through the careful selection of great schemes and the distribution of as much Landfill Communities Fund money as possible.

How much?

Between £10,000 and £75,000.

Partnership funding

Required including third party funding to meet Landfill Tax requirements.

Who is it for?

- Not-for-profit community groups with capital projects costing no more than £200,000 in total.

Eligibility criteria

- The project site must be within five miles of a significant Biffa operation or within 10 miles of an active Biffa Landfill site
- The project's site must also be within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site
- The total cost of the project is less than £200,000
- There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year
- Any Biffa Award grant must be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs
- Biffa Award is unable to fund requests to help an existing facility meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act

- Biffa Award is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for funding for work that will take place in the future
- The applicant organisation and project are eligible for enrolment and registration with the scheme's regulator, ENTRUST. These will be conditions of any grant approved. Please note that organisations must be not for profit. Local authorities cannot apply or enroll.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01636 670000

Email: biffaward@rswt.org

Web: Biffa-award.org/apply

FUNDING ROUNDS

SUEZ COMMUNITIES SMALLER PROJECTS FUND

SUEZ Communities Trust provides funds to not-for-profit organisations to undertake work that is eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

How much?

From £1 to £20,000

Partnership funding

Required including third party contribution in line with Landfill Credit requirements

Who is it for?

Not-for-profit organisations including:

- Community groups
- Parish Councils
- Charities
- Community Interest Companies
- Sports clubs
- Community Associations
- Local Authorities
- Voluntary Organisations

What will it fund?

Examples include:

- Community building refurbishment
- Replacing and upgrading equipment
- Improving access to enable participation by wheelchair users
- Club house refurbishment

- Resurfacing or improving a sports facility
- Replacement boilers and heating systems where there is a clear need for replacement
- Re-locatable storage buildings.

What it doesn't fund

Examples include:

- Purchase of land or buildings
- Projects that have already started or been completed
- Applications to construct new buildings or extensions to existing ones
- Projects on school or pre-school sites where the facilities will primarily benefit the school
- Minibus services or any other vehicles
- Car parks.

Eligibility criteria

- Total project costs must not exceed £20,000
- Projects must own the site the project will be carried out on or have a lease with a minimum of 10 years remaining on it

- Project sites must be situated in one of 100 funding zones
- Projects must start within three months and complete within 12 months of funds being awarded
- The planned facility must be made open to the public for at least 104 days a year
- The project must make physical improvements to a public amenity
- The planned facility must be available to all sections of the community and be used predominantly for leisure and recreation.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01454 262910

Email:

info@suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

Web:

Suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

FUNDING ROUNDS

SUEZ

COMMUNITIES

PRIMARY

FUND

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How much?

From £1 to £50,000.

Partnership funding

Required including third party contribution in line with Landfill Credit requirements.

Who is it for?

- Not-for-profit organisations including:
- Community groups
- Parish Councils
- Charities
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- Car parks.

Eligibility criteria

- Total project costs must not exceed £250,000
- Projects must own the site the project will be carried out on or have a lease with a minimum of

- 10 years remaining on it
- Project sites must be situated in one of 100 funding zones situated around the country
- Projects must start within six months and complete within 12 months of funds being awarded
- The planned facility must be made open to the public for at least 104 days a year
- The project must make physical improvements to a public amenity
- The planned facility must be available to all sections of the community and be used predominantly for leisure and recreation.

Contact & more information

Tel: 01454 262910

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info@suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

Web:

Suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

OPEN

THE BERNARD SUNLEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation (BSCF) was established in 1960 and is a general grant making trust. The Trust Deed of the Foundation allows the trustees to give to charitable causes at their discretion.

The aim of the trustees is to help raise the quality of life, particularly for those who are young, disadvantaged or elderly. Each year grants totalling about £2.5 million are made to a wide range of charities.

How much?

There are three levels of grant:

- Small – £1,000 to £5,000
- Medium – £5,001 to £24,999
- Large – over £25,000.

Partnership funding

Not necessarily required.

Who is it for?

- Charities registered with the England and Wales Charity Commission whose beneficiaries are based in this country.

Eligibility criteria

- The scheme aims to fund projects that assist community projects, the disadvantaged and/or have a focus on environmental issues.
- The scheme funds capital projects only and not ongoing running costs including salaries
- The types of project the fund gives money for include:
 - Capital projects
 - New build
 - Refurbishment
 - Transport
- Applicants may apply for any level of grant but please note that

large grants are exceptional. The majority of grants (roughly 80%) are 'small'

- The grant given may be used as match funding for a project and, if match funding is required, this may be in the form of a grant from another organisation or volunteer time.

Decision process

- The Foundation publishes very brief guidelines for applicants
- Length of lease will be considered for any building
- The Foundation aims to make a decision within 3 months
- Following an application, applicants are advised to not reapply for 12 months from the date of the previous application as their new application will be automatically declined.

How to apply

- Applications can be made online following a brief eligibility questionnaire to deem suitability
- Alternatively applications can be submitted in writing to the Foundation Director providing details of:

- The charity and its objectives
- The need and purpose of your project
- How much it will cost
- The size of grant requested
- How much has already been raised and from whom
- How you plan to raise any shortfall.

- Applications must include annual reports and accounts and any other documentation applicants feel will help to support your appeal.
- Applications should be sent to:

**The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation,
20 Berkeley Square,
London,
W13 6LH**

Contact & more information

Tel: 020 7408 2198

Email: office@bernardsunley.org

Web: Bernardsunley.org

OPEN PLAYING FIELDS LEGACY FUND

PFLF's main objective is to get more people, especially the young and disadvantaged, playing outdoor sport through more effective use of playing fields.

Through making small grants, the PFLF enables local organisations to lever in much larger amounts from funders such as the Football Foundation.

How much?

Up to £10,000 but awards are usually below this limit.

Partnership funding

Required. The purpose of this fund is to provide seed-corn grants to unlock funding from other sources.

Who is it for?

- County Playing Field Associations
- Voluntary sector sports clubs
- Parish Councils / Town Councils
- Registered charitable organizations
- Unincorporated not-for-profit organisations
- Industrial and Provident Societies
- Local authorities.

What will it fund?

- Training for leaders of local groups and organisations connected to playing fields
- Establishing voluntary playing field groups in parts of the country where none exist, particularly in inner city areas
- Helping more voluntary groups to make high quality applications for funding that helps to protect or make greater use of local playing fields
- Providing seed money to stimulate new investment in playing fields

- Providing match funding to help unlock grants from other bodies in applications with a playing fields focus.

What it doesn't fund

- Help with the general running costs of an organisation
- Repeat or regular events, or repeat funding of projects previously funded by other grant bodies
- Retrospective funding – the PFLF does not fund projects that have already started
- Items which only benefit an individual, e.g. bursaries or kit and equipment that is not shared
- Projects intended primarily at private or personal gain
- More than £10,000 to the same organisation in any 12 month period
- Sports sessions which take place in school during curriculum time
- The erection of temporary buildings
- Sponsorship, endowments or loan repayments
- Projects that require planning permission that is not yet in place
- Projects that will not start within the next 12 months
- Projects that take place and incur costs before the date of the grant award letter.

Decision process

- The following assessment criteria will be used to prioritise applications that demonstrate:
 - Evidence of need
 - Partnership working
 - Sports participation increase/ improvements
 - Long term sustainability
 - Value for money
- There is a 12 week turnaround for applications.

How to apply

- Applicants are encouraged to contact the fund to discuss their project before submitting a formal application.
- Application forms must be downloaded and submitted online.

Contact & more information

Tel: 020 7713 8684

Email: applications@playingfieldslegacyfund.org.uk

Web: Playingfieldslegacyfund.org.uk

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PREMIER LEAGUE & THE FA FACILITIES FUND SMALL GRANTS SCHEME



This scheme awards grants for the provision of capital items, or to refurbish/improve existing facilities.

How much?

Up to £10,000.

Partnership funding

Required, grants cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost.

Who is it for?

- Local authorities
- Educational establishments
- Grassroots football clubs (not including those in the FA National League System)
- Professional and semi-professional Football Clubs and their associated Community Organisations (from Premier League to Conference), to support their community outreach programmes.

What will it fund?

- Replacement of unsafe goalposts
- Portable floodlights
- Storage containers
- Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works
- Grounds maintenance equipment
- Pitch improvement works (natural and artificial surfaces)
- Fencing.

Eligibility criteria

- The minimum grant request is £1,000 unless the application is for the replacement of unsafe goalposts
- Funds cannot be awarded retrospectively therefore

applications cannot be considered if work has been started, a contractor has been appointed or items have been purchased before a grant has been approved, grant offer letter sent and a signed formal acceptance has been received.

Replacement of Unsafe Goalposts

- Grants are only available for the replacement of unsafe goalposts and not for the initial purchase of goalposts
- Photographic evidence is required to demonstrate posts are in need of replacement

Portable Floodlights

- Applications for both new and previously owned portable floodlights are acceptable
- If lights are previously owned, the equipment will need to be purchased from a reputable dealer, with a minimum 12 month warranty
- Applicants will need to justify why the lights are required as well as demonstrate how the grass pitches or training areas will be able to cope with increased usage
- Floodlights will need to be covered by suitable contents insurance, and be securely stored when not in use
- Storage Containers
- Only the purchase of new or fully refurbished storage containers supplied with a minimum 12 month warranty will be funded. The cost of

rented or leased storage containers will not be considered

- The replacement of existing storage containers that have reached the end of their useful life will be considered for funding, subject to justification of need

Changing Pavilion/Clubhouse

- Refurbishment and External Works
- Routine maintenance works such as unblocking drains, minor roof repairs, repainting, or replacement floor coverings would not be considered eligible as individual projects unless they formed part of a larger refurbishment project.

Grounds Maintenance Equipment

- A report from either The FA Regional Pitch Advisor or an independent qualified groundsman that justifies the need for the equipment is required before application

Pitch Improvement Works (Natural and Artificial Surfaces)

- A report from either The FA Regional Pitch Advisor or an independent qualified groundsman that justifies the need for the equipment is required before application
- Routine maintenance costs are not eligible for funding

Fencing

- Either boundary fencing or ball retention fencing/netting that is required to improve security or safety at a site will be considered

Decision process

Organisations are only allowed to apply for a maximum of £10,000, every two seasons (1 June – 31 May). This must be through a single grant application

How to apply

Before a full application can be started, applicants are required to complete an online FA Expression of Interest Form which can be accessed here:

www.footballfacilityenquiry.co.uk

Contact & more information

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OPEN PREMIER LEAGUE & THE FA FACILITIES FUND



The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Football Foundation.

How Much?

From £10,000 - £500,000

Partnership funding

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that all available options for match funding have been exhausted and to be able to provide evidence for this. As a guide, projects would normally be expected to secure 50% match funding although each project will be assessed based on individual circumstances.

Who is it for?

- Grassroots clubs
- Professional clubs' community trusts
- Multi-sport clubs
- Local authorities
- Educational establishments
- Registered charitable organisations
- Not for profit companies limited by guarantee
- Industrial and provident societies
- Unincorporated not for profit organisations.

Eligibility criteria

- The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund gives grants for projects that:
 - Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities
 - Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background, age, or ability
 - Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport
- The types of facilities funded include:
 - grass pitches drainage/improvements
 - pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms
 - 3G artificial turf pitches
 - fixed floodlights for artificial pitches
- All applications must have security of tenure either by freehold or leasehold. A minimum of 25 years security of tenure is required by leasehold
- Applications will not be considered from any project that

has either started or appointed a contractor unless written permission has been obtained.

Decision process

- Applications for support are likely to exceed the capital grants available and therefore applications will be assessed and weighted towards priority projects.

How to apply

Applicants are strongly advised to discuss their project with their County FA before making any progress. Before a full application can be started, applicants are required to complete an online FA Expression of Interest Form which can be accessed here:

[Footballfacilityenquiry.co.uk](https://footballfacilityenquiry.co.uk)

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OPEN FOOTBALL STADIA IMPROVEMENT FUND



The Football Stadia Improvement Fund provides money for clubs in the Football League and the English National League System

How much?

Men's and Women's National League System clubs can apply for grants up to the total value detailed below in any three year period:

Football League Clubs: £750,000

Clubs in Step 1: £400,000

Clubs in Step 2 - 4: £150,000

Clubs in Step 5 - 6: £100,000

Clubs in Step 7: £20,000 (up to £50,000 for applications including changing rooms).

Partnership funding

The Foundation will decide what percentage of the full amount of a project they will fund based on the type of project put forward.

Grants are based on the league a club is in at the time of application, regardless of whether relegation or promotion occurs after that, unless promotion or relegation has been confirmed by the league at the time the application was submitted.

Who is it for?

- Football League Clubs
- Clubs in the Men's National League System
- Women's pyramid clubs are eligible for funding.

The default level will be set at NLS Step 4 for clubs in The FA WSL.

Eligibility criteria

- Clubs must either own the freehold of the site they want to develop or have a lease with at least 10 years left before it runs out. You may be eligible if your club has a licence agreement, but each licence agreement will be considered separately
- Applications will not be considered if a project has started work or has appointed a contractor before a grant is approved
- Clubs are eligible to apply for grant aid to meet current league membership conditions
- Promoted clubs can apply for grant aid to meet the membership conditions of their new league
- The Foundation will not automatically provide funding for work needed to do to meet The FA's ground-grading standards.

Decision process

- Applications will be initially assessed to ensure all relevant information is present and the project is eligible.

Applications up to and including

£20K (8 weeks): a report is presented to the FSIF Chief Executive and the chair of the Safety Improvement Panel for consideration

Applications between £20,001 and £250,000 (12 weeks): a report is presented to the Safety Improvement Panel for consideration

Applications between £250,000 and £1m (18 weeks): project reports are considered by the Safety Improvement Panel and then the Board of Trustees for consideration.

How to apply

Applicants are advised to discuss their project with the Foundation project officer below. Applications must be submitted online:

www.fsif.co.uk

Contact & more information

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Web: **Footballfoundation.org.uk**

OPEN SPORT ENGLAND COMMUNITY ASSET FUND

Sport England's Community Asset Fund is a programme dedicated to enhancing the spaces in local communities that give people the opportunity to be active.

Their aim is to help local organisations create quality and financially sustainable facilities that benefit their community for years to come.

How Much?

£1,000 - £150,000.

Partnership funding

Preferred but not essential.

Who is it for?

- Clubs
- Community organisations
- Local authorities
- Education establishments.

What will it fund?

Good ideas that meet the fund's objectives of:

- Improving and protecting existing sports facilities that support the needs of local communities
- Investing in new and different places that meet the needs of local communities, which include their target audiences
- Ensuring capital investment reaches organisations who have not accessed Sport England funding before
- Creating a more resilient, sustainable, less grant dependent sports sector.

Examples include:

- Bringing a building back into use or need improvements to a recreational space
- Improving a changing room or installing new toilets, heating systems or social space
- Fixing a roof that's been damaged

- or repairing an area after flood damage
- Making improvements to a building or open space that's clearly needed in the local community.

What it doesn't fund

- **Football only projects or projects where football is the majority activity**
- Routine maintenance and repairs resulting from wear and tear Children's playgrounds and play equipment
- Projects intended for private gain
- Retrospective funding (this is paying for works you have already completed)
- Projects we've funded in the past
- Small-scale cricket projects

Eligibility criteria

- Projects must demonstrate how they will deliver against one or more of the five outcomes set out in the government's strategy for sport Sporting Future.
- Awards are typically grouped into three categories:

Small-scale investments

- Typically ranging from £1,000 to £15,000 These will address emergency works due to something like storm or flood damage, or something totally unexpected that is stopping people from being able to stay active right now.

Medium-scale investments

- Typically ranging from between £15,000 to £50,000 these will address more substantial changes. This might be an upgrade to an existing facility or developing a new space in the community.

Larger investments

- Considered by exception ranging from £50,000 to £150,000. This will be when organisations can demonstrate a considerable impact or are targeting under-represented groups. They are also unlikely to have received funding from Sport England previously.
- Applicants are required to own the space or facility they are looking to develop through freehold or leasehold for a minimum period of time.
- Applicants will need to meet the appropriate tier of Sport England's Code for Sports Governance
- Applicants are required to have fit for purpose up to date safeguarding children policies in place.

Decision process

- Applications will be initially assessed against Sport England's seven investment principles we outlined in their Towards an Active Nation strategy to make a decision

- After your submission, a decision will be given as soon as possible. If this decision is positive, then the next steps will be reasonable, proportionate and based on various factors, including:

- The nature of your project
- The amount of money requested
- The context of the request
- Who the project will benefit

- If the request is for a small-scale investment in response to an emergency or unexpected event they will look to make a quick award.
- If the request is for a medium-scale investment, they will work with applicants to agree on any further information required. This might be specific information about your organisation, the nature of the works to be undertaken, the people who will benefit or how the project plans to operate in the future.

How to apply

Applications can be made online via a simple application form.

Contact & more information

Web: [Sportengland.org/funding](https://sportengland.org/funding)





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