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Sport England Return to Play: Active Together

The Aim

To help sports clubs and other organisations to set up and run their own crowdfunding campaigns to improve sustainability. The focus aims to cushion the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and encourage return to play in the long term.

Who can apply

Town or parish councils, community sport and physical activity organisations which are experiencing short term financial hardship or threat to operations.

What it covers

The implementation of changes to ensure government guidelines are being adhered to; additional coaching; facility hire; purchase of PPE; essential maintenance; and funding to ensure facility survival and safety of members.

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/return-play-active-together

Suez Communities Trust

The Aim

To support community and environmental improvement projects through the Landfill Communities Fund and Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. Programmes are designed to improve a broad range of publicly accessible amenities which benefit a wide cross section of the community.

Who can apply

Not-for-profit organisations such as community groups, parish councils, charities, community interest companies, sports clubs, community associations, local authorities and voluntary organisations.

What it covers

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

http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk

National Lottery Awards for All

The Aim

To support people and communities more adversely impacted by Covid-19. Support is available to continue to deliver activity or change and adapt an activity to respond to new challenges.

Who can apply

A voluntary and community organisation; constituted group or club; registered charity; charitable incorporated organisation (CIO); not-for-profit company; community interest company (CIC); school (as long as your project benefits and involves the communities around the school); statutory body (including local authorities, town, parish and community council); community benefit society.

What it covers

Equipment; running costs; small land or refurbishment projects; one-off events; staff costs; training costs; transport; utilities; volunteer expenses.

https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-england

Football Foundation

The Aim

To improve the quality of grassroots facilities and provide sporting opportunities for all. Grants are designed to help people get more from the game they love.

Who can apply

Not-for-profit football clubs or voluntary groups, local authorities, county FAs, professional club community organisations, educational establishment providing facilities for the community, registered charities, not-for-profit companies, community interest companies (CIC) or other social enterprises, and companies limited by guarantee.

What it covers

The improvement of existing grass pitches and off-pitch facilities across the country, such as changing rooms, goal posts, fencing, storage, clubhouse refurbishment works and maintenance equipment.

https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding

Tesco Community Grants

The Aim

To support projects that bring benefit to their communities, from improving outdoor spaces to buying new equipment.

Who can apply

Voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), schools, health bodies (eg Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS hospital trust, foundation trust), parish and town councils, local authorities and social housing providers.

What it covers

A large mixture of local causes. Examples include equipment or non-statutory services for nurseries or schools such as forest schools, equipment for brownie, guide or scout groups, play areas, equipment or kit for sports teams or equipment for village/community halls.

https://tescocommunitygrants.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/

Screwfix Foundation

The Aim

To support projects that relate to the repair, maintenance, improvement or construction of homes, community buildings and other buildings for those in need.

Who can apply

Registered charities or not for profit organisations which help those in need. This could be by reason of financial hardship, sickness, distress or other disadvantages in the UK.

What it covers

Causes which work to change people's lives. Examples of projects which have already benefited from the fund include the building of sensory gardens, decorating outdoor learning spaces and the conversion of indoor spaces to enhance accessibility and inclusivity.

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

UK Community Foundations

The Aim

Community foundations administer different grant schemes from various funders. Each foundation looks after the schemes directly related to their geographical area. Funds are set up by a range of individuals, businesses, philanthropists and national and regional trusts. They work to bring together people and organisations that want to improve their communities.

Who can apply

Community groups, individuals, voluntary organisations.

What it covers

Support for some of society's most disadvantaged people. All revenue streams are different but focus on issues such as enhancing leisure and social activities through funding the likes of equipment costs and building improvements.

https://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-network

The Institution of Engineering and Technology

The Aim

To widen the opportunity to participate in IE programmes for disadvantage pupils; to support educational projects that nurture engineering knowledge; to provide grants for projects linked to the teaching and promotion of physics and engineering in schools and colleges.

Who can apply

Organisations and individuals delivering UK-based educational activities including schools, youth groups and STEM organisations

What it covers

Materials and resources; direct costs; outreach projects and opportunities; public engagement resources.

https://education.theiet.org/support/funding/

Biffa Award: Recreation

The Aim

Not-for-profit organisations within 5 miles of a significant Biffa operation, or within 10 miles of an active Biffa landfill site. The project site must also be situated 10 miles of any licensed landfill site. The site must be owned by the applicant or there must be a signed lease of more than 10 years in place.

Who can apply

Not-for-profit organisations within 15 miles of a significant Biffa operation, or within 10 miles of a landfill site. The site must be owned or leased by the applicant.

What it covers

Projects can include new play equipment; landscaping works; skate parks; woodland walks; nature trails; outdoor gyms; and building works within communal areas of sporting clubhouses which have a wider community use and are not for the sole use of sports club members. It generally includes projects that benefit people within their free time.

https://www.biffa-award.org/recreation/

FCC Community Action Fund: England

The Aim

To provide grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations to carry out amenity projects.

Who can apply

Registered charity which operates a community facility, a church or parochial church council, a parish or town council or a management committee or user association acting on behalf of a parish or town council, a local authority and a CACS registered sports club.

What it covers

The provision, maintenance or improvement of village halls and community centres; public play areas; MUGAs, skate and BMX tracks; sport and recreation grounds with public access; churches; nature reserves; public gardens and parks; museums.

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

FCC Scottish Action Fund

The Aim

To provide grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 to not-for-profit organisations to carry out projects that meet the aims of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund.

Who can apply

Registered charities which operate community facilities; a church or parochial church council; parish or town council; a local authority; a registered sports club. Projects must be within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility.

What it covers

To provide, maintain or improve a public park or other public amenity. To carry out community-based recycling, reuse and waste prevention projects. The reclamation or restoration of land for economic, social or environmental use. The maintenance, repair or restoration of historic buildings.

https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-scottish-action-fund

Entrust

The Aim

To distribute the Landfill Communities Fund via various funding organisations.

Who can apply

Each funding organisation is different. Not all funders, fund all of the types of eligible projects and they may have their own requirements, for example, being within a specific distance of one of their landfill sites.

What it covers

The reclamation, remediation or restoration of land which cannot currently be used; the prevention of potential for pollution or the remediation of the effects of the pollution; the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity; the conservation or promotion of biodiversity; and the restoration of a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest.

https://www.entrust.org.uk/landfill-community-fund

Asda Foundation

The Aim

To transform communities and improve lives throughout the UK.

Who can apply

Asda Foundation is looking to support grass roots community groups which support, help, and encourage inclusiveness for all. All applications must be made through an Asda Community Champion.

What it covers

Projects from not-for-profit groups which aim to bring people back together now social distancing has been eased. Groups must have a presence in a UK community that it works to benefit. Projects must ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to get involved.

https://www.asdafoundation.org/

Veolia Environmental Trust: Community Grant

The Aim

To fund improvements to community buildings and outside spaces for everyone and anyone to use.

Who can apply

Landowners, or those with a formal agreement with the landowner with at least six years of the term remaining.

What it covers

Structural improvement works to a single building or outdoor space with public access such as a park, play area, MUGA, sports ground, community garden, nature reserve or community centre.

https://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/

Valencia Communities Fund

The Aim

To provide funding for community, heritage and biodiversity projects around the UK.

Who can apply

An organisation or group which is properly constituted and is not-for-profit can apply.

What it covers

Projects for the protection of the environment, such as the provision, maintenance or improvement of public amenities and parks, which are open and accessible to the public; the enhancement, protection and/or promotion of biological diversity of a species or habitat; the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building of historic or architectural interest, that is open and accessible to the public.

https://www.valenciacommunitiesfund.co.uk/apply-funding

The Hargreaves Foundation

The Aim

To support those under the age of 18 and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.

Who can apply

Registered charities, schools and further education colleges and NHS Trusts.

What it covers

Projects which: enable individuals to experience the mental and physical benefits of sports; ensure participatory sport is accessible; provide sporting or educational activities that foster life skills; aim to improve academic engagement and attainment; encourage the development of skills and personal attributes to aid future

https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/about/

Morrisons Foundation

The Aim

To support charities making a positive difference in local communities.

Who can apply

Charities registered with the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

What it covers

Grants up to £10,000 are available to fully fund projects which support people living in communities in England, Scotland, and Wales. This includes capital and equipment costs. Previous projects have included gardening activities for people with mental health problems and cycling projects for young people.

https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/

Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund

The Aim

To fund community-led projects that increase the amount of accessible, nature-rich green space.

Who can apply

Community groups which are associated or unincorporated community associations, registered charities, social enterprises, community benefit societies, community interest companies, tenant/ resident associations, school and academy trusts.

What it covers

The grants are available for projects including the creation of public green spaces, the development of community gardens and parks, and the installation of infrastructure such as parklets, outdoor seating and cycle parking facilities.

https://gmenvfund.org/green-spaces-fund

The Johnson Foundation

The Aim

To provide funding within the Liverpool City Region to benefit the community.

Who can apply

Registered Charities working in the Liverpool city region, charitable incorporated organisations, educational establishments, churches, housing associations, museums, and galleries.

What it covers

The grants are available for capital or activity expenditure relating to projects which improve welfare, youth, community, arts, education and health. Infrastructure which could support these aims include the likes of outdoor classrooms and cycle parking products.

https://thejohnsonfoundation.co.uk/funding

Sport England: Spaces And Places

The Aim

To support community sport and physical activity groups, that will enhance places and spaces in their local area through new facilities.

Who can apply

Sports club, charities, community, voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations that deliver sport and/or physical activity, including organisations that are not solely or primarily sports organisations; town or parish councils delivering activities within their community, education establishment, that provide access for the whole

What it covers

The fund helps to create or improve community sport facilities that will tackle inequalities, target underrepresented groups and bring communities together.

https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/places-and-spaces

Blue Spark Foundation

The Aim

To support the education and development of children and young people by providing grants for educational, cultural, sporting, and other projects.

Who can apply

Schools, community groups, clubs, societies or other not for profit organisations. However, individuals may also apply for a grant.

What it covers

Physical assets (such as sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions), services or facilities (such as music or drama tuition).

https://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/

Sport England: Small Grants Programme

The Aim

To support projects that bring communities together and provide sport and physical activities for people who may be less physically active. Projects in this category which have a focus on environmental sustainability are being welcomed.

Who can apply

Community amateur sports clubs, voluntary and community not-for-profit organisations, registered charities, not-forprofit companies, community interest companies (CIC) or other social enterprises, schools using their facilities for the community, local authority bodies (including town, parish, and community councils).

What it covers

Sustainable activities which could involve the purchase of equipment to extend capacity for sports, PE and physical activity; coaching, volunteer training, service alterations, minor facility alterations, flood relief works.

https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/small-grants-programme