



County Durham
Community Foundation

Community Sport & Physical Activity Small Grant Scheme - APRIL 2022

Fund Guidelines

The aim of the Community Sport & Physical Activity Small Grant Scheme is to support growth and strengthen the sustainability of community sports clubs and grassroots organisations who are providing opportunities for their communities to engage in physical activity on a regular basis.

Outcomes

The fund is open to Sports Clubs and grassroots organisations delivering activities that meet the intended fund outcomes:

- Increasing participation in sport and/or physical activity (participants and volunteers)
- Sustaining participation in sport and/or physical activity

Eligibility

- Applicant Sports Clubs must be registered with Club Durham to be eligible (for details about Club Durham membership and benefits see below).
- Organisations that are not Sports Clubs can apply to this fund if they are delivering outcomes that meet the fund objectives. They must satisfy appropriate due diligence checks as part of the grant assessment process.
- All applicants must be based in County Durham (within the administrative area of Durham County Council) and meet the general funding conditions.
- All applicants must be seeking a grant of between £1,000 and £2,500 for a project which is clearly linked to the intended outcomes.

Sports clubs not registered with Club Durham, that wish to apply for this fund, must contact their local Community Sport & Physical Activity Development Coordinator to discuss joining the scheme.

Size of Grant Available

- Grants of between £1,000 and £2,500 are available
- Organisations should not expect to receive more than £2,500 within a financial year from the Community Sports Club Small Grant Scheme
- You may also apply to any of the Foundation's other funds

What type of activities will we fund?

Examples of the types of projects and activities this fund will support include:

- Playing and/or training equipment

- Essential maintenance of equipment
- Facility hire for training (up to £30 per hour and a maximum value of £600)
- One off coaching fees (up to £25 per hour and a maximum value of £500)
- Promotional materials
- Officiating Fees for one-off events
- Competitions, tournaments, and events that demonstrate a clear route into sustained club activity
- Community outreach activities that demonstrate a pathway into sustained club activity.

This fund will not support:

General running costs including but not limited to:-

- Salaries and coaching fees
- Affiliation
- Insurance
- Referee fees
- Facility hire for fixtures
- Strips and clothing
- Transport costs
- Competition entry fees
- Trophies, medals, prizes
- Revenue costs for pitches, facilities, pavilions and clubhouses.
- Non-essential enhancements that have no impact on sustainability
- Accommodation
- Overseas transport
- Building or capital works
- Feasibility studies
- Surveyor or planning costs
- IT or technology not directly used in the sport
- Costs associated with supporting talented individuals

When to apply

- Applications can be submitted at any time. There are no closing dates for applications
- The panel will meet four times a year in March, June, October, January
- You will receive a decision within 2 weeks after the panel meetings