



Funding Opportunities for Sport

For further information on funding opportunities for sport, visit Kent Sport's funding pages at www.kentsport.org or contact Andrea Murphy, andrea.murphy@kent.gov.uk.

County level funding opportunities

Sportivate

More than £200k is available for the delivery of Sportivate projects in Kent in 2012.

Overseen nationally by Sport England and locally by Kent Sport, Sportivate forms part of Places People Play, the £135 million mass participation legacy plans unveiled by the Government in November 2010. Sportivate will capture the excitement of sport and London 2012 to provide attractive and sustainable community sports opportunities.

A Sportivate project is a block of 6-8, weekly sports sessions targeting 14-25 year olds who are doing very limited sport in their spare time. Funding can be used to contribute to a range of costs including:

- coaches to deliver projects
- facility hire
- transport
- marketing and publicity
- training/coach education courses needed to run and/or sustain the project
- equipment.

Young people participating in Sportivate projects must be encouraged to continue taking part when the Sportivate sessions are complete. This may be in a sports club, leisure centre or other community setting, depending on what's appropriate for each young person.

Who can apply: voluntary, community, statutory and educational clubs / organisations. See website for more information.

Deadlines: next deadline is 1 May 2012.

Further information: Visit www.kentsport.org/sportivate for more information or contact Andrea Murphy, andrea.murphy@kent.gov.uk or (01622) 605064.

Kent Reliance and Pfizer funding

Small grants will continue to be offered from two local funds:

Kent Reliance Building Society Sportsaver Account - funding given to Kent County Council Sport, Leisure and Olympics by the building society to support sports projects countywide.

The Pfizer Sports Fund – a final sum of £11k has been given to Kent County Council Sport, Leisure and Olympics by the pharmaceutical company Pfizer to distribute to community sports projects in East Kent.

Funding from both sources can contribute to a range of costs including sports equipment, events, coaching fees and facility hire.

Who can apply: sports clubs, schools (activity must be extra curricular), local authorities, other voluntary/community groups providing sport for young people or adults.

Deadlines: next rounds 1 June and 1 November.

Further information: Visit www.kentsport.org/small_grants.cfm for more information or contact Andrea Murphy, andrea.murphy@kent.gov.uk or (01622) 605064.

Kent County Council Coach and Official Scholarship Scheme

The Kent County Council Coach Scholarship Scheme provides funding for coach/official development. It seeks to increase the quantity and quality of coaches and officials in Kent, and therefore assist the development of the sport in the County.

Who can apply: Applications are welcomed from clubs, organisations and Governing Body representatives to nominate individual coaches or officials, where it can be demonstrated that supporting the individual will contribute to the overall development of the sport within Kent. Therefore the coach/official must be a resident or coach within the County. Grants will be made towards the cost of training and development opportunities for qualified or unqualified coaches or officials.

Deadlines: next round September 2012.

Further information: contact Stuart Butler, (01622) 605065 or stuart.butler@kent.gov.uk

Kent Trust for Youth Sport

The Kent Trust for Youth Sport is a charity which aims to help young people within the County to participate in sport. There are 2 main funding sources available:

Cornwallis Sporting Excellence Awards for Individuals

The aim of the awards for individuals is to develop / support sports excellence. Awards are available to assist high level sports performers with the costs of specialist equipment and clothing, competing, travelling to competitions and training.

Who can apply: Applicants must be aged under 21 years and should be performing at the following level:

- currently a member of a national team or squad, or
- currently listed in the top 10 of any national age group ranking, or
- successful in any national age group competition (top 10 finish) in the last 12 months.

Sports Grants for Clubs and Community Organisations

The aim of the grants to clubs and community organisations is to help young people (aged under 21 years) within the County to participate in sport.

Who can apply: Funding is available for constituted sports clubs (non-commercial) and voluntary community organisations in financial need to help:

- meet the cost of purchasing kit or equipment for youth teams / squads
- pay for individuals to qualify as coaches
- contribute to the costs of sports development programmes
- fund sports events.

Deadlines: 1 June, 1 September and 1 December 2012.

Further information: <http://www.kentsport.org/trust/> or email info@kentsport.org.

The Kent County Playing Fields Association

The Kent County Playing Fields Association's objective is to ensure there are good facilities for recreation in every city, town and village in Kent. The Association provides funding for a variety of purposes under a number of schemes. The Association will also work with organisations and groups to secure the provision of new facilities and to safeguard existing facilities that may be under threat.

Who can apply: opportunities are available for individuals and organisations.

Deadlines: visit the website for more information

Further information: visit <http://www.kentpfa.org.uk/services/services.htm> or contact Paul Peacock, Secretary, on email kcpfa@hotmail.co.uk

National level funding opportunities

Sport England Small Grants Programme

The Sport England Small Grants Programme uses lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to deliver new community projects to either grow or sustain participation in sport or to support talent development. Priorities include increasing the number of adults participating in moderate intensity sports and reducing the drop off rates for 16-19 year olds.

Who can apply: formally constituted not-for-profit organisations and statutory bodies. This might include sports clubs, voluntary organisations, local authorities, schools or governing bodies of sport. It is not for individuals or organisations established to make a profit and distribute that profit to members.

Deadline: applications can be submitted via the website at any time.

Further information: http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx.

Sport England Sportsmatch

Sport England's Sportsmatch programme makes awards to not-for-profit organisations running projects at a community level which meet one or both of Sport England's objectives of Grow or Sustain. This is done through matching eligible sponsorship pound for pound, up to a maximum value of £100,000. For example, if a sponsor gives £10,000 to its local rugby club to organise new coaching opportunities in the community, 'Sportsmatch' could match that with a grant of £10,000 - thereby doubling the amount of money available to the club.

Who can apply: Sportsmatch supports formally constituted not-for-profit organisations and statutory bodies. This might include sports clubs, voluntary organisations, local authorities, schools, universities or national governing bodies of sport.

Deadlines: Sportsmatch 2012/13 is accepting applications for projects starting from April 2012.

Further Information: For further information, please contact the Sport England Funding Helpline on 08458 508 508, or visit <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund

Part of Places People Play, Sport England's programme to deliver a London 2012 legacy of increased mass participation in sport, Inspired Facilities is investing £50 million of National Lottery funding into community sports projects between 2011 and 2014.

Inspired Facilities is focused on making it easier for local community and voluntary groups to improve and refurbish sports clubs or transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sport facilities.

Who can apply:

Community and voluntary organisations, including parish and town councils can apply for grants worth between £20,000 and £50,000. At least 70% of the funding available is set aside for these groups. Partnership funding is preferable but not essential.

Local authorities, statutory bodies and education establishments can apply for grants between £20,000 and £150,000. Pound for pound partnership funding is expected. £150,000 grants will be exceptional.

There is a limit of one application per organisation, per round.

Deadlines: The next funding round opens on 23 July 2012 and closes on the 17 September 2012.

Further information: <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/about>

Sport England Protecting Playing Fields

The programme is inviting applications for projects that help communities maximise the sporting benefits of playing field land. The programme will create, improve and protect playing fields by:

- improving the condition of pitches
- creating playing field land (not less than 0.2 hectares)
- bringing disused playing fields back into use
- offering support to community and voluntary groups and local authorities to protect playing fields.

You can apply for a grant up to a maximum of £50,000 towards your playing pitch project. All local authority and education establishment projects will be required to secure partnership funding.

Who can apply: Voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, sports clubs, playing field associations and education establishments

Deadlines: Details of future funding rounds will be announced on Sport England's website. It is anticipated that there will be two rounds in 2012.

Further Information: http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting_playing_fields.aspx

Cash for Clubs

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club.

There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000 which are awarded on a discretionary basis.

Who can apply: Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their sports National Governing Body or local authority.

Deadlines: Applications are accepted from clubs on an ongoing basis and will be processed during the next panel meeting. These are held at approximately quarterly intervals throughout the year.

Further information: <http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

BBC Children in Need's grants programme

The BBC Children in Need's Grants programme is aimed at and open to organisations working with disadvantaged children or young people who are 18 years old and under.

Within the general grants programme, you can apply for:

- small grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years
- main grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years

For building projects you cannot apply for more than £20,000.

Who can apply: grants are open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. The organisation and project must be based in the UK and must be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation.

Deadlines: There are four general grant deadlines each year: 15 January, 15 April, 15 July, 15 October.

Further information: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

Comic Relief – Sport for Change

The aim of this programme is to understand more about how sport can play a part in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities. Comic Relief wants to understand how sport can be used to tackle identified social issues as part of a broader programme to achieve a measurable social change.

By “broader programme” it means other activities that are seen as part of a coordinated approach to a social issue or concern that supports or links to sporting activity. This might be workshops, educational sessions, awareness raising, work experience, volunteering, or mentoring.

Organisations funded need to show how their work will help deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- an increased sense of inclusion and wellbeing for marginalised and disadvantaged people
- greater community involvement
- an increased understanding of how sport can help bring about positive changes in the lives of individuals and communities
- greater knowledge across the community and sports sectors about effective work which uses sport as a tool for social change.

Grants of £10,000 - £100,000 are available. Both Revenue and capital costs are funded. Examples of revenue costs are salaries and hire of facilities. Examples of capital costs are computers and office equipment. Building costs are a low priority.

Who can apply: not-for-profit organisations using sport as part of a broader programme of work to bring about change at an individual and /or community level. They are particularly looking to fund organisations working to support people from BME communities, older people and women/girls.

Deadline: the current funding round closes on 8 June 2012

Further information: <http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes/sport-change-0>

The Big Lottery Fund

The Reaching Communities programme has two strands:

- Reaching Communities revenue and small capital – funding from £10,000 to £500,000 for revenue projects and/or smaller capital projects up to £50,000
- Reaching Communities buildings – funding of between £100,000 and £500,000 for large capital projects. Reaching Communities buildings will only support buildings or sites based in the most deprived 'Lower Super Output Areas' (LSOAs) in England.

Reaching Communities funds projects that help people and communities most in need. Every project must:

- respond to need
- involve the people who will benefit from the project in planning and running the project
- achieve one or more of the following four outcomes:
 - people having better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
 - stronger communities, with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
 - improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy
 - healthier and more active people and communities.

Note: they will not fund applications where the main purpose of the project falls within the scope of programmes run by other lottery distributors eg Sport England.

Who can apply: You can apply for funding for a revenue or smaller capital project if you're a voluntary and or community organisation, school, local authority, not for profit organisation or social enterprise. You can apply for large capital funding only if the eligibility checker confirms your eligibility

Deadlines: applications are assessed on a rolling basis

Further information: Organisations can register for further information by calling 0845 410 2030 or email general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk. To find out further information please visit <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>