



County Durham **Sport**

County Durham Sport
Partnership

Sports Funding Sources



This guidance has been produced to aid any individual / organisation wishing to seek funding for a particular event / project.

Who We Are

County Durham Sport is one of a network of County Sports Partnerships operating across England. We work together with local, regional and national organisations to raise the profile of sport and physical activity within County Durham and co-ordinate the sports development and physical activity opportunities within the county.

Within this guidance, we have provided a comprehensive list of organisations who offer funding for a variety of projects.

Funding Sources

All England Netball Association Youth Trust

Description

The All England Netball Association Youth Trust was established in 1984 as a charitable trust. It is a not-for-profit educational charity registered with the Charities Commission, which exists to support individuals and organisations in the development of sport for young people (under 21).

Eligible activity

The provision and maintenance of **netball equipment** and **facilities** for young people. The promotion and provision of **courses**, **demonstrations** and **coaching** for pupils, students and teachers involved in netball. The **provision of facilities** for physical recreation in the interest of personal development of young people and the promotion and provision of **research and study** for the development of netball.

Exclusions

None specified, please visit the website for more information.

Available funding

There is no minimum or maximum amount specified but it is thought that the maximum will be approximately £5,000.

Who can apply

The fund is open to individuals and organisations in the development of sport for young people under the age of 21.

Applications which do not include any element of self-funding are less likely to be approved.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at anytime.

Contact details

http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/About_Us/AENA_Youth_Trust.php or
aenayouthtrust@btinternet.com

ASDA Foundation

Description

ASDA Foundation is set up to assist charities, people and projects within the UK that require financial assistance. The Foundation can only support a limited number of requests which have the direct support and involvement from ASDA.

Eligible activity

Examples of successful funding applications include the purchase of **transmission equipment for a community radio station**, funding towards a **mini bus for a special needs school**, allowing children to get out into the local community and the purchase of equipment for a young children's centre.

Exclusions

Applications will not be considered where the money is to be used for salaries or for general funds.

Available funding

No minimum or maximum amount is stipulated. The Foundation supports projects that will make a difference to the communities in which ASDA has a presence and its colleagues can get involved in. The Foundation recommends that possible applicants contact their local store to see if they are able to support the cause proposed.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from registered charities and local community groups within the UK such as playgroups, community centres, football teams and schools.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://your.asda.com/asda-foundation>

BT Community Connections

Description

BT Community Connections is an award scheme which offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the wonders of the internet.

Eligible activity

The award will be 12 months' free connection to BT Business Total Broadband Advance. Award winners will be required to accept the standard terms and conditions for the service.

Where the award winner has a current connection with a different broadband supplier BT will not cover any costs which may be incurred for transferring to BT Business Total Broadband Advance.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from companies that exist to trade for profit, organisations that promote political parties, organisations that do not operate in the UK, employees of British Telecommunications plc or Lumina CR Ltd, their families or agents. Religious organisations that want to carry out work in the community will be supported; however, projects that are designed to promote religion itself, or where people must participate in religious services in order to benefit will not be funded.

Available funding

N/A

Who can apply

Applications are welcomed from a diverse range of community organisations, charities, social enterprises and community interest companies. Previous BT Community Connections winners include silver surfers, cultural groups, conservation organisations, family support groups, healthy living clubs, arts and music groups, sports teams and youth clubs.

Deadlines

13 January 2011

Contact details

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com>

Cash 4 Clubs

Description

The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded through Betfair and supported by SportsAid. The scheme 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.

Eligible activity

Equipment, facilities, coaching.

Exclusions

Cash for Clubs have a very open policy with regards to what funding can be used for. Some examples include resurfacing of tennis courts, coaching qualifications, equipment for golf clubs and kit for a junior netball team

Available funding

Three tiers of funding are available within Cash 4 Clubs, £250, £500 or £1,000.

Who can apply

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

Deadlines

Applications are made on a quarterly basis. If you miss a deadline, you will automatically be entered into the next round of judging. Information on the next judging panel can be found on the application page of the website.

Contact details

Applications can be made online at <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

Coalfields Regeneration Trust – Bridging the Gap

Description

The Bridging the Gap programme is targeted at community and voluntary organisations who can demonstrate that their project will have a positive impact on those living in coalfields communities.

Eligible activity

Support is provided to get a new project off the ground, increase existing activity and improve the delivery of activity. This can include an **activity that gets people involved in physical activity** or addresses a local health issue, **activities that promote volunteering, training projects that teach people a new skill, buildings, vehicles publicity or salaries.**

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals, private businesses or national organisations.

Available funding

Grants of up to £5000 are available for projects that can be completed within 12 months.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from voluntary and community groups/organisations with an annual unrestricted income of less than £100,000. All organisations applying must be not for profit.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time. The award must be spent within 12 months of receipt.

Contact details

<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/bridgingthegap/default.asp>

Comic Relief: Sport for Change

Description

This programme aims to support a range of innovative projects that are using sport as a tool for making a real difference in the communities in which they are based.

Eligible activity

The organisation will fund projects that help to deliver one of the following aims:

- **Increased sense of inclusion and well-being** by 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**

The organisation is keen to fund projects working to support people from BME communities, older people and women/girls.

Exclusions

Projects with the sole aim of increasing participation, projects designed to develop sporting excellence, individual athletes or sports teams and one off sporting events cannot be funded.

Available funding

The maximum grant for this programme is £100,000.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from community groups and organisations across the UK.

Deadlines

The next deadline for submitting an expression of interest is 17 December 2010.

Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme

Description

The Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme (CASC) enables amateur sports clubs that meet certain eligibility criteria to receive mandatory business rate relief for 80% of total rates bills and the potential to reclaim Gift Aid on donations.

Eligible activity

CASC clubs receive 80% mandatory business **rate relief, exempt from corporation tax**, the ability to **raise funds from individuals under Gift Aid**.

Exclusions

Clubs are excluded if they do not meet the 'Who can apply' criteria.

Available funding

Not applicable.

Who can apply

Clubs are eligible for the CASC scheme if they are recognised sport, do not discriminate in anyway in their membership policies and be wholly open to all sections of the community, have a core purpose in the promotion of amateur sports participation, be non profit making or reinvest any profits back into the club and stipulate that in the event of being wound up any remaining assets will be distributed between the National Governing Body for use in other community sport, another CASC or charity. All of the above must be stated in the club constitution. Clubs should then simply submit an application form to HMRC who administer the scheme along with a copy of the club constitution.

Please note once you have become a CASC, the club will always remain a CASC.

Deadlines

Any time.

Contact details

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

County Durham Community Foundation

Description

County Durham Community Foundation is an independent grant-making charity. They promote lasting charitable giving by bringing together donors with their chosen causes, through well targeted grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people. Grants support local voluntary-led organisations and projects that have an incredible impact in their community.

Eligible activity

Various funds are available and cover a **wide range of activity** including training for **volunteers and coaches, equipment** and the **cost of events**.

Applicants are encouraged to complete a standard application form and the foundation will match the application to the most appropriate fund.

Exclusions

Exclusions will vary depending on the fund but applications for feasibility studies, improvements to land or buildings not open or accessible to the general public, feasibility studies, retrospective funding, salaries (unless for a few hours per week) or contingency amounts will not be accepted by any fund.

Available funding

Applications for £2,000 are encouraged.

Who can apply

The grants support community and volunteer led organisations as well as individuals and families in need.

Applications must evidence the need for the funding, community involvement and value for money.

Deadlines

Deadlines vary for various funds. Please visit the County Durham Community Foundation website for more information.

Contact details

<http://www.cdcf.org.uk/home>

County Durham Community Foundation: Young People & Education Bursary Fund

Description

The fund makes grants to young people up to the age of 25 who live in County Durham or Darlington. The fund also supports individuals of any ages who are achieving against the odds (i.e. ex-offenders or young careers).

Eligible activity

The donors wish to support **young people who show initiative and need help to achieve their own potential**, or to excel in a particular skill or ability for example in the field of **music, performing arts, education and sport**.

Young people undertaking volunteer work with Project Trust may receive a small donation (approx £100).

Exclusions

Applications for funding to contribute to college or academy fees that exceed £4000 per year will not be accepted. Applications for the cost of international expeditions will not be accepted unless you can confirm you have raised approximately 90% of the total. Applications will not be accepted for retrospective funding.

The fund asks that you explore all other available sources of funding for the proposed activity before applying.

Available funding

The fund makes grants of around £500, although in exceptional circumstances applications of £2000 have been considered.

Who can apply

The fund is open to young people up to the age of 25 whose home is in County Durham or Darlington. The fund will also support individuals of any age achieving against the odds.

Only one grant per individual can be made each financial year.

Deadlines

Not specified.

Contact details

<http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-individuals> or 0191 383 0055.

Dickie Bird Foundation

Description

The Foundation was established by Dickie Bird in March 2004 with the aim of helping disadvantaged young people, nationwide, to participate in sport. The vision of the Foundation is to assist young people under 18 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.

Eligible activity

Shirts, shorts, footwear, equipment (if equipment is for public use the foundation will not consider it in applications), **travel expenses** (UK only) and **dress standards** (if the sport requires a certain dress standard).

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from groups, clubs, schools, colleges, associations. The foundation does not provide funding for professional fees, travel outside the UK, scholarships, equipment that is available for use elsewhere, overnight accommodation or anything considered to be a professional fee.

Available funding

There are no maximum grant levels stated in the guidelines, although it is expected that grants will not exceed £5000.

Who can apply

Individuals in schools, clubs, universities, colleges, sporting societies or sports associations are eligible to apply for funding. Projects must take place in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). Individuals must be under the age of 18 years at the time of making the application.

Deadlines

Applications may be submitted at any time and are assessed regularly throughout the year.

Contact details

<http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk/home/grant-information/>

Enable Sport: Fund to Assist Gifted & Talented Disabled Children

Description

A national children's charity is seeking the country's gifted and talented disabled children to apply for adapted sports equipment. The "Enable Sport" programme has been launched by Caudwell Children, in partnership with Barclays Wealth.

Eligible activity

Applications are accepted for **adapted sports equipment for disabled children** participating in competitive sport such as individually adapted sports wheelchairs and hand bike tricycles.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from clubs or groups.

Available funding

No minimum and maximum amounts are specified but some specialized equipment can cost up to £3000.

Who can apply

The fund is only available to individuals engaged in competitive sport.

Deadlines

There are no deadlines specified but funding is limited and applications are encouraged as soon as possible.

Contact details

www.caudwellchildren.com or charity@caudwellchildren.com

Football Foundation: Barclays Community Sports Award

Description: The Barclays Community Sports Award is a new award to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities across the UK.

Eligible activity: Please see above.

Exclusions: Applications will not be accepted from political parties or bodies, rotary clubs, medical charities. Funding cannot be used for hospital costs or to fund salaries.

Available funding: Each monthly winner will receive £1,000 for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy and will be entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000, all donated by Barclays Spaces for Sports. The end of season award winner will also receive a VIP trip to London to receive their award from Gareth Southgate.

Who can apply: Nominations for individuals, groups and not for profit organisations who have used the positive power of sport to make a real and lasting difference in their community are accepted.

All applications must be made on line at www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com

Deadlines: The award will be open for entries from 10 September, 2010. A single monthly prize of £1,000 will be on offer. If your entry arrives after 17.00 on the 20th of the month, it will be considered for the following month's award.

Contact details: www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com or enquiries@barclayscommunitysportsaward.com

Football Foundation: Facilities Grant

Description

The facilities scheme provides money to develop new or improve facilities for community benefit. These include changing rooms or clubhouses, grass or artificial pitches and multi-use games areas.

Eligible activity

The aim of this scheme is to improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities and sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults regardless of age, background or ability. Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

This is done by providing funding for **grass pitch drainage / improvements, pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms, artificial turf pitches and multi use games areas and fixed floodlights for artificial pitches.**

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted for indoor facilities or sites where football is only played by adults.

Available funding

The maximum grant for is £500,000.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from football clubs, multi-sports clubs, local authorities, education establishments, registered charitable organisations, not for profit companies limited by guarantee, industrial and provident societies and unincorporated not for profit organisations.

All applicants must have security of tenure by means of “the freehold” or by means of an uninterrupted lease.

Deadlines

None specified. Please visit the website for more information.

Contact details

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/facilities-grants/facilities-grant/>

Football Foundation: Grow the Game

Description

Grow the Game provides funding for projects that use football to increase participation by both players and volunteers in England. This is done by supporting the costs associated with providing new activity.

Eligible activity

Grow the Game provides funding to contribute towards a combination of the following essential costs associated with providing new football activity: facility hire, hire of FA qualified coaches and referees, CRB checks, affiliation fees, league entry, first aid kits, promotion and publicity, FA coaching courses.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals, profit making organisations or organisations that already have an existing Community Small Grant. 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. There is no funding available for groups wishing to apply for charitable status.

Available funding

For organisations setting up two or more teams, a £5,000 grant is available over two or three years, with financial support being reduced in the second or third year of the project.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from any not-for-profit organisations in England, including the following: football clubs, youth clubs with a football programme, community groups, centres or clubs, charitable organisations, parish councils, sports associations, local authorities and leagues.

Those looking to apply must have a signed constitution, child protection policy, an equal opportunities policy and income/expenditure record.

Organisations will only be able to apply for one Grow the Game grant every four years.

Educational establishments are only able to apply for up to 50% of the total grant allowance. Projects must be extra-curricular with the exception of special schools.

Deadlines

Applications for the Northern and Midlands regions open on December 8 2010 and close at midnight on February 8 2011.

Contact details

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk>

Hilton in the Community Foundation

Description

Hilton in the Community Foundation is a grant making charitable trust committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. The purpose of HCF is to support young people worldwide, whilst its vision is to make a real difference to those most in need in places where Hilton International operates.

Eligible activity

The foundation makes grants that meet one of its chosen areas.

Young people and education – **Training or re-training, educational equipment, activity based learning, sports equipment and transport**

Young people and health – **Medical equipment, care facilities, activity based holidays and awareness campaigns**

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted for general donations, day to day administration costs, funding for individuals, overseas expeditions salaries or fundraising events.

Available funding

There is no limit to the amount of funding that can be requested although the Foundation will not make awards of over £30,000 per year.

Grants can be awarded for medium to long term projects (over one year) or for one off causes. A maximum limit of three years of support can be provided.

Who can apply

Grants are awarded to schools and registered charities/causes working with young people.

A grant application form (which is available to download from the website address below) must be completed for any funding to be considered. It is important to specify which area of focus is being applied under. In addition to the application form, applicants may wish to provide an overview or supporting information on the organisation as a whole. A budget and costings for the project must be given, along with how much the request is for. A copy of the organisation's latest annual report and latest audited accounts must also be submitted, along with the proposal. If work with children is conducted, a copy of the organisation's Child Protection Policy is required.

Deadlines

2011 deadlines: February 15, May 3, August 2, October 18

Contact details

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk> or grant@hilton-foundation.org.uk

Lord Taverners Foundation

Description

Founded in 1950 at the Old Tavern at Lord's cricket ground by a group of actors who enjoyed watching cricket, the Lord's Taverners has developed into both a club and a

charity. The aim of the charity is to give young people, particularly those with special needs, a sporting chance.

Eligible activity

The foundation has many schemes, covering a wide range of criteria. Schemes include **Youth Cricket, Specially adapted Minibuses, Sport and recreation for young people with special needs** and **Sports Wheelchair sponsored scheme**.

Exclusions

Exclusions will vary depending on the scheme being applied to. Please visit the website for more information.

Available funding

Available funding will vary depending on the scheme being applied to. Please visit the website for more information.

Who can apply

Homes, schools, sports clubs and special needs organisations in the United Kingdom that cater for young people under the age of 25 who are able bodied, or with disabilities, are eligible to apply.

Deadlines

Deadlines will vary depending on the scheme being applied to. Please visit the website for more information.

Contact details

<http://www.lordstaverners.org>

Lottery Programmes: Awards for All

Description

Awards for All is a National Lottery funded programme operated by the Big Lottery Fund. The programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need through better access to training, creating stronger, healthier and more active communities and improving rural and urban environments.

Eligible activity

Equipment hire or purchase / **training** / volunteer expenses / **land, building and refurbishment** projects costing £25,000 or less / **publicity materials** for use in the project.

Exclusions

Activities that happen or start before the grant is confirmed / Projects that do not meet the aims of the programme / land, building and refurbishment projects costing more than £25,000 / existing activities and repeat or regular events including those that have been funded before.

Available funding

Awards are for amounts between £300 and £10,000. Organisations cannot draw down more than £10,000 worth of Awards for All grants in any 24 month period.

Who can apply

Established voluntary or community organisations / parish or town councils / Schools or health bodies.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk>

Lottery Programmes: Reaching Communities

Description

Reaching communities supports projects that improve the quality of life of communities across England offering help where it is most needed. The fund supports the voluntary sector, health, education and the regeneration of communities.

Eligible activity

Grants are available for **revenue** and **capital** projects that provide **better access to training and development**, more **active people and communities**. Other projects that are eligible for funding include projects that have **young people as the primary beneficiaries**, **refurbishment of community buildings and children's play activities**.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals, profit making organisations and organisations applying on behalf of other organisations.

Available funding

Minimum grants of £10,000 and maximum grants of £500,000 are offered over a maximum period of five years to allow a project to develop and become sustainable. The programme mainly supports revenue projects but capital funding is available.

Projects do not require match funding but contributions from other sources might be seen as evidence of commitment to a project and its sustainability.

Applicants must demonstrate a need for the project, how their project provides the solution and the community will be involved. Applicants must also evidence how the project complements local plans and strategies.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, statutory bodies including schools, registered charities, social enterprises and charitable or not for profit companies.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

National Hockey Foundation

Description

The Foundation is a Charitable Trust originally established to develop and operate the hockey stadium at Milton Keynes. The Foundation hopes to be able to give financial support to the development of sport particularly at youth level and in Milton Keynes.

Eligible activity

Refurbishment costs, equipment purchase and new construction, training, retraining, educational equipment, activity based learning, sports equipment, transport. On occasion funding is provided for **costs of project staff.**

Exclusions

Individuals, programmes aimed at solely supporting elite athletes, fundraising events, projects outside England, day to day running costs, general donations, funding to sponsor an award, projects that are not sustainable or where the Trusts impact will not make an impact and where the primary funding is to pay salaries.

Available funding

There is no limit to the amount of funding an organisation can request. However the Foundation does not generally award grants for less than £10,000 or more than £75,000.

Who can apply

Grants are given to young people and hockey, young people and sport in Milton Keynes and smaller charities, clubs and limited companies.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time and grants are awarded quarterly.

Contact details

<http://www.thenationalhockeyfoundation.com/index.htm>

Peter Harrison Foundation: Opportunities through Sport

Description

The Trustees wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfill their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. Grants will often be one-off grants for capital projects. In some cases funding will be allocated to 'new' revenue projects or to projects where funding would be key to their continuation.

Eligible activity

Eligible projects will provide a focus for **skill development and confidence building through the medium of sport, projects that have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity**, projects that provide **sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people**, projects with a high degree of community involvement and projects that involve children and young people at risk of crime, truancy or addiction.

Exclusions

The foundation do not fund general fundraising appeals, requests for retrospective funding, individuals, outdoor activity projects such as camping and outward bound expeditions, holidays or expeditions in the UK or abroad, other grant making bodies to make grants on the Foundation's behalf and projects that that directly replace statutory funding.

Available funding

Not specified.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from charities through the United Kingdom.

Deadlines

There are no specific deadlines. The foundation's financial year runs between 1 June – 31 May and the panel meets regularly during this period.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund

Description

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a fantastic new campaign to protect 2012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities all across the country as a permanent living legacy of this great event. Once an area has been designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field an application can be made to SITA Trust's £1 million fund for improvements to the recreation area.

Eligible activity

From sports pitches to woodlands, children's play areas to gardens and bicycle trails to parks, the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge will protect a **diverse range of outdoor spaces** ensuring that there is something to appeal to everyone.

There are two strands to this fund:

- **The QEII Fields Volunteer Support Fund** will award up to a maximum of £5,000 for projects where it can be demonstrated that volunteers will be extensively involved in the delivery of a project
- **The QEII Major Works Fund** will award up to a maximum of £25,000 for projects that also focus on delivery by volunteers, but will allow major works to be carried out by contractors

Exclusions

Exclusions will vary depending on the organisation you are representing. Please visit the website for more information.

Available funding

The volunteer support fund awards up to a maximum of £5000 while the Major Works fund awards grants up to a maximum of £25,000.

Who can apply

Local authorities, other landowners such as parish councils, clubs and the public can all nominate outdoor areas to be protected as Queen Elizabeth II Fields.

Deadlines

Please visit the website for more information.

Contact details

<http://www.qe2fields.com/default.aspx>

Ron Pickering Memorial Fund

Description

This fund was established in 1991 in accordance with the belief that sport can enhance young lives in more ways than just the physical. The fund is dedicated to assisting aspiring

young athletes who have shown by their attitude and dedication that they possess the qualities which will ensure the growth and protection of sport.

Eligible activity

Funding is available for **training** or the provision of **equipment**.

Exclusions

There are no exclusions sited but potential applicants are advised to contact the organisation to ensure the project meets the eligibility criteria.

Available funding

There are no minimum or maximum levels of support with each application being assessed on its own merit.

Who can apply

Those looking to apply must be aged between 15-23, All England Schools finalists or at County representation level or above. The standards required are medalists from National Schools, AA, AAA under 17, under 20 or under 23 Championships, or in the top six of the appropriate UK ranking list. Applicants must be based in Great Britain.

Deadlines

Applications open on October 1 and close on the 30 November every year.

Contact details

<http://www.rpmf.org.uk>

Rowing Foundation

Description

The Rowing Foundation aims to aid and support young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages through their participation in sport and games particularly water sports.

Eligible activity

Projects must incorporate participation in sport and games, particularly water sports.

Examples of eligible activity include **buoyancy aids, splash suits, canoes** and the **promotion of taster rowing courses** for youth clubs, sailing and other water sports clubs.

Exclusions

Applications are not accepted for individuals or for general funds.

Available funding

Grants of £500-£2,000 are available for pump prime projects.

Who can apply

The foundation supports organisations and clubs in Britain whose requirements may be too small, or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at anytime.

Contact details

<http://www.britishrowing.org/rowing-foundation>

Rugby Football Foundation: Groundmatch Grants

Description

The Rugby Football Foundation (RFF) is a charitable trust established by the Rugby Football Union. The purpose of the RFF is to promote and develop community amateur rugby in England. The Groundmatch Grant Scheme provides easy access to grant funding for capital projects that contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players in England.

Eligible activity

The following are examples of eligible activity:

- **Pitch facilities** – Playing surface improvements, pitch improvement, rugby posts and floodlights
- **Clubhouse facilities** – Changing room and shower facility additions or improvements, improvement or installation of disabled facilities and match officials
- **Equipment** – Large capital equipment, pitch maintenance capital equipment

Exclusions

Applications for retrospective funding will not be accepted.

Available funding

The minimum grant available is £1,500 and the maximum is £5,000.

Grants are available on the basis of matching clubs' own funds (internally or externally generated) on a 50/50 basis for a proposed project.

Who can apply

All clubs at level five and below in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship (i.e. the leagues) are eligible to apply to the scheme.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

<http://www.rfu.com> or foundation@therfu.com

Sir James Knott Trust

Description

The Sir James Knott Trust is a registered charitable Trust based in Newcastle upon Tyne that supports community projects in Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and County Durham including Hartlepool. The aim of the Trust is to help improve the conditions of people living and working in the North East of England.

Eligible activity

Grants are available for projects in areas such as **education, health and sport, community and arts and culture**. Specific examples of funded health and sport projects include funding to Active Berwick towards volunteer sports coach training and Bowburn and Parkhill Community Partnership for a Multi User Games Area.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals or organisations that do not have an identifiable project within the beneficial area. Applications will not be accepted for retrospective funding or to replace funding withdrawn by local authorities.

Available funding

No minimum or maximum grant is stipulated.

Who can apply

Eligible applicants are UK registered charities operating in, or for the benefit of the North East of England. Organisations that are not registered charities may apply provided the local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) or a registered charity can administer or process funds on behalf of the applying organisation.

Deadlines

Applications for funding under £1,000 may be submitted all year round. Applications over £1,000 must be submitted for consideration at Trustee meetings which occur in spring, summer and autumn. The deadline for the next trustee meeting in February is 14 January 2011.

Contact details

<http://www.knott-trust.co.uk> or info@knott-trust.co.uk

SITA Trust Enhancing Communities Programme

Description

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. It supports projects that make **physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings / structures.**

Eligible activity

The Enhancing Communities programme is split into two strands. Funding can support projects that make physical improvements to a public amenity such as sports fields and facilities, activity centres, sports clubs, cycle paths, skate parks and public playgrounds:

- **Core fund** - Grants of up to £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations whose community improvement project has an overall cost of no more than £250,000
- **Fast track fund** - Provides grants of up to £10,000, available to not-for-profit organisations with a community improvement project that has an overall cost of no more than £20,000

Exclusions

Funding is only available on 90 SITA funding zones. To find out whether your project falls under one of the zones please visit <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker>.

Available funding

The core fund offers grants of up to £50,000 for projects that have an overall cost of no more than £250,000.

The fast track fund offers grants of up to £10,000 for projects that have an overall cost of less than £20,000.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from community groups, not for profit groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities.

Deadlines

Core fund deadlines include March 21 2011 and July 25 2011. Fast track deadlines include January 4 2011, February 21 2011, April 18 2011, June 20 2011, August 22 and October 22 2011.

Contact details

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/>

Sport England: Iconic Facilities

(Previously known as the Sustainable Facilities Fund)

Description

The Iconic Facilities fund is part of the £135 million Places People Play initiative which will deliver an Olympic and Paralympic legacy for increased sports participation by bringing the magic of a home Games into the heart of local communities.

Eligible activity

Applications for a **sustainable community facility** must be able to demonstrate a robust needs and evidence base, strategic partnerships with national and regional agencies, evidence of partnership working and community involvement, a sustainable business plan, facilities and opportunities for two or more National Governing Bodies and joined up planning across boundaries both within and across local authority areas.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from projects intended primarily private gain, retrospective funding, endowments, purchase of leaseholds of less than 21 years, minor works, repairs or maintenance, personal equipment, maintenance equipment, floodlighting for natural turf pitches or loan repayments.

Available funding

There is no minimum or maximum grant amount set.

Applications must include confirmed partnership funding from at least one third party including the private sector or the applicant must supplement the Sport England investment for capital infrastructure.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from organisations in England entitled to receive public funding such as sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities and education establishments.

Deadlines

The round one deadline is 16 December 2010.

Contact details

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sustainable_facilities.aspx

Sport England: Small Grants Scheme

Description

The Sport England Small Grants Programme supports local community sport projects seeking to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

Eligible activity

Support for sports clubs looking to expand its age range by funding extra **team kit** or **coaching qualification** fees.

Exclusions

More than £10,000 per organisation in any single year from the date of the award letter / General running costs / Projects that do not support Sport England's strategic outcomes / Projects including refurbishment or land improvement.

Available funding

Awards are for amounts between £300 and £10,000 and the total project cost should not exceed £50,000.

Who can apply

Applications will be accepted from not for profit clubs or associations, statutory body or educational establishments.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

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

Sport England: Sportmatch England

Description

Sportmatch aims to match sponsorship which has been given to an eligible sports body by a company, Trust or private individual to fund projects to encourage new participation at grassroots level. By being able to match sponsorship monies, Sportmatch acts as an incentive to both sports organisations and businesses. Through doubling the amount of money available, organisations are given an incentive to seek business sponsorship and encourage companies to invest in grassroots sports.

Eligible activity

Sportmatch provides funding for both capital and revenue projects as long as capital projects are under £25,000. Some successful applications have included **coaching schemes, tournaments and festivals**, setting up **new teams** and **facility hire**.

Priority areas have been identified for this scheme and are given priority as traditionally they receive less funding. These areas include disability groups, women and girls and black and ethnic minorities.

Exclusions

Projects that involve building or refurbishment / Projects that do not support Sport England's strategic outcomes / General running costs and repeat or regular activities / Expenditure committed or projects that take place or start before the date of the offer letter / Projects that focus on children under the age of five / Capital grants of more than £25,000.

Available funding

Awards are for amounts between £1000 and £100,000. For schools the minimum is £500 with the maximum still £100,000.

Who can apply

Organisations seeking sponsorship must be a properly constituted body including local authorities, schools, colleges, governing bodies or clubs.

Deadlines

Open to applications at any time for projects that will be delivered in the 2010/11 financial year. Projects supported in the current financial year should be completed by 31 March.

Contact details

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

Sport Relief

Description

Sport Relief aims to use sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or disadvantaged. The programme aims to increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and encourage people to take part in sporting activities that bring communities together.

Eligible activity

Grants are given for **revenue** and **capital** projects. Examples include a **sports club wanting to increase opportunities for disabled people** and a **group of Asian women meeting for mutual support getting involved in sport or physical activity to keep fit**.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from individuals or statutory organisations such as schools. Applications for building costs or mini buses will not be accepted.

Available funding

The maximum grant available is £10,000 although this is only awarded in exceptional circumstances.

Who can apply

Applications are accepted from voluntary organisations and self help groups. Only work with a charitable status will obtain funding.

Deadlines

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact details

www.communityfoundation.org.uk/home/

SportsAid: National Grants

Description

SportsAid's objective is to support young people aged from 12 to 18 years, or up to 35 for disability sports, male or female, able-bodied or disabled, that show potential in their chosen sport.

Eligible activity

Grants are designed to ease the pressure on parents and carers burdened with day to day costs of **travel**, **competition** and **equipment**.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from athletes who are in receipt of TASS or lottery funding or who have been suspended by their National Governing Body as a result of a doping offence.

Available funding

There are no minimum or maximum levels of funding stated, although awards are generally worth £500.

Who can apply

SportsAid gives grants to youngsters aged 12-18, or up to 35 for disability sports, from various able-bodied and disabled sports who are members of national squads.

Applicants must live and train in the UK and be a member of the GB / England team or squad member.

Applicants must be identified and nominated by their National Governing Bodies of Sport based on their talent and sporting results.

Deadlines

Applicants who feel that they meet the criteria should contact their National Governing Body to discuss a nomination for a SportsAid Award and request a SportsAid nomination form.

Contact details

<http://www.sportsaid.org.uk>

Swimathon Foundation

Description

Swimathon is the world's biggest fundraising swim and the Swimathon Foundation was formed in 2001 to help guarantee the long-term future of the event. As well as managing and promoting Swimathon, the Foundation offers grants to promote swimming to local communities.

Eligible activity

The funding aims to increase participation in swimming and improve accessibility for people who want to swim. Eligible activity includes community pool open days, fundraising events, entrance fees for a scout group to go swimming, transport costs to take an elderly group swimming, club scuba diving equipment to allow more people to try the sport, costs for an extra staff member to supervise a swimming trip so that more children can attend a fundraising events, galas or family fun days at a pool.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted from organisations that promote a political party or activity, organisations which exist to promote religion itself and applications where the recipient community must participate in religious services.

Grants will not be provided to cover basic running or maintenance costs or to fund projects other than that detailed in the application form.

If an organisation is successful in receiving a grant, they cannot apply again within one calendar year.

Available funding

Grants of between £300 and £2,500 are available. Match funding is not a specific requirement.

Who can apply

Applications will be accepted from swimming pools, community groups and organisations, charities, swimming clubs, older people's organisations, youth groups, sports clubs, scout troops and healthy living groups.

A condition of receiving a grant is that organisations must provide regular progress reports and complete an evaluation when requested.

By making an application the organisation is agreeing to participate in publicity surrounding their grant.

Deadlines

Round 1: 21 March 2011, Round 2: 6 June 2011, Round 3: 22 August 2011, Round 4: 7 November 2011

The first quarterly deadline for receipt of applications is 21 March 2011.

Contact details

http://swimathon.org/page.php?page=tsf_Grants_Rules_Criteria

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust

Description

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust is a large charitable trust with a wide range of interests and limited written guidance for groups and organisations who wish to apply.

Eligible activity

Previously funded activity has fallen into the following categories the arts, education, children and youth, elderly people, community, health social welfare and the environment. The foundation can also support capital projects, endowments, scholarship funds, research programmes and research funding.

Exclusions

None stated, please contact the trust for more details.

Available funding

Grants range from £1,000 to £250,000, but most will be for less than £10,000.

Who can apply

Groups and organisations.

There is no application form. Those looking to apply should write to the Director of the Trust giving details of your charity and its aims, how much your project will cost, the size of the grant requested, how much has already been raised and from whom and how you plan you raise the shortfall.

Deadlines

None stated, please contact the trust for more details.

Contact details

Applications should be made to:

John Rimmington
Director
The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust
20 Berkely Square
London
W13 6LH

The Canoeing Foundation

Description

The Canoeing Foundation is supported by the British Canoe Union. The aim of the foundation is to support projects that promote canoeing ventures for young people and/or disabled people.

Eligible activity

Applications which **support groups and provide equipment** which can be used by a range of individuals and **projects that are clearly sustainable are more likely to be successful.**

Funding is only provided for capital costs and will not be given for revenue funding. Generally only BCU-approved coaching award courses will be funded.

Exclusions

Applications will not be accepted for paid staff, coaches, travel, accommodation costs or pool hire. Application from commercial watersports centres will not be considered.

Available funding

Grants are usually given in the region of £1,000.

Match funding, partnership funding, sponsorship, in kind or funding from other BCU funds must be clearly shown.

Who can apply

Only applications from members of the BCU will be considered. Applications for individuals are normally only accepted when there are special circumstances.

Deadlines

Ongoing.

Contact details

Mandy Delaney, 0300 011 9502 or mandy.delaney@bcu.org.uk or <http://www.bcu.org.uk/about/canoe-foundation>

Torch Trophy Trust Bursary

Description

The Torch Trophy Trust has its origins in the 1948 Olympics held in London. The Torch Trophy Trust is a charitable organisation, whose main aim is to encourage voluntary work in sport and other related outdoor activities within local communities. The mission statement "**Encouraging Sports Volunteers**" defines the purpose of the Torch Trophy Trust.

Eligible activity

The aim of the Bursaries is to provide financial aid for those wishing to increase their knowledge and their ability to help others on a voluntary basis by taking courses **to qualify as club coaches, officials or administrators**.

Exclusions

None stated, please visit the website.

Available funding

The minimum Bursary would be £100 and the maximum £1,000 and it would not be for more than 50% of the total costs involved. Exceptional applications may be considered for grants outside these guidelines.

Who can apply

A Torch Trophy Trust Bursary is awarded to enable individuals or groups to enhance their knowledge in order to assist their club, organisation or community to develop their chosen sport.

The Bursaries are for individuals or groups who are unable to obtain the necessary funding from any other source. Applications are welcome from all parts of the United Kingdom and from all sports including disability and youth.

A letter from the relevant Governing Body must support the application.

Deadlines

None stated, please visit the website.

Contact details

http://www.torchtrophytrust.org/ttt_site.htm

If you require any additional information on any of the information contained within this guidance document, please contact County Durham Sport on 0191 372 9121.