

National Funding Sources 2008/09

Awards for All

The National Lottery's Awards for All small grants scheme just got bigger. The maximum award available for local projects is £10,000, with smaller projects eligible for a minimum grant of £300.

Awards for All provides opportunities for communities to apply for Lottery funding for inspirational local projects and activities. Small scale projects that encourage healthier living, develop local sports, promote arts and culture, support heritage initiatives or boost community activities are invited to submit bids for a share of £60 million that will be rolled out by Awards for All to community projects this year.

Awards for All is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time.

Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

Application Hotline: 0845 600 2040

Abbey National Community Partnership

Grants are available for projects that promote education, training, employment and job creation, with a priority for disadvantaged or socially excluded groups, as well as projects that support equal opportunities for people with a disability.

Abbey National Community Partnership will award up to £2,500 for local charities, or £250 for community groups not registered as a charity. Applications for larger amounts will be referred to the larger Abbey National Charitable Trust. Successful applicants will be asked to work with local Abbey National branches to attract mutual publicity. Applications for awards are considered monthly.

Trust Helpline: 0870 608 0108 (open 10.00 to 14.00 Monday to Friday)

PO Box 911, Milton Keynes MK9 1AD

Email: communitypartnership@abbey.com

The Big Boost

The Big Boost is an awards programme which has been created to encourage more young people in England to set up projects at school or in their communities that will make a real difference. The programme will support more than 12,000 young people over two years and is particularly keen to reach young people from less well-off backgrounds.

The Big Boost awards programme is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and is part of their Young People's Fund - Grants to Individuals Programme, which aims to offer more opportunities to young people and help them improve local communities.

The Big Boost programme is run in partnership with UnLtd, Changemakers, The Scarman Trust and The Prince's Trust.

A Big Boost award is cash plus the support needed to help young people make their ideas a reality. The awards are for individuals or for small informal groups of young people living in England. There are two kinds of awards; one for 11 to 16 year olds and one for 16 to 25 year olds.

11-16 year olds Awards of between £250 and £1,000 for groups of young people, led by a nominated advisor.

16-25 year olds Awards of between £500 and £5,000 for individuals or small groups of young people.

11-16 applications telephone: 0191 226 7330

16-25 applications telephone: 0845 410 2030

Text: 07624 803 312

Email: info@thebigboost.org.uk

Website: www.thebigboost.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund - Playful Ideas programme

The Playful Ideas programme will support projects that focus on innovation and new ways of providing for children's play. Projects seeking funding from this programme must display a creative and novel approach to addressing an identified need within the field of children's play. The programme is open to voluntary and community groups. The Lottery will make capital and revenue grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 for projects lasting up to 5 years. The programme will pay for all or some of your projects costs. Playful Ideas is a rolling programme.

BIG Advice Line: 0845 4 10 20 30 to obtain a Playful Ideas pack and guidance notes

Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



Big Lottery Fund - Reaching Communities programme

Communities are at the heart of Reaching Communities. This programme will fund projects that actively involve communities and respond to their needs. It will support initiatives that help those most in need including people or groups who are hard to reach.

Reaching Communities will give grants of more than £10,000 and up to £500,000, including a maximum of £50,000 for capital grants. There is a maximum overall project size of £750,000 and £200,000 for the total capital element within a project. Grants may be awarded for up to five years.

Reaching Communities is seeking projects that bring about the following changes:

- People having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Strong 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

You can apply to Reaching Communities if you are a registered charity, a voluntary or community group, a statutory body, a charitable or not-for-profit company or a social enterprise. Reaching Communities is a rolling programme. There is a two-stage application process starting with an Outline Proposal Form.:

BIG Advice Line: 0845 4 10 20 30 to obtain an application pack and guidance notes

Email: opteam@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Community Cash Awards

Community Cash Awards are grants from the Prince's Trust. Anyone can apply who is aged 14-16 and is in school, but struggling or aged 16-25, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. The project should aim to improve life in a local community in the UK, for example a new basketball court or youth club. Projects must be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25, clearly benefit the local community and be a new or developing project. The level of funding depends on the age of the applicant with up to £1,000 available for 14-16 year olds and up to £5,000 available for those aged 16-25.

Telephone: 0800 842 842

Website: <http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/grants%20for%20community%20projects.asp>

Dickie Bird Foundation

The Dickie Bird Foundation provides grants of between £100 and £5,000 to individuals under 18 who are not able to participate in sporting activities to the best of their ability due to being financially disadvantaged.

Applicants will be asked for details of their monthly family income and to give details on how they intend on spending the money and the application also requires two referees.

Tel: 0113 2503043

Website: www.thedickiebirdfoundation.org

FANS

FANS stands for Free Access for National Sportspeople and is a scheme designed to provide support to the county's leading talented sports performers. The scheme provides nationally ranked sports people with free access to participating local authority and private leisure and sports facilities at designated times, for personal training and development. For more information on FANS, or to download an application form contact your local CSP.



The Foundation for Sports and the Arts

The Foundation for Sports and the Arts (FSA) provides support for sports and arts related projects and grants of up to £40,000 can be awarded to a wide range of projects. The Foundation's aim is to enhance the quality of life for the communities to encourage and fund sports and arts at every level with promoting participation and enjoyment being viewed as more important than sporting excellence. Funding is available for capital and revenue projects although capital projects are prioritised and both community groups and organisations can apply for grants.

Website: <http://www.thefsa.net/>

Kellogg's Active Living Fund

The fund will give grants of up to £1,000 to fund projects and activities that directly lead to people taking part in sustained physical activity. Applications are accepted from charities, voluntary and community organisations, with schools being able to apply for help with extra-curricular activities.

Priority is given to innovative new ideas to get in-active people active and the priority for beneficiaries is for children and adults to take part together, so a mums and kids exercise class might be likely to get funding or a walking project for families.

Email: darren@communityfoundation.co.uk

Website: <http://www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund/>

Sportsmatch

If you can raise at least £1,000 in sponsorship for your sports project, then Sportsmatch may be able to match that amount. Sportsmatch have priority funding groups of Women and Girls, Black and Minority Ethnic Groups and Disability Groups, however all applications are considered and with £46 million pounds worth of funding being given to sports groups since 1992 it's well worth looking to see if your project could be eligible.

Telephone: 0207 233 7747

Website: www.sportsmatch.co.uk

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation currently distributes over £2m per year for projects across the UK. The funding is available through the Small Grant Scheme, which provides grants of up to £10,000 and the Large Grant Scheme which offers grants of between £10,000 and £30,000. The Trustees look favourably upon projects concerned with areas of deprivation and suggested projects include sports rehabilitation schemes and the provision of sporting equipment or facilities. It is not necessary to be a registered charity in order to apply however applications will only be considered from not-for-profit organisations.

Website: <http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/home.html>

UK Villages Community Kitty

Grants are available from £50 to £300 to support small community based projects. Applications can only be made by groups which are registered on their website, however this service is free. Closing dates for applications are the 10th of April and October and applications are judged on their relevance and uniqueness.

Website: <http://www.communitykitty.co.uk>

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help them promote understanding and solve conflict through sport and being active.

This UK wide funding programme is for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects and funding of £250-£5,000 is available.

Telephone: 0845 3670770

Website: <http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief>



vcashpoint

Working in partnership with the HSBC bank, vcashpoint is a £1 million initiative that provides grants of up to £2,500 to young people to set up their own volunteering projects within their community. The type of activities that could be supported includes sports events for disadvantaged people, or organising a festival to bring different cultures or communities together. vcashpoint will fund new projects or ideas which aim to expand or develop projects which have been carried out once in the past, involving new young volunteers. All projects must create at least three new volunteering opportunities for 16-25 year olds and be youth-led. vcashpoint must be the only source of funding for the project.

Website: <http://www.vinspired.com/vbuzz/campaigns/171/>

Workforce Development Fund (WfD)

Each County Sport Partnership has a WfD budget to help fund coach education courses in their respective counties. This money is usually allocated at the start of the tax year and squash may or may not have been included in this year's allocation depending on which county you live in. It is always worth asking your CSP for confirmation if you are unsure. It is especially worth checking in with them if you have a coach who would like to get qualified, a group of youngsters that would like to do a leaders course or some individuals interested in a referees course as they often have a surplus budget or money that has not yet been claimed by another sport that can be re-allocated to squash. As with many such funding 'pots' any money not spent has to be given back so they will be happy to help if they can.

Get Back Into (GBI)

GBI funding is once again available across many of our counties and is to be distributed on a first come first served basis. The funding available is £400 per club, to be paid in two halves; £200 on receipt of a signed Service Level Agreement (SLA) and £200 on receipt of the required monitoring and evaluation information. Establishing effective Community Sport Network (CSN) links is a condition of funding for all applicants, to ensure a coordinated and effective approach to local delivery is in place.

Every club delivering GBI will receive a Welcome Pack, supporting project delivery and containing helpful tips which have been received via project evaluation. This will include tips on effectively marketing your project, as this has proved to be key to the success of each project.

In order to apply for this funding the club will need to ensure that a CSN/club partnership is in place, agree outline of GBI project delivery and remain in close contact with their County Sport Partnership as it is they who need to be contacted to apply for this funding stream.

Sport Unlimited

Sport England have allocated £36 million in 'Sport Unlimited' - a nationwide initiative to get more children and young people taking part in sports that interest them most outside of school.

The three-year programme will enable 900,000 more 11-19 year olds to choose from a vast range of sports including several in which Team GB has excelled at the 2008 Olympics such as sailing and cycling as well as less traditional sports like dodgeball, snowboarding and American football.

Sport Unlimited offers young people 10-week taster sessions in sports which they have requested and aims to get participants to join clubs and continue with sport when the 10 weeks are up.

Sport Unlimited will help Sport England to achieve its strategic goal of making a major contribution to the delivery of the five hour offer for children and young people.

For information on how to apply for this funding that can help your club set up and after school or weekend squash session for local school children please contact your local County Sport Partnership.



Premier League Creating Chances - 'Places for Players'

'Places for Players' is part of Creating Chances, the Premier League's flagship community programme. Charities and good causes can win a Barclays Premier League football player and a cash donation to raise awareness of the good work they do in their community.

Twenty Barclays Premier League players will make an appearance to the winning good causes who will also receive a donation of £4,000. 100 runners up (five per Premier League club) will also receive £4,000 each. Any not-for-profit organisation, school, scout/guide group, voluntary organisation or organisation receiving voluntary aid is able to apply. There does not need to be any previous link to football and Squash clubs are eligible to apply.

The 2008 deadline for receipt of applications is 1 September 2008

Email creatingchances@premierleague.com

Sports Lottery

This is an opportunity for clubs to gain income from their existing website without having to work too hard.

All clubs need to do is join the Sports Lottery Affiliate Program and place one of their banner ads on the club's website. When visitors click on the banner and buy tickets, the club get a fee for the sale. The fee is the same as shop keepers get for selling National Lottery tickets which is 5p per ticket. Promoting the club website will bring in more visitors and therefore more sales and commission for the club.

The special Sports Lottery software tracks where sales come from and affiliates can log on to their account and monitor their sales at any time.

To get involved, just go to www.sportslottery.co.uk and click on the Affiliate Home button on the left and sign in. You can choose from several banner sizes and styles.

Becoming an affiliate with the www.sportslottery.co.uk can provide clubs with a steady stream of income and also help kids all over the country who benefit from the money raised by the lottery.

FREE WEBSITE

If you don't have a website and would like one FREE of Charge, call Sports Lottery on 0845 5275341 or e-mail: contact@sportslottery.co.uk.

MARS Refuel

MARS Refuel is giving consumers the opportunity to give their sports club a 'leg up' with the help of the MARS Refuel Fund. If your footie team is desperate for new goal posts or strip, or your kayak club need new paddles, the Mars Refuel Fund could help.

The fund, which runs from July 1st until December 31st 2008, has up to £10,000 to donate each month, with a maximum of £500 per applicant.

Whatever your team or club might need, the MARS Refuel Fund is offering support with anything from equipment costs, to improving training grounds and club houses.

You don't just have to be part of a team to benefit. The fund will also give support to individuals raising money for charity through sporting activities, such as bike rides, mountain climbing and parachute jumps.

Applications can be made online at www.marsrefuel.com.

Applicants must be 12 years or over and only one application will be accepted per person, club or organisation.

The fund is open to residents of, and clubs and organisations based in the UK and Republic of Ireland only.

The website will be regularly updated with the names of the people and clubs awarded each month. They will also be invited to post comments and pictures of themselves on an interactive community notice board.

Michelle Frost, General Manager for Mars Consumer Drinks says: "This is a fantastic opportunity for consumers to do something really positive for their sports teams or clubs.

"We know people enjoy recovering after a game with MARS Refuel, so we hope the on pack promotion will encourage them to log on and apply. What better way to help teams or individuals to work. rest. play longer than to support their sport related activities."

Grassroots Grants scheme

The Government's groundbreaking Grassroots Grants scheme declared itself open for business recently and called on small local voluntary and community groups across the East of England to come forward and get their hands on £13,574,255 of essential funding.



Whether it's helping local clubs get hold of new kit, coaching new volunteers or simply giving the village hall a fresh lick of paint, Grassroots Grants aim to make a real and immediate difference to the work of the East of England's small and local community groups.

In keeping the process as simple and easy as possible for applicants, the money is being distributed directly through local funders across the country.

The programme is offering grants of between £250 and £5,000 to voluntary and community groups with annual incomes below £20,000.

Businesses across England are also invited to get involved through investing in the scheme's innovative endowment match challenge - the first of its kind in England.

Within the £130million national programme, the Government has set aside a £50million pot from which it will match endowment investments from local businesses - offering them the chance to contribute directly to supporting and sustaining the communities in which they operate. The endowment element - which is also open to individual investors - aims to ensure that Grassroots Grants remain available for many years to come.

"Grassroots Grants is exciting as it provides funding for community groups now and into the future. Grassroots Grants reach out to grassroots groups that may have never even considered applying for grant funding before. The endowment match challenge enables local funders to continue this funding over the long-term, giving small community groups a real future.

"Grassroots Grants are all about building a strong, independent third sector, and the Community Development Foundation is delighted to be administering such an innovative programme."

There are 66 local funders who are ready and able to start taking donations and distributing grants directly in local areas across England over the upcoming years.

For any enquiries about the Grassroots Grants programme, please go to the website of their national delivery partner the Community Development Foundation and identify the number for your local funder:

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

