

Vale Centre for Voluntary Services (VCVS)

Your local county voluntary council



7. Finding and getting money

7.4.8 Funding sources for sports projects

Overview

The information sheet provides details of sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with sports projects. The entries in this sheet are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information. Your local county voluntary council (CVC) can also help you to identify sources of funding for your needs.

Sports Council for Wales

Sport Wales operates a number of funding schemes that aim to increase participation and improve performance in Welsh sport. Further detailed information on the grant schemes and eligibility criteria is included in the relevant guidelines available from Sport Wales.

Sportsmatch Cymru

A scheme providing a vital link between the commercial sector and the development of grass-roots sport, offering sports clubs and governing bodies support with projects that increase grass-roots participation, by match '£ for £' investment by the private sector.

Development

Sport Wales funds projects that develop sport and physical activity in the community. Grants are available from £1,501 to £25,000 for small scale facility projects.

Community Chest

This is a National Lottery funded grant aid scheme. It is designed to encourage more people to become more active more often. The maximum grant is £1,500 in any 12 month period.

Coach Cymru

This scheme, provides funds for the training, support and employment of coaches.

Élite Cymru

Providing the most highly promising athletes in Wales with the support they need to achieve their potential. This could include sports science support, medical back-up, career and education advice, coaching and access to training facilities. Applications for support are considered only for those sports and activities recognised by Sport Wales.

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Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW
Tel: 0845 045 0904
Fax: 0845 846 0014
info@sportwales.org.uk
www.sportwales.org.uk

Overseas Expeditions Development Support

A scheme to assist in funding overseas expeditions which will enhance the development of a sport. Grants are limited to a contribution of up to 50% of the estimated costs of travel, safety equipment and other essential materials.

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Cardiff, CF11 9SW
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Dickie Bird Foundation

Support for individuals and organisations throughout Great Britain with the aim of helping disadvantaged young people (under the age of 18) to participate in sport, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice, irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity.

By participating in sporting activities, it is hoped that health will be improved, physical education will be advanced, and chances both inside and outside sport will be enhanced. Maximum grant: £5,000.

Contact: The Dickie Bird Foundation,
60 Swincar Avenue, Yeadon, Leeds,
West Yorkshire LS19 7PF
Tel: 0775 9767489
info@thedickiebirdfoundation.org
www.thedickiebirdfoundation.org

Lord's Taverners Foundation

Funding available to encourage young people with disabilities to participate in sporting activities with the provision of manual sports wheelchairs, specially adapted minibuses and the support of the game of cricket at grass roots level.

Contact: Lord's Taverners Foundation,
10 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HX
Tel: 020 7821 2828
Fax: 020 7821 2829
hq@lordstaverners.org www.lordstaverners.org

Peter Harrison Foundation

The Foundation's Opportunities through Sport programme accepts applications from projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. This Programme is a nationwide one and applications are accepted from charities throughout the United Kingdom. Grants are often 'one off' grants for capital projects but the Foundation also considers revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project.

Contact: Peter Harrison Foundation,
Foundation House, 42 - 48 London Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 9QQ
Tel: 01737 228000
Fax: 01737 228001
enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org
www.peterharrisonfoundation.org

The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust Grant Scheme

Funding is available to voluntary, not-for-profit and charitable organisations. The grant scheme focuses on four key areas: sport, environment, the arts and the community. Although all organisations will be considered on their merit, priority will be given to organisations that provide for people who are disadvantaged by age, gender, disability, ethnicity or social and economic circumstance. Maximum grant: Local organisations £2,000; regional organisations £10,000; national organisations £20,000.

Contact:
The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust, The Coal Exchange,
Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10 5ED
Tel: 029 2049 4963
Fax: 029 2049 4964
mcst@fusionuk.org.uk
www.millenniumstadium.com

Sport Relief

A Comic Relief programme aimed at using sport as a means to bring young people together. The grant is distributed through the Community Foundation in Wales. Maximum grant: £5,000.

Contact: Sport Relief,
5th Floor, 89 Albert Embankment,
London SE1 7TP
Tel: 020 7820 5555
Fax: 020 7820 5500
ukgrants@comicrelief.org.uk
www.sportrelief.com

Betfair Cash-4-Clubs

A small grants scheme run by Betfair, an online bookmaker. They fund Equipment and coach education, amongst other things. A maximum of £1,000 is available. This is more or less Community Chest in disguise.

Contacts More details at:
www.cash-4-clubs.com/about-us/

Canoe Foundation

The 'Canoe Foundation,' the British Canoeing Union's charity arm, is working to change people's lives through the sport of canoeing. The Foundation is working to have a positive impact in five key areas: Young People, Equality, Facilities, International work and Heritage. A new website will be launched in the coming months, where lots of information and updates will be found.

Contact:
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Coalfields Regeneration Trust

The CRT is a registered charity giving out grants to coalfield communities. The main grants programme is hard to access, as it mainly shores up work left short by the Objective 1 programme. The main stream of interest for sport is the 'Bridging the Gap' programme. A maximum of £10,000 is available to voluntary and community group projects. The projects must be complete within 12 months, with the main criteria of interest being "an activity that gets people involved in physical activity or addresses a local health issue". More details and eligibility areas at:

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

Co-operative Community Fund

This is a grants programme for community groups, voluntary groups and clubs, with a maximum award of £5,000. Eligible communities are those with a local Co-op store, funeral parlour or bank. Examples of supported projects include netball kit, rugby kit, play equipment, swim equipment, football kit, rowing equipment and a new website for a gymnastics club.

Contact:

www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/

Football Foundation

The Foundation seeks to put into place a new generation of modern facilities in parks, local leagues and schools, to provide capital/revenue support to increase participation in grass roots football, to strengthen the links between football and the community and to harness its potential as a force for good in society. The Foundation operates a number of grant schemes.

Contact:

www.footballfoundation.org.uk/welcome

Football Stadia Funding

Grant aid for football clubs in the Football League, the Conference and the National League system in England and Wales to improve their facilities for players, officials and for spectators. Project costs that are considered include refurbishment, safety work, floodlighting, pitch drainage, toilets and provision for disabled spectators. An award of up to £2 million may be made for clubs in the Football League. For clubs in lower leagues, the maximum grant ceiling is less.

A minimum of 10% of total project costs will need to be provided from either the applicant's own or other sources. It is likely that this percentage will be higher in some cases. Funding is for Football clubs in the Football League, the Conference and the National League system. Applications may be made at any time.

Contact:

facilities@footballfoundation.org.uk

www.footballfoundation.org.uk

Football Grants for Funding Facilities

This Football Foundation grant is available to primarily support organisations that wish to build, develop and/or refurbish facilities in order to sustain and increase participation in football.

Capital costs, e.g. improving grass pitch drainage, changing rooms and pavilions and clubhouses. An element of revenue funding can be applied for if it is linked to a capital bid that does not exceed 20% of the grant requested

On any given application, the lower the percentage support from the Foundation, the more likely it is to be approved. The maximum level of funding remains at 90% of the total eligible project cost, up to a maximum of £1 million. However, a grant award approaching this level would be extremely rare

Applicants will be required to provide at least 10-50% of the project costs from their own or other sources

Funding is open to local authorities: education establishments, football clubs, multi-sport clubs, registered charities, not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee, industrial and provident societies and not-for-profit organisations

Contact:

www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/facilities-grants/

Gwirvol

GwirVol is a partnership between the third, public and private sectors, led by the views of young people in Wales. The Partnership exists to provide a framework to bring about a step change in the numbers and diversity of young volunteers and to give them more and better quality volunteering opportunities. This is a grant programme offering awards of up to £10,000 to organisations looking to develop new volunteering opportunities for young people.

Contact:

www.gwirvol.org/en/grants/

Heart Research UK

The Healthy Heart Grant programme supports innovative projects designed to promote heart health, and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants, and July and August for grants awarded in November.

Contact:

www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm

Landfill Tax Credit Scheme

This is for communities within a 10km radius of an operating landfill site. A maximum of £50,000 is available, although this depends on the local operator (Biffa, WREN etc). The proposed project needs a second funding partner, which could be a town/community council, who'll need to contribute at least 11% of the total cost. Previous projects include play areas and a skate park.

Contact:

www.entrust.org.uk/home/lcf

www.entrust.org.uk/home/lcf/funders-directory

National Task Force

NTF is a not-for-profit-making Social Enterprise, who creates, support and fund a wide variety of youth projects across the UK. With the ultimate aim of building safer communities through prevention, they have identified who is the most likely to commit crime and who is the most likely to become a victim of crime. The answer to both, is young people aged 13-25, during what is often referred to as 'Transition to Adulthood'.

"There is not ONE programme or method that is full-proof in engaging this age group of people; of course everyone's parental influence, circumstances and experiences make them individual and unique.

To diversely target this age group; we focus on six core projects:"

- Amateur Boxing
- Parkour
- Boxercise Classes
- Rock School
- Entrepreneur Courses
- Club Innocence

For more information visit www.ntf.me/about/

Npower Community Benefit Fund

This is a grant scheme for communities located nearby wind turbine developments. The funding mechanisms are set up locally to distribute certain pots of money to benefit local community projects. For example, in Carno, Powys, £31,523 was given out in 2008 (see the first link below). For other areas see the second link below, clicking portfolio/projects in operation/wind or hydro/location on map, and then click on the local community link on the left. It's also worth looking at the projects in development for future sites. Details of the Carno fund, plus links to other projects at: www.npower-renewables.com/carno/benefits.asp

People's Postcode Trust

This is a new funding stream for Wales, with grants of up to £5k currently available. The programme covers numerous areas, one of which is public sports. More information and an application at:

www.postcodetrust.org.uk/

The Rowing Foundation

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

Type The Foundation is anxious to help organisations and clubs 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

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Splash – Environment Agency

Splash is the water recreation challenge fund for Wales, its main premise being to provide new or improved access to water. Grants of up to 100% are available to both private and public bodies, and for both capital and revenue projects. Projects already supported include a new clubhouse, purchase of boats, fishing pegs for disabled anglers and purchase of surfing equipment. More information at:

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/recreation/100081.aspx

Tesco Charity Trust Community Award

Grants of up to £25,000 are available to communities located nearby a Tesco store, although the smaller grants programme with awards of up to £4,000 is easier to access. The eligibility area of interest is for equipment to provide direct benefit to children, elderly and disabled. Previously supported projects include playground equipment and specialist equipment for disabled. More details at:

www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/making_difference/charitablegiving/tesco_charity_trust/

Wells Sports Foundation

The sports grants scheme has been established to create a lasting legacy for future generations through the development of club sport. Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available for projects that support the development and sustainability of sports clubs, for example to purchase equipment or coach education. More info at: www.wellssportsfoundation.org/grassroots-sport/sport-grants.aspx

Welsh Football Trust

A grants programme run by Welsh Grounds Improvement, a joint venture between the Welsh Football Trust and Football Association of Wales. Funding is available for pitch-side improvements such as a new stand, pitch drainage, dug-outs and spectator seating, amongst others. Open to clubs playing in the following – Welsh Premier League, Cymru Alliance League, Welsh League (Div 1 & 2), Spar Mid Wales League, Welsh Alliance League and Welsh National League (Wrexham). More details are available at: www.welshfootballtrust.org.uk/welsh-grounds-improvements

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