

# Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

## 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

The Sports Council for 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 the Sports Council.

#### Coach Cymru

A Welsh Assembly Government and Lottery Sports Fund for Wales funded scheme, providing 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 the Sports Council for Wales.

#### Facility Development

A National Lottery funded capital scheme aimed at improving sports facilities at both a local and national level, in areas identified as having the greatest levels of recreational, sporting and financial need. Projects must demonstrate lasting and maximum sport benefit as well as value for money.

#### Girls First Initiative

An initiative for Welsh secondary schools aimed at encouraging girls to participate in after school sporting activities. A maximum of £1,000 is available per school.

#### 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. The level of grant rarely exceeds £1,000.

#### Minor Grants

Providing funding for projects that create new, additional or improved opportunities to play sport. The scheme is used widely to encourage individuals, families and communities to become more active. Total project costs cannot exceed £12,500.

## **SPORTLOT Community Chest**

A National Lottery funded grant scheme aimed at developing sport at grass roots level, particularly for young people, women and girls and disadvantaged groups. Decision-making for grants below £1,000 is carried out at a local level. Committees have been established in each of the 22 Welsh local authorities, made up of local people with knowledge of sport in the area.

### **Sports Safety**

A scheme to assist national sports safety organisations, sports safety clubs and rescue teams to provide safety and rescue cover for people taking part in recreational activities in the natural environment. Eligible activities include capital schemes, replacement of specialist equipment and special projects to raise participation and/or standards. Maximum grants awarded are 75% of total project costs to a limit of £7,500 for capital expenditure and £2,500 for revenue expenditure.

### **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.

**Contact:** Sports Council For Wales,  
Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW  
Tel: 0845 045 0904  
Fax: 029 2030 0600  
[scw@scw.co.uk](mailto:scw@scw.co.uk)  
[www.sports-council-wales.co.uk](http://www.sports-council-wales.co.uk)

## **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](mailto:info@thedickiebirdfoundation.org)  
[www.thedickiebirdfoundation.org](http://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](mailto:hq@lordstaverners.org)  
[www.lordstaverners.org](http://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.

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Fax: 01737 228001  
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[www.peterharrisonfoundation.org](http://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](mailto:mcst@fusionuk.org.uk)  
[www.millenniumstadium.com](http://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,  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 89 Albert Embankment,  
London SE1 7TP  
Tel: 020 7820 5555  
Fax: 020 7820 5500  
[ukgrants@comicroelief.org.uk](mailto:ukgrants@comicroelief.org.uk)  
[www.sportrelief.com](http://www.sportrelief.com)

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### For further information contact

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