

Community Sports Fund

Closing dates for applications to this award: 28th February 2010

Aspirations of the Fund

The Community Sports Fund (CSF) is a Grant Aid scheme aimed at helping local sports clubs and organisations, by supporting new projects that encourage additional people to get involved in sport.

Scope of the Award

The award is a maximum of £2000 for Clubmark clubs (£1500 for other organisations and clubs that haven't achieved Clubmark) and only one application will be considered in any financial year.

Awards will be made to successful applicants to help with costs such as coaching fees, facility hire, equipment costs and publicity costs. This must be spent within 12 months of the application being awarded.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for this fund, applicants must:

- Be a club or organisation based in Nottinghamshire
- Not have yet started the project
- Ensure the project is completed within 12 months of the start date
- Be not for profit
- Be listed on www.intosport.org.uk
- Organisations must be affiliated to their national governing body. New organisations will need to demonstrate their intent to affiliate.

Either hold Clubmark accreditation OR

- Be constituted
- Hold a bank account with at least two signatories
- Have a coach with a suitable National Governing Body qualification
- Involve a sport with a national governing body recognised by Sport England or a national disability sports organisation.
- Be in receipt of the NGB child protection policy and work towards the procedures laid down. (these cover issues like CRB checks and sports specific guidance on contact issues).
- Appoint a welfare officer who is made known to all members. This person will either have attended, or signed up to attend in the next 2 months, recognised child protection training,
- Adopt codes of conduct for all coaches, officials and volunteers working with young people and children.
- Have access to first aid at all coaching and competition sessions.
- Have emergency procedures for dealing with serious injuries / accidents, including telephone / radio contact with the emergency services.
- Include contact details of parents / carers and emergency / alternative contacts on the membership form.
- Have means of collecting information on any medical conditions of young people at the club and inform club personnel where appropriate.

Criteria

Applicants will be judged against the following criteria:

- The project involves a development programme intended to involve **additional** people in sport through a structured programme of activities
- The project aims to develop new or existing coaching and player performance
- The project provides a structured exit route for all participants
- The project meets our sports equity statement
- The support of a sports development officer from the district or National Governing Body
- The project is realistic and achievable

Application and decision process

Applications will be submitted to the Community Sports Fund Panel. Applicants will be informed of the panel's decision within one calendar month of the closing date. The decision of the panel will be final.

Should the panel feel that an application would be better suited to a different funding source, then the applicant will be contacted.

Priority will be given to voluntary sports clubs and organisations.

Conditions of the award

Applicants will be required to sign to agree to the following conditions:

- Appropriate recognition must be given to Nottinghamshire County Council in any media coverage received by the individual.
- Funded organisations must be willing to be involved in promotional material undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council in the promotion of the Community Sports Fund.
- Funded organisations will be required to complete a progress report stating their achievements, and provide information for a case study.
- Nottinghamshire County Council reserves the right to reclaim any grant that is deemed not to have been used against expenses identified in the agreement
- Completion of audit proforma