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**Introduction**

Below is a list of available funding we are aware of via a subscription to Grant Finder and receipt of Funding 4 Sport updates.

The earliest deadline of the funding opportunities in this newsletter is 20th October. A lot of funding opportunities have opened up that are sport specific compared to our last funding newsletter.

The Council’s Sports Development Team, are available to support any organisation looking to secure funding for a sport or physical activity based project. As a team of sports development specialists, we have considerable experience of bid writing and can provide support you on request.

**Funding for individuals**

**Dickie Bird Foundation**

Summary: Support for individuals throughout Great Britain with the aim of helping disadvantaged young people (under the age of 16) to participate in sport, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice, irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity.

Who is eligible? Individuals in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) that are under the age of 16 years at the time of making the application are eligible to apply. A grant will only be considered if the individual is unable to raise the necessary finance required as a result of disadvantaged circumstances. Applicants will need to show that circumstances are such that they are unable to raise the finance necessary through any other means.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Grants Officer
Dickie Bird Foundation
3 The Tower
Tower Drive
Arthington Lane
Pool-in-Wharfedale
Otley
LS21 1NQ
Tel: 07503 641457
Funding for Groups, Clubs and Organisations

**BBC - Sports Unsung Hero Award**

Summary: This award is designed to pay tribute to those who help others to take part in sport. It features people of all ages and from all walks of life involved in the running of sport at any level on a purely voluntary basis, without any financial reward.

Who is eligible? Nominees should be someone who is dedicating their life to promoting sport in their community, taking no reward from it other than the pleasure of helping others to take part and enjoy their sport.

**Nominees must:**

- Be either an individual or no more than two people who are both involved in the same sporting activity.
- Be aged 18 or over on 1 January 2014 (there is no upper age limit), and be living in the UK.
- Help amateurs participate in a sports activity.
- Offer help that does not form part of their job or take place at their place of work.
- Help voluntarily with no financial reward.
- Have consented to be nominated.
- In the opinion of the nominator be deserving of a BBC award and not bring the BBC into disrepute.

Only one nomination is permitted per person. Nominators should declare any professional or personal relationship with the person or people nominated.

Deadline - 20th October 2014

Contact:
BBC Sports Unsung Hero Awards 2014
The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)
BBC Birmingham
Level 10
The Mailbox
Birmingham
B1 1AY
E-Mail: unsunghero@bbc.co.uk

**Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation**

Summary: The Foundation provides grant funding in England and Wales in support of a wide range of charitable projects in the areas of: Community; Education; Arts; Health; Social Welfare; Emergency and Armed Forces; Environment; Animal Welfare; and Amateur Sports.

Who is eligible? Applications are welcomed from registered charities and registered Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC) in England and Wales.
Boost Charitable Trust

Summary: Grants are available to organisations in the UK helping disabled and disadvantaged individuals participate in sport.

Who is eligible? Charities and non-profit making organisations in the UK that have a focus on sport are eligible to apply.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Lucy Till
Building On Overlooked Sporting Talent (BOOST) Charitable Trust
5 St Bride Street
London
EC4A 4AS
Tel: 020 7078 1955
E-Mail: lucy.till@boostct.org

Bruce Wake Charitable Trust

Summary: Grant for the provision of leisure activities for the disabled in the UK.

Who is eligible? Charitable organisations in the UK are eligible to apply. Applications on behalf of individuals will only be accepted through a charitable organisation or equivalent recognised body.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Enquiries
Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
PO Box 9335
Oakham
Rutland
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LE15 0ET  
Tel: 0844 879 3349

**BBC - Sports Unsung Hero Award**

Summary: Award for individuals or voluntary and community groups in the UK undertaking adventurous activities.

Who is eligible? Individuals and groups in the UK are eligible to apply.

Deadline - 31st March 2015

Contact:  
The Secretary  
The Captain Scott Society  
c/o United Services Mess  
Westminster Chambers  
Wharton Street  
Cardiff  
CF10 1AG

**Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme (CASC)**

Summary: This scheme allows community sports organisations throughout the UK to benefit from a range of tax reliefs, including Gift Aid.

Who is eligible? Formally constituted property and non-property owning sports clubs are eligible to register, provided that they:

- **Are open to the whole community:**  
  - Membership of the club is open to all without discrimination.  
  - The club's facilities are available to all members without discrimination.  
  - Any fees are set at a level that does not pose a significant obstacle to membership or use of the club's facilities (clubs with inherently expensive activities - such as sailing or polo - should show that membership and participation is within the financial reach of the wider community).

- **Are organised on an amateur basis:**  
  - Operate on a non-profit making basis (any surplus income or gains must be reinvested in the club and not distributed to members or third parties).  
  - Provides for members and guests only the ordinary benefits of an amateur sports club.  
  - The governing document requires any net assets on the dissolution of the club to be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes.  
  - Provide facilities for and promote participation in one or more eligible sports as their main purpose.  
  - Engage in a sport recognised by Sport England.

Deadline - Open for Applications
Community Amateur Sports Clubs - Tax Relief

Summary: A range of tax relief measures with the aim of supporting UK community amateur sports clubs (CASCs).

Who is eligible? The tax relief package is open to any CASC which meets the following statutory definition and is based in the UK:

• Formally constituted.
• Non-profit making.
• All the club's facilities are available to members without discrimination.
• Open to the whole community without discrimination.
• Organised on an amateur basis.
• Provides facilities for, and promotes participation in, one or more eligible sports.

Eligible sports are as those recognised by the national Sports Councils, details of which can be found at the following website: [http://www.sportengland.org/](http://www.sportengland.org/)

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Enquiries
HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
Sports Club Unit
St John's House
Merton Road
Bootle
L69 9BB

Peter Harrison Foundation - Opportunities through Sport Programme

Summary: Grants are available to charities within the UK running sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and develop personal and life skills.

Who is eligible? The Foundation accepts applications from the following organisations throughout the UK:

• Registered charities.
• Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC).
• Friendly Societies or Industrial Provident Societies.
• Organisations in Scotland and in Northern Ireland whose charitable status is recognised by HM Revenue & Customs.
Local branches of national charities may apply, but they must have a separate legal constitution or the endorsement of their national Head Office.

Deadline - Open for Applications

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

**Sport England - Small Grants Programme**

Summary: Financial assistance is available to help not-for-profit sports clubs, local authorities and schools in England to carry out local community sports projects.

Who is eligible? Not-for-profit organisations including:
• Registered charity
• Formally constituted not-for-profit organisation with charitable dissolution clause
• Parish, Town, District, County or Unitary Authority
• School, Further Education establishment or Primary Care Trust

Applicants must:
• Have no unmanaged debts or liabilities
• Have at least three unrelated or non-cohabiting members of the committee
• Have suitable governance controls to manage a grant from Sport England (eg regular committee meetings, financial reporting etc.)

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Funding Enquiries
Sport England
2 Loughborough Park
Oakwood Drive
Loughborough
LE11 3QF
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Tel: 08458 508 508  
E-Mail: info@sportengland.org

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**Sported**

Summary: Funding to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people through sport in the UK.

Who is eligible? Voluntary and community sports organisations in the UK that are premium members of Sported are eligible for funding. Membership of Sported is free and can be applied for at the following link (opens in a new window).

The Small Grant is available to groups that:
- Have a constitution and a management committee including a chairperson, treasurer and secretary as a minimum.
- Have a turnover of under £50,000 a year.
- Are not receiving support from a Mentor.
- Have a bank account in the Member organisation's name, with a minimum of two signatories and have financial procedures in place.
- Will be able to spend the grant within one year of it being awarded.

The Large Grants Programme is only available to members who are receiving support from a Mentor.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:  
Enquiries  
Sported  
20 St James's Street  
London  
SW1A 1ES  
Tel: 020 7389 1905  
E-Mail: info@sported.org.uk
Sport Specific Funding Opportunities

**Alpine Club Climbing Fund**

Summary: The aim of the Alpine Club Climbing Fund is to support expeditions comprising UK club members (or whose application for membership has been received by the Membership Secretary) that have an exploratory element or are attempting a new or unique project.

Who is eligible? Expeditions comprising Alpine Club members, or whose application for membership has been received by the Membership Secretary, are eligible to apply for grants.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Enquiries
The Alpine Club
55 Charlotte Road
London
EC2A 3QF
E-Mail: climbing.fund@alpine-club.org.uk

**Bowls England - Development Loans**

Summary: Interest-free loan finance available for bowls clubs in England to improve their facilities.

Who is eligible? Loans are available to all clubs and county associations that have been affiliated to Bowls England for a minimum of three years.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Enquiries
Bowls England
Riverside House
Milverton Hill
Royal Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV32 5HZ
Tel: 01926 334609
E-Mail: enquiries@bowlsengland.com
**Bowls England - Greens Loans Scheme**

Summary: Loan finance available for bowls clubs in England to maintain their lawn green bowling surfaces.

Who is eligible? Loans are available to all Bowls England-affiliated clubs and county associations.

If the total Greens Loan is £5,000 or over then the club also need guarantors.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Arnold Goad
Bowls England
Lyndhurst Road
Worthing
West Sussex
BN11 2AZ
Tel: 01926 612280
E-Mail: arnold.goad@talktalk.net

**EMDA Open Bursary Scheme**

Summary: The Open Bursary Scheme offers financial support to passionate individuals hoping to train or develop their career in teaching Exercise, Movement and Dance.

Who is eligible? The bursary is available to anyone wanting to take an exercise, movement and dance qualification or course.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Head Office
Unit 14, Graylands Estate
Langhurstwood Road, Horsham
West Sussex
RH12 4QD
Tel: 01403 266 000
E-Mail: training@emdp.org

**England & Wales Cricket Trust - Loan Scheme**

Summary: Interest-free loans are available to cricket clubs in England and Wales to finance capital projects, including renovations, to improve facilities which contribute to increased participation in cricket.
Who is eligible? Cricket clubs in England and Wales are eligible to apply for a loan. Clubs must:
• Be affiliated to the ECB via their County Cricket Board (CCB)
• Have a junior section (a cricket club with a junior section is defined as a cricket club that offers appropriate coaching and competition to cricketers under the age of 18)
• Be registered (and actively working towards, or obtained) ECB Clubmark Accreditation or similar industry accreditation.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
England and Wales Cricket Board
C/o The County Cricket Ground
Old Trafford
Manchester
M16 0PX
Tel: 0161 877 6643

Football Association - Funding for Leagues

Summary: Funding is available to support football leagues in England (outside the National League System) so they can purchase equipment that assists in the administration of that league.

Who is eligible? To qualify for grant aid, the league must fulfil the following criteria:
• Must be located in England.
• Must be FA or County FA affiliated.
• Must be outside the National League System.
• Must be below Step W4 in the Women’s Pyramid of Football.
• Must be 11-a-side/youth/mini-soccer/small-sided (non-commercial) league.
• Must be non-profit-making.

Applications will only be accepted from leagues that did not receive grant aid in the previous Season from this scheme.

Deadline - 1st May 2015

Contact:
Leagues and Clubs Administrator
The Football Association
Wembley Stadium
PO Box 1966
London
SW1P 9EQ
Tel: 0844 980 8200 # 4593
E-Mail: zuzana.brutenicova@thefa.com
**Football Foundation - Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund**

Summary: Funding is available to support the development of new or refurbished local football facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces, for the benefit of communities in England.

Who is eligible? Football clubs, professional clubs' community trusts, multi-sport clubs, local authorities, all educational establishments, registered charitable organisations, not for profit companies limited by guarantee, industrial and provident societies, and unincorporated not for profit organisations in England are eligible to apply.

Priority for applications involving professional club community programmes will be given to projects that are located within areas of high deprivation (as defined by the Governments Indices of Deprivation). For projects outside of these areas, priority will be given to those that can demonstrate that they draw a significant proportion of their participants from neighbouring deprived areas.

Schemes that are a joint application between professional club community schemes and grassroots football will be prioritised, as will those supporting 3G AGPs.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Enquiries
The Football Foundation
Whittington House
19-30 Alfred Place
London
WC1E 7EA
Tel: 0845 345 4555
Fax: 0845 345 7057
E-Mail: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk

**Football Foundation - Stadia Improvement Fund**

Summary: Grant aid for football clubs in the Football League and the National League System down to step 7 and below in England and Wales who want to improve their facilities for players, officials and for spectators.

Who is eligible? Clubs in the Football League and the National League System down to step 7 and below in England and Wales are eligible to apply.

Clubs must own either the freehold of the site to be developed or have a lease with at least ten years left before it runs out. Clubs with a licence agreement may be eligible, but each licence agreement will be considered separately.

Deadline - Open for Applications
Nick Estcourt Award

Summary: Funding for UK-based expeditions that are attempting an objective of considerable mountaineering significance.

Who is eligible? UK-based expedition teams are eligible to apply for the Award. All expedition members must prove their mountaineering experience and suitability to attempt the objective.
At least 50% of the applicants must be British and the expedition must have a British leader.

Deadline - 21st December 2014

Contact:
Enquiries
Nick Estcourt Award
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Grindleford
Hope Valley
Derbyshire
S32 2JN
Tel: 01433 639378
E-Mail: info@nickestcourtaward.org

Rowing Foundation

Summary: Grants to support rowing in Britain with preference shown to encouraging participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment.

Who is eligible? Funding is available to schools, organisations and clubs in Britain that are involved in the water elements of the sport of Rowing and who are individually affiliated to British Rowing (other than via their governing body).

Deadline - 10th November 2014
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Contact:
Robert Moore  
Rowing Foundation  
2 Roehampton Close  
London  
SW15 5LU  
Tel: 020 8878 3723  
E-Mail: applications@therowingfoundation.org.uk

Rugby Football Foundation - Groundmatch Grants
Summary: Grants for amateur rugby clubs in order to encourage the recruitment and retention of rugby players in England.

Who is eligible? All clubs at level five and below in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship (ie the leagues) are eligible to apply to the scheme.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
RFF Administrator  
Rugby Football Foundation  
Rugby House  
Twickenham Stadium  
200 Whitton Road  
Twickenham  
TW2 7BA  
Tel: 020 8831 7985  
E-Mail: foundation@therfu.com

Rugby Football Foundation - Helping Hand Grants
Summary: Funding is available to enable rugby clubs in England to carry out capital projects.

Who is eligible? All clubs at level five and below in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship (ie the leagues) can apply.  
To be eligible, clubs must:
• Have a constitution.  
• Have a bank account in the club’s name.  
• Have evidence of security of tenure of at least one year.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
RFF Administrator  
Rugby Football Foundation
Rugby House
Twickenham Stadium
200 Whitton Road
Twickenham
TW2 7BA
Tel: 020 8831 7985
E-Mail: foundation@therfu.com

**Rugby Football Foundation - Interest Free Loan Scheme**

Summary: Interest free loans are available to clubs to help finance capital projects which contribute to the recruitment and retention of community rugby players in England.

Who is eligible? All clubs at level 4 and below in the English Clubs Rugby Union Championship (ie the leagues) are eligible to apply to the scheme.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact: RFF Administrator
Rugby Football Foundation
Rugby House
Twickenham Stadium
200 Whitton Road
Twickenham
TW2 7BA
Tel: 020 8831 7985
E-Mail: foundation@therfu.com

**RYA Foundation**

Summary: Grant for sailing clubs in the UK undertaking sailing projects for disabled people.

Who is eligible? RYA-affiliated sailing clubs and centres, and other organisations in Great Britain that are seeking to develop their facilities for disadvantaged people may apply for grant funding. Applicants may be registered charities, charitable companies, or members-only clubs. The organisation should have a recognised governing document (such as a trust deed or constitution) and a formal management committee.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Lorna Conder
RYA Foundation
RYA House
Ensign Way
**Sports Aid - National Grants**

Summary: Assistance for talented young sportsmen and women (12-18 years old or up to 35 for disability sports) who participate in specific sports. Funding is given to amateur sports people as they prepare to compete in major international competition.

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

SportsAid applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Location: live and train in the UK.
- Age: between 12 and 18 years old, or up to 35 for disability sports.

Details of the sports supported, average annual awards, number of sports people sponsored, qualifying achievement level and the sport’s National Governing Body are available at the following link.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
Enquiries
SportsAid
21 Bloomsbury Street
London
WC1B 3HF
Tel: 020 7273 1975
E-Mail: mail@sportsaid.org.uk

**The National Hockey Foundation**

Summary: The Foundation aims to encourage the development and growth of hockey by providing capital and operational funding to the sport through clubs and educational establishments in England and by support to England Hockey’s youth development activities.

Who is eligible? Grants can be awarded to clubs, limited companies, registered charities and other bodies in England. Other bodies can include not-for-profit organisations, schools, colleges and universities as long as the application completely meets the aims of the foundation.

Applications that are supported by England Hockey are favoured.
World Class Pathway

Summary: Allocated funding - this programme aims to financially support top sports people in the UK to compete against the best athletes in the world by providing them with all the necessary components to perform and win at the highest level.

Who is eligible? Funding is allocated to national governing bodies of sport according to need and previous performance.

Deadline - Open for Applications

Contact:
UK Sport
40 Bernard Street
London
WC1N 1ST
Tel: 020 7211 5100
Fax: 020 7211 5246
E-Mail: info@uksport.gov.uk