



Bi-Weekly Club Newsletter

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Wells Sports Foundation

What is it?

The Sports Grants Scheme has been established to create a lasting legacy for future generations through the development of club sport.

How much can we apply for?

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to sports clubs to support worthwhile projects.

Who can apply?

They are looking to fund projects that support the development and sustainability of sports clubs. For example - projects that need equipment that is specifically focused on increasing participation, CRBs for volunteers, coaching qualifications and refereeing/umpiring courses.

What is eligible?

They will only accept applications from sports clubs that meet all of the criteria in our self assessment checklist:

- The project supports the development of grassroots sport for young people aged between 5-18
- The club has achieved ClubMark
- The club has at least one partnership agreement with a local state school
- The club has raised at least 50% of the funds required for the overall project and can provide evidence of this if required
- The remaining funding requirement for the project is between £500 and £2,000 and the overall project cost does not exceed £5,000
- The club understands that the grant may not be available for up to 90 days from the Panel assessment date
- The club agrees to the terms and conditions that will form part of the Grant Agreement
- The club can provide a copy of its latest financial accounts
- The applicant is an Officer of the club

What don't they fund?

- Individuals
- Staffing costs
- Administration
- Management fees
- Travel expenses
- Bid preparation
- Trophies
- League entry fees
- Fines
- Outsourcing
- Maintenance costs
- Sponsorship
- Items which only benefit an individual, for example, bursaries, kit and equipment that is not shared

- Costs incurred or expenditure committed (including deposits) before the date of the offer letter

Can a club reapply if its application is unsuccessful?

Whilst they do not restrict clubs from reapplying, they urge you to consider why your application may have been unsuccessful in the past against the criteria.

Want to apply?

An application pack can be found at www.wellssportsfoundation.org. When completed email an electronic copy to info@wellssportsfoundation.org. Please send a completed and signed hard copy of the application pack to the **Wells Sports Foundation, CityLab, 4-6 Dalton Square, Lancaster, LA1 1PP** and retain a copy of your application pack for your records.

How long will it take?

The closing date for grant applications is the 10th of every month. An electronic copy and hard copy of your application pack is required by this date. If your application is received after the month's closing date, it will be rolled forward into the next month. Your completed application pack must have been received before being progressed to the next stage. You will be sent an email confirming that your application has been received and when the application will be assessed.

If your application does not meet all of their criteria then it will not be processed further. A panel assessment will be completed by the last day of every month. You will receive notification of whether your application has been successful within 90 days of this date. During this time, the Foundation may wish to contact you for more information.

What makes a good application?

Your club's application must be typed and you are also required to provide a copy of your club's most recent financial accounts in support of your application. They receive a high volume of applications and want to achieve the best possible results and work with clubs that can truly make a difference. They assess all eligible club applications and identify those which score the highest based on their assessment criteria on a monthly basis, as opposed to working on a first come, first served basis.

Wells Sports Foundation – Sporting Ambassadors

They have 14 world class athletes who are Ambassadors that will visit qualifying grassroots sports events to engage with young people and inspire them to participate in sport.

The Ambassadors are all in training full-time for the 2012 Olympics, so visits are limited to areas local to them. Our Ambassadors include swimmers, track and field athletes, triathletes and modern pentathletes who are able to carry out the following activities:

- Activity days
- Coaching sessions
- Small group sessions

They will only accept applications from schools, sports clubs and other community organisations that are planning an event that meets all of the criteria in our self assessment checklist.

Self-Assessment Checklist

- The event will be held in one of the following areas: Aberdeenshire, Avon, Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Merseyside, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire.

- The event aims to deliver the following themes: the importance of health and fitness; promoting participation in sport; and leadership and volunteering in sport.
- The organisation hosting the event has a detailed plan for the event and has a clear idea of what is expected of the Ambassador on the day.
- The planned date for the event is at least 6 weeks away.
- The event will target young people between the age of 10 and 18.
- You are happy for a Wells Sports Foundation representative to attend and be significantly involved in the event.

Download an expression of interest form at:

<https://creatingexcellence.wufoo.com/forms/sporting-ambassador-scheme/>