



## **Leeds Covid-19 Sport Equipment Grant**

The grants are intended to support Leeds sport clubs (who have been severely financially impacted by COVID-19) with the purchasing of essential equipment that is necessary to re starting their sports activities.

### **Introduction**

The Leeds Sports Grant has been amended to reflect the impact of Covid-19 on community sports clubs. The grants are intended to enable local clubs to recommence their sport participation activity to allow more opportunities for people to be physically active. The grants are administered by LCC Active Leeds with support from partners - a small panel of LCC, Leeds Sports Federation and Sport Leeds. Please note, this grant is a replacement for the previous 'Leeds Sports Grants' that were administered by Leeds Sports Federation.

The total funding pot is small and demand is likely to be high therefore, priority will be given to clubs who are located in areas of higher deprivation or those who are offering activity that helps to increase participation of under-represented (in physical activity) including those with a disability, of a BAME community, and females – within these groups, young people will also be prioritised.

The grants will be made to support the purchase of essential sports equipment to enable the restart of activity, in line with Government and National Governing Body guidelines.

## **COVID-19 GRANT GUIDANCE**

### **Eligibility**

#### **Who can apply?**

Non-profit making sports clubs located within Leeds City Council administrative boundary

#### **Who cannot apply?**

Educational establishments (schools, colleges, universities)

#### **What will we fund?**

Grants of £100-300 for essential sports equipment only

#### **What won't we fund?**

Items other than sports equipment such as: administration, kit, coaching/staffing, venue hire or operational running costs.

## **Constitution and governance**

Eligible clubs must operate an open membership system.

Clubs working with young people and/or vulnerable adults must have safeguarding policies in place.

Applications will only be considered from clubs who are affiliated to their national or regional Governing Body and/or are a bona fide club. Applications will not be accepted from leagues.

All Sport England recognised sports are eligible but the Grants Panel may consider other sports, at its discretion.

## **GRANT CRITERIA**

- Priority will be given to applications seeking to increase physical activity participation in underrepresented groups. This includes clubs located in areas of higher deprivation, people with a disability, of a BAME community, and females – within these groups, young people will also be prioritised
- Evidence of need for a grant must be submitted by telling us about how your club has been impacted by Covid-19.
- Financial information: demonstrate why your club needs this funding and forward the following to: [sport.club.development@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sport.club.development@leeds.gov.uk)

Include all of the following:

1. Copy of most recent accounts (showing latest income and expenditure)
2. Bank/building society balance

Grants will not be awarded if the panel consider the applicant to have sufficient other sources of funding or reserves of income unless there is a clear reason for this, which must be explained in the supporting information.

- The Grant awards of £100 minimum and £300 maximum.
- Where applications are made by clubs, the grant award will be deemed to have been made to that club. In no circumstances must the equipment granted be transferred to another club unless with the express permission of the Grants Panel.
- Only one grant will be awarded per financial year (1st April to 31st March).
- Clubs account details must be provided (personal accounts will not be accepted).
- No application will be considered if the applicant has already incurred the expenditure that constituted the grant claim.

- Purchase of equipment must not be made until notification of grant award. If granted, recipient clubs must provide receipts / evidence of all purchases which must not pre-date the date of grant notification. This evidence must be presented within 3 calendar months of the date of the award and failure to do so may hinder future applications.
- Application Forms are available and to be completed online, together with the required financial information.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Applications will usually be reviewed on a monthly basis. Applications should be received no later than 1 week before the closing date as shown on the website.