

# Active Leeds Sport Club Development

## A Quick Guide to Funding

A guide to local, regional and national funding schemes to support the development of sport, physical activity and recreation in Leeds

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# Introduction

The table below provides a quick reference guide for local sports clubs, not for profit groups and other community based organisations that are involved, or would like to be involved in developing and actively promoting sport and recreation opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.




This could be improving facilities such as grass and all weather pitches, changing rooms or multi use games areas, recruiting and training more coaches and volunteers, purchasing kit and equipment, setting up a new team and organising sporting activities for young people and adults, particularly groups who are traditionally underrepresented in sports such as women and girls, disabled people, black and ethnic minorities. Some funding organisations are also keen to support projects in the most disadvantaged areas of the city, where there is a clear lack of facilities and opportunities to take part in sport and recreation.





This list is by no means exhaustive, as there may be other funding which specifically support projects for things such as volunteering, children and young people etc. but the aim is to provide organisations, both large and small with a starting point, when looking for project funding to support capital and revenue projects, where sport, physical activity and recreation is the main focus. In the first instance, potential applicants should look at the funding websites (where applicable) to find out more about the schemes and which ones are most likely to match their project ideas and/or call the funder to see if you are eligible to apply and that the scheme is still running. Sports clubs are also encouraged to contact their National Governing Bodies of Sport for advice, as they may be able to provide some direct funding or offer guidance on other funding streams that are available for their sport.





**\*please note:**




Other funding is sometimes available at a very local, community based level depending on the type of project and funding amount required. For broader and wider funding options please download the adjoining guide for volunteer and community groups.




For further information or advice, or for general funding enquiries please contact Active Leeds on: [sport.club.development@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:sport.club.development@leeds.gov.uk) and they will put you in touch with one of Leeds City Councils Active Leeds Officers.




Grant Provider	Type	Amount	Who can apply	Information	Contact/website details
<b>SPORT ENGLAND Community Asset Fund</b> 	Capital	Anticipated size of bids: £1,000 to £150,000	Sports clubs and community groups	<p>The Community Asset Fund is the capital fund dedicated to enhancing the spaces in your local community. Whether it's the park you run through, the hall you do classes in or the pitch you play on, welcoming and accessible spaces have a big impact on a person's experience – and likelihood of coming back.</p> <p>Traditional sports facilities where people spend time getting active are an important part of this, but it can be much wider too. It doesn't have to be a traditional space – or a traditional sport.</p>	03458 508508 <a href="https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/">https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/</a>
<b>SPORT ENGLAND Small Grants</b> 	Participation Equipment	£300 - £10,000	Not for profit organisations, statutory body, and educational establishments	<p>Small Grants want to support projects that help everyone to take part in physical activity whether this is formal sport or informal activity aiming to help people lead more active lifestyles.</p> <p>Some people and communities face real barriers to getting active. Our funding can support your project to run activities that help overcome these barriers, and not just formal or traditional sports.</p>	03458 508508 <a href="http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/small-grants/">www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/small-grants/</a>
<b>SPORT ENGLAND Club Matters</b> 	Free Resources	Free on line Support, seminars and mentoring	Sports clubs	'Club Matters' provides free training and support to those doing the day-to-day running of community sport, helping create a robust, economically sustainable and enterprising club network. Key areas of support include finance, business planning, and marketing	<a href="http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/">http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/</a>

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<b>Postcode Community Trust</b> 	Participation / Capital	£500 - £20,000	Sport Clubs	<p>Postcode Community Trust provides project based funding in Great Britain under the themes 'Improving community health &amp; wellbeing, Arts &amp; physical recreation and Reducing isolation.</p> <p>There are two funding rounds a year during which organisations can apply. Those successful at Stage 1 progress to Stage 2. If successful at Stage 2 the organisation will receive the total funds requested in their application.</p>	<a href="https://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/">https://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/</a>
<b>National Sports Foundation</b> Cash 4 clubs 	Participation / Equipment / Capital	£500 - £1000	Affiliated sports clubs	<p>Cash4Clubs is a sports funding scheme, giving clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, buy new equipment, gain qualifications and invest in the sustainability of their organisation.</p>	<a href="http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/">http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/</a>
<b>Mondegreen Caird Peckfield</b> 	Landfill Capital	£50,000 maximum	Not for profit organisations Sports clubs	<p>Grants will be available for community and environmental projects. For capital projects only</p>	<a href="http://www.mondegreen.org.uk/landfill-sites/caird-peckfield/">http://www.mondegreen.org.uk/landfill-sites/caird-peckfield/</a>  01937 848859
<b>BIFFA Award Recreational</b>  <small>Building communities. Transforming lives.</small>	Landfill / Capital	Total cost of project must not exceed 200k inc vat	Not for profit organisations Sports clubs	<p>Projects under the Recreation theme can include building works within communal areas such as sporting clubhouses (such as kitchen and toilet facilities) which have a wider community use and are not for the sole use of sports club members.</p> <p>It generally includes projects that benefit people within their free time. Under this theme an applicant will have to show evidence of wider community use, involvement and consultation.</p>	<p><b>No longer supports sport facilities but does support clubhouse projects</b></p> <a href="http://www.biffa-award.org/">http://www.biffa-award.org/</a>  01636 670000





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<p><b>Veolia Environmental Trust</b></p> 	Landfill / Capital	Average £20,000 – £40,000	Not for profit organisations	Includes Play and recreation: e.g. play areas, skateparks, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs), sports grounds, pavilions or changing rooms	<a href="http://www.veolitrust.org/apply/">http://www.veolitrust.org/apply/</a> 01902 794 677
<p><b>WREN – FCC Community Action Fund</b></p> 	Landfill / Capital	£2,000 - £100,000	CASC registered clubs Only	<p>Previously known as WREN, FCC Communities Foundation was established in 1997</p> <p>The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).</p>	<a href="https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/apply">https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/apply</a> 01953 717 165
<p><b>Wades Charity Small &amp; Large Grants</b></p> 	Landfill / Capital	£300 Small Grants Up to 6k Large Grant	Not for profit organisations	<p>Wades are constrained to only support projects which are working with people residing in the pre-1974 boundary of the City of Leeds. This area equates roughly to Leeds postcodes LS1 to LS17</p> <p>Wade's works in partnership with the City Council and local sports clubs to improve facilities at these sites when opportunities arise.</p>	<a href="http://www.wadescharity.org/index.php">http://www.wadescharity.org/index.php</a> 01937 830295
<p><b>Leeds Sports Federation Sports Equipment Grant</b></p> 	Equipment	£100 - £500	Affiliated sports clubs & individuals representing their country	Sports kit and equipment – clubs	<a href="http://www.leedssportsfederation.org/sites/lst/index.html">http://www.leedssportsfederation.org/sites/lst/index.html</a>

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<p>LCC Community Committee Grants / Wellbeing Funding</p> 	Capital / Participation	Small & Large Grants	Sports clubs and groups	<p>Community Committees represent local communities around Leeds and can provide funding for local sport projects dependent on local need.</p> <p>In the first instance clubs will need to approach their local councillors or community committee officers to discuss a possible application</p>	<p><a href="https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/neighbourhoods-and-community/locality-working-in-leeds">https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/neighbourhoods-and-community/locality-working-in-leeds</a></p>
<p>Awards For All</p> 	Participation / small capital grants	£300 - £10,000	Voluntary Sports Clubs	<p>National Lottery Funding can help you to make a difference in your community. National Lottery Awards for All offers funding from £300 to £10,000 to support what matters to people and communities. We will fund organisations with great project ideas that:</p> <p>Shape the places and spaces that matter to communities Bring more people together and build strong relationships in and across communities Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage</p>	<p><a href="https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k">https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k</a></p> <p>0345 4102030</p>
<p><b>National Governing Bodies</b></p>					
<p>FA Facilities Fund</p> 	Capital	£500,000	Football Clubs, Professional Clubs Community Trusts, Multi-Sport Clubs Local Authorities, Educational Establishments, Registered Charitable Organisations, Not For Profit Companies, Unincorporated not for profit organisations.	<p>The Premier League &amp; The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation.</p> <p>Includes: Grass pitches drainage/improvements Pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms 3G Football Turf Pitches (FTPs) and multi-use games areas Fixed floodlights for artificial pitches.</p>	<p><a href="https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding">https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding</a></p>

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<p><b>FA Small Grants</b></p>  <p>Department for Culture, Media &amp; Sport Football Foundation</p>	Capital	£10,000	<p>Local authorities Educational establishments Grassroots football clubs (not including those in the FA National League System) Professional and semi-professional Football Clubs and their associated Community Organisations (from Premier League to Conference), to support their community outreach programmes.</p>	<p>The Premier League and The FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme awards grants of up to £10,000 for the provision of capital items, or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. The scheme can pay for:</p> <p>Replacement of unsafe goalposts Portable floodlights Storage containers Changing pavilion/clubhouse refurbishment and external works* Grounds maintenance equipment Pitch improvement works (natural and artificial surfaces)* Fencing</p>	<p><a href="https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding">https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding</a></p>
<p><b>Rugby League World Cup Legacy Funding Small Grant</b></p> 	Capital & Revenue	£15k	Rugby League Clubs	<p>Branded team kit and equipment* Branded training equipment* Grounds maintenance equipment Goalposts and post protectors Small improvements or repairs to existing facilities</p>	<p><a href="https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities">https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities</a></p>
<p><b>Rugby League World Cup Legacy Funding Small Grant</b></p> 	Capital	£15k- 150k Requires 50% match funding	Rugby League clubs	<p>New or existing playing fields provision New or existing clubhouse facilities Multi-sport or multi-activity environments New or improved sports lighting New or existing Artificial Grass Pitches</p>	<p><a href="https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities">https://www.rlwc2021.com/facilities</a></p>

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RFU / Rugby Football Foundation Helping Hand Grant 	Capital	£1500	Affiliated Clubs	The Helping Hand Grant awards between £500 to £1,500 for capital improvements and must be matched £ for £ by the club.	<a href="http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/club-support/facility-development/funding/rugby-football-foundation/#">http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/club-support/facility-development/funding/rugby-football-foundation/#</a>
RFU / Rugby Football Foundation Groundmatch Grant 	Capital / Pitch Ground	£1,500 to £5,000	Affiliated Clubs	The Groundmatch Grant is for bigger projects and makes £1,500 to £5,000 available, again matched by your club's own contribution, which can be from club funds, sponsors or other external grants.	<a href="http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/club-support/facility-development/funding/rugby-football-foundation/#">http://www.englandrugby.com/governance/club-support/facility-development/funding/rugby-football-foundation/#</a>
The England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Small Grant Scheme 	Capital	£1,000 to £4,000	Affiliated Clubs	Clubs can apply for a small grant (from £1,000 to £4,000) towards the purchase of any relevant products or materials (and associated professional labour costs) under one of the following project themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Covers</li> <li>•Kitchen and social area</li> <li>•Energy/water consumption</li> <li>•Flood defense measures</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/england-wales-cricket-trust-small-grant">https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/club-support/club-funding/england-wales-cricket-trust-small-grant</a>  <b>Suspended awaiting review for 2020</b>
<b>Other useful websites and information</b>					



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<b>Funding Leeds Search Engine</b> 	Search Engine		Sports Clubs	Funding Leeds provides a search engine for all types of funding for voluntary and community organizations in Leeds	<a href="https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lcc">https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lcc</a>
<b>Clubmark Accreditation</b> 			Sports Clubs	Sport England recognizes and values the commitment made by sports clubs to develop high quality, welcoming environments for young participants.	<a href="http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/club-mark/">http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/club-mark/</a>
<b>Doing Good Leeds</b> 		various		General funding information	<a href="https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/funding/">https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/funding/</a>
<b>Yorkshire Sport Foundation</b> 			Sports Clubs	All sport related information including funding, volunteering, coach education, sports programmes, club information etc.	<a href="https://www.yorkshiresport.org/get-funding/support-for-your-club/">https://www.yorkshiresport.org/get-funding/support-for-your-club/</a>

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<p>CASC</p> 			Sports clubs	<p>If your sports club registers with HM Revenue &amp; Customs (HMRC) as a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) you can benefit from various tax advantages, for example claiming back tax on Gift Aid donations, tax relief on the Corporation Tax you pay on income and capital gains, and non-domestic rates relief.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/">http://www.cascinfo.co.uk/</a></p>
<p>Discretionary Rate Relief</p> 			Sports clubs	<p>The Council has the discretionary power to grant rate relief for non-profit making organisations who occupy premises for the purposes of recreation.</p>	<p><a href="mailto:chris.gott@leeds.gov.uk">chris.gott@leeds.gov.uk</a> Mob 07891 270626</p>