

B2022 Small Grants Fund Guidance – March 2022

The purpose of the funding is to support community activation in the year of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022. It will support sport and physical activity in different ways, connecting to the cultural vibrancy of the Commonwealth, and supporting cultural diversity and inclusion.

Supported projects and events will specifically focus on 3 of the Games missions:

- 1. Bring people together** *This fund will celebrate through sport and physical activity Commonwealth culture and cultural diversity*
- 2. Improve health and wellbeing** *This fund will encourage applications that focus on participation with an emphasis on targeting those that are inactive. It could be supporting a project to tackle access/issues that breakdown inequalities in participation including access to kit and equipment*
- 3. Help the region to grow and succeed** *This fund will support projects that include a focus on volunteering and workforce development, especially any support your organisation may need, to ensure that your coaches, instructors and volunteers understand the needs of the community groups you are trying to engage. For example, this could be disability awareness, active listening, mental health awareness etc.*

The fund will target areas of greatest need and the following under-represented groups:

- People from Lower Socio-Economic Groups
- Culturally Diverse Communities
- People with Disabilities
- People with Long-Term Health Conditions (including Mental Health)
- Any other underrepresented group which you have identified as a priority in your community

Funding Process and Deadlines:

- It should favour small community awards with award amounts from £100 up to £2500.
- Organisations may find an opportunity to join this up with other potential local funds and organisations can have previously received funding from Sport England through other funding streams e.g. Tackling Inequalities Fund, Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund, as long as this application doesn't duplicate previous awards made.
- We will endeavour to let you know whether your application has been successful or not within 3 weeks of the closing date.
- Please note all funding is subject to Sport England's approval.
- Delivery is expected to take place during 2022, but the project **MUST** be completed by 31.03.2023.

There will be three application rounds. Please complete the online application forms [here](#) with deadline dates as follows:

- **Midnight on Monday 9th May 2022**
- **Midnight on Monday 20th June 2022**
- **Midnight on Monday 19th September 2022**

Please also email us at hello@togetheractive.org if you have any queries or require support to complete your application. If you send your telephone number one of the team will call you back.

Eligibility:

- Sport England funding requires recipient bodies of small grants to have a recognised constitution in place along with an appropriate safeguarding policy and Public Liability insurance cover (at least £5million cover as a minimum), with Employer liability insurance cover where appropriate. If you don't have these but are prepared to put appropriate governance in place, please get in touch and we'll support you to do this.
- Organisations can have previously received funding from Sport England through other funding streams e.g. Tackling Inequalities Fund, Community Emergency Fund as long as the application for the B2022 small grant doesn't duplicate previous awards made.
- Activity must take place within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent area

We won't be able to fund:

- Activities or costs which are already covered by other government funding, including rates
- Capital works
- Activities promoting religious or political beliefs
- Where there is personal benefit to an individual
- Retrospectively
- Private businesses or profit-making organisations unless they are a Social Enterprise or a Community Interest Company
- Sole Traders / Partnerships and freelancers
- Loss of sponsorship or loan repayments

Monitoring and Evaluation:

You will be asked to share feedback on number of participants and other monitoring information so that we can learn from your project. Recipients of grants should acknowledge the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games/ National Lottery / Sport England / Together Active where possible when the grant is publicised.