

Together Fund – Phase 4 Guidance



Introduction to the fund

1. Herts Sports Partnership has secured funding from Sport England to support community organisations to recover and grow, whilst recognising that some still need immediate hardship assistance to continue operating.
2. The allocation of this funding has been split into three pots. Targeted towards Active Local areas (see 5a) and supporting other targeted audiences (see 5b & 5c) from across Hertfordshire (does not need to be in Active Local).
3. Herts Sports Partnership will run a solicited application process for community groups and organisations in partnership with our district and borough council colleagues.
4. Applications are now open and will close on 31st January 2023.
5. The funding is for community organisations that currently deliver, or have the potential to deliver, sport and physical activity to the following priority audiences:
 - a) Residents living in one of the following awards (Active Local Areas).
 - Waltham Cross (Broxbourne)
 - Bennetts End (Dacorum)
 - Sele Farm (East Herts)
 - Cowley Hill (Hertsmere)
 - Jackmans (North Herts)
 - Sopwell (St Albans)
 - Bedwell (Stevenage)
 - South Oxhey (Three Rivers)
 - Watford Central (Watford)
 - Peartree (Welwyn and Hatfield)
 - b) Culturally Diverse Communities – organisations that work directly with audiences from an ethnic, religious, nationality groups that represent diverse populations other than White British (19.2% Herts Population)

- c) People with a Disability

Use of Funding

6. The funding is to be used for organisations that:

- a) are experiencing financial hardship due to long term effects of Covid-19 or cost of living crisis
- b) want to find new ways of keeping their target audience active in this period
- c) want professional advice, training and/or capacity building.

7. There must be a clear link through this funding to sport and physical activity either through what they have previously delivered or what they can deliver to their target audience in the future.

Criteria for use of funding

8. Any application for funding will need to:

- a) Provide activity in an Active Local Area (see above) or be focused target audiences from culturally diverse communities.
- b) Show how the funding will either help the organisation to survive through the next 6 months whilst supporting their participants to remain active over at least a 6 month period.
- c) Demonstrate a clear financial need for the funding sought.
- d) Demonstrate the existing relationship the organisation has with the target audience.
- e) Not be a duplicate application for funding previously received from the Sport England Community Emergency Fund or Tackling Inequalities Fund – Phase 1-3. (N.B additional funding is allowable if a further financial need is evident).
- f) Agree to complete appropriate and meaningful monitoring and evaluation.

9. We expect that maximum amount awarded to any one organisation through this scheme will be up to £2,000. If there is a project that requires support above this level, please contact via Together Fund inbox or your district/borough sports development or community officer.

10. Organisations that apply will need to provide the following information:

- applicant organisation's name
- applicant organisation's status (e.g. sports club, charity etc.)
- how the funding will be used
- amount requested
- the priority group(s) that the organisation supports
- how it will monitor and evaluate the projects success

11. Applications will be quickly assessed by Herts Sports Partnership and our district/borough council colleagues. Once approved they will be submitted to Sport England for final approval and release of funds. It is planned that most payments will be made by the University of Hertfordshire (our host organisation) within six weeks of receipt of confirmation from Sport England and the appropriate forms completed by the recipient organisation.

12. Sport England funding requires recipient bodies to have a recognised constitution* in place.

The funds cannot be used for:

- a) activities promoting religious or political beliefs
- b) individuals
- c) any private businesses or profit-making organisations unless they are a Social Enterprise or Community Interest Company
- d) sole traders

**We acknowledge that in some cases the ideas that emanate from within the community might come from individuals and/or un-constituted informal groups. Where this is the case, the following options should be considered:*

- a) Can an organisation be fast-tracked to become constituted
- b) Could it use another Accountable Body such as a Local Community Voluntary or Social Enterprise organisation to support it and act as the applicant/manage the funds on its behalf?

Football

13. Sport England is currently providing significant levels of support to football

clubs via County FAs and the Football Foundation. Therefore, any further football related investment would need to be highlighted and discussed with Sport England to recognise need beyond existing support.

Closing Date

14. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st January 2023 or sooner if all available funds have been allocated

Further Information

If you require further information or an application form, please contact:

togetherfund@herts.ac.uk

Glossary of Terms

Culturally Diverse Communities – groups of people that share many attributes beyond only ethnicity, nationality or religion. Examples include:

- Black / African / Caribbean / Black British / Mixed / Asian / Asian British / Arab / Jewish / Roma & Traveller

People with Long Term Health Conditions – long-term health condition is one that generally lasts a year or longer and impacts on a person's life. Examples include arthritis, asthma, cancer, dementia, diabetes, heart disease, mental health conditions and stroke. Long-term health conditions may also be known as 'chronic conditions'.

People with a Disability – They have a physical or mental impairment, and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.