

## **FUNDING & OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLUBS**

### FUNDING

#### **Cash 4 Clubs (UK)**

Sports club that are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Cash 4 Clubs grants scheme. Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. In 2008 over £30,000 was given out in grants to 30 community sports clubs across the UK.

There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000. Previous grants have been awarded to the Southampton Canoe club which received a grant of £1,000 towards purchasing junior paddles and safety equipment; the Rugby Sea Cadets which received a grant of £1,000 to maintain and replace safety equipment; and Ipswich Basketball which received a grant of £1,000 to initiate a new women's team aimed at the 16+ league.

Applications can be submitted at any time and grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

[Click here for more information](#)

#### **Grantnet**

GRANTnet, a straightforward FREE-to-use service from GRANTfinder, can help groups and small businesses like yours to find suitable funding.

It allows community and voluntary groups, sports and other clubs, schools, social enterprises and small businesses to search across EC and UK sources including Government departments, local authorities, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors.

Information on over 4,000 grants and other incentives is rapidly identified by answering a few simple questions about the activity you wish to undertake and the type of funding required. There are several steps and, at each step, a Help screen assists you in completing the required information.

[Click here to create a new login for Grantnet](#)

#### **Sportsmatch**

The Sport England Sportsmatch programme increases investment in community sport by matching new sponsorship money pound for pound.

Sportsmatch is funded by Sport England to support the development of grassroots sport in England. It makes awards to organisations running projects aimed at increasing participation in sports at community level. We do this through matching eligible funding invested in community sport.

Since it started in 1992, Sportsmatch has awarded over £48 million to almost 6,000 projects across the country, and has brought in over £58 million for these projects from the commercial sector.

If a business gives £1,000 in sponsorship to its local rugby club to organise new coaching opportunities in the community, we could match that with £1,000 of government money - thereby doubling the amount of money available to the club.

[Click here for more information on Sportsmatch](#)

## **The Sport England Small Grants Programme**

The Sport England Small Grants Programme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

For example, we might help a sports club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or pay additional coaching fees. Or we may help youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get more young people playing sport.

[Click here for more information on the Small Grants programme](#)

## **Advice on applying for small grants - Running Sports**

If you're thinking about, or are in the process of, applying for a small grant, runningsports, the portfolio created and funded by Sport England, can help you. There is a 3-hour workshop, Funding For Your Club, run at a time and place convenient for you, which provides practical ideas for raising money from a range of sources, including fund-raising events and sponsorship, to help increase your chances of successfully obtaining funding. You'll receive a workbook to accompany the workshop that you can take back to your club. If you're short of time, why not read the runningsports' Quick Guide - Fund-raising, Grants and Sponsorship.

By signing up as a Network Member at [www.runningsports.org](http://www.runningsports.org) which is completely free, you can download the Guide, which is also free of charge. Later this year, runningsports are launching a new workshop which will take you through the application process for small grants from Sport England.

## **Volunteering England Membership**

If your club's turnover is less than £20,000 per year you can join VE for FREE enabling you to better recruit, recognise and retain the people that make your club tick. Volunteering England, the national volunteering development agency, helps its members recruit, recognise and retain their volunteers. Become a member and you will gain valuable resources to help you create a larger, more satisfied and more skilled volunteer force.

For more information please Tel: +44 (0) 845 305 6979 or [click here to be directed to the website](#)

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