

Funding Factsheet

Sport England have ringfenced a £195m pot of funding to support the network during this crisis, but those which are relevant to you are:

- A new £20 million Community Emergency Fund, which is open now for local club and community organisations to bid for grants between £300 and £10,000.
- £55 million put aside to support the sector during an ongoing period of restrictions; to fund new and innovative ways to keep people active and then, when it is over, to help organisations get back to business and adjust to a different environment.

The Community Emergency Fund is specifically targeted at organisations, including those not currently supported by Sport England, who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but who are experiencing short term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing crisis. Sport England have recently announced that due to the vast number of applications, this fund will be topped up by a further £15m to meet demand. The fund will pause from taking applications from midnight on Thursday (14th May) evening to enable assessors to process all of the remaining applications as soon as possible. Once the full £35m has been allocated, Sport England will reflect on the impact of the fund and consider what on-going support clubs and community groups will need as the lockdown eases. To apply, please visit their website; <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/community-emergency-fund>

Government support available

- Business interruption loan scheme
- Job retention scheme
- Income support scheme
- Larger business interruption loan scheme
- Business rates
- Cash grants
- Small business grant funding
- SSP rebate
- Support for businesses paying tax
- VAT deferral
- Deferral of self-assessment payment

Information on these additional schemes can be found at: <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/>

- Business Rates relief - check if you are eligible here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/check-if-your-nursery-is-eligible-for-business-rates-relief-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>
- Business support grant funds - check if you are eligible here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-business-support-grant-funding-guidance-for-businesses>

- Support for the self-employed - Claim a grant through the coronavirus (COVID-19) Self-employment Income Support Scheme <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>
- Support for small or medium businesses - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19#support-for-small-and-medium-sized-businesses>
- Apply for the coronavirus Future Fund - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/future-fund>
- Apply for the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-the-covid-19-corporate-financing-facility>

Other support available

Support for large businesses - Boost Businesses (including CICs), can be directed to the Boost Helpline or Website for support resources. Businesses (including CICs), can be directed to the Boost Helpline or Website for support resources. <https://www.boostbusinesslancashire.co.uk/support/> Boost is Lancashire's Business Growth Hub. The purpose is to help Lancashire's businesses grow. Boost is a £6.0m Growth Hub backed by the ERDF, led by the Lancashire LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) and Lancashire County Council. Also, anyone that is committed to moving their club into a more formal structure, a legal structure that would be adopted by a Social Enterprise - please get in touch with Selnet at either: <https://selnet-uk.com/> (10am – 4pm) 01772200690 or email: hello@selnet-uk.com

Lancashire Community Foundation are providing grants up to £5000, these are available to community groups. The fund will support:

- > Organisations supporting people who are at high risk from COVID-19
- > Organisations supporting communities most likely to face increased demand and challenges as a direct result of COVID-19
- > Organisations with high potential to support communities with the direct and indirect impact of COVID-19

<https://lancsfoundation.org.uk/funds/lancashire-covid-19-community-support-fund>

Grant Finder - <https://www.grantfinder.co.uk/coronavirus>

Charity Excellence grant finder <https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/>

Funding Eligibility checker by Sage:

<http://desktophelp.sage.co.uk/coronavirus-funding/assessment.html>

General advice for sport and physical activity providers: <https://www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/sport-covid-19>

Fundraising sources:

Virgin Money - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/>

Go fund me - <https://www.gofundme.com/>

Just Giving - <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nelsonfc>

Crowd Funder - <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/>