



BRITISH FENCING

British Fencing Funding Update - December 2011

British Fencing aims to support our member clubs to access the latest funding opportunities to help develop their club and attract new members.

We have uncovered a number of excellent opportunities that may help you along the way to achieve your goals. We hope you find this information useful.



Sportivate

Short on 14-25 year olds?

Sportivate is a £32 million Lottery programme that gives 14-25 year olds access to six-week courses in a range of sports. The programme is aimed at those who are not currently choosing to take part in sport in their own time, or are doing so for a very limited amount of time – and will support them to continue playing sport in their community after the six weeks is up. During the six weeks a participant may work towards an event or personal challenge.

Sportivate is being delivered by the network of 49 county sports partnerships, working with local clubs and providers. This is a 4 year programme so there are opportunities to engage at any stage, although you will need to get your proposal in well in advance of the start date. Your CSP will support you with the process so please do get in touch with them.

This is a great way to get funding for beginner courses and your application can include costs for coaching, facility hire and some equipment costs.

There are two deadlines throughout the year and in many cases one of these will be in January 2012 so don't delay in speaking to the Sportivate Manager at your local CSP.

To find out more about Sportivate in your area please follow the links below.

http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/sportivate.aspx

http://www.cspnetwork.org/en/your_csp/

Sportsmatch



Sportsmatch makes awards to not-for-profit organisations that have secured sponsorship to deliver new community projects to grow or sustain participation in sport.

Sportsmatch uses money from the government to encourage new sponsorship of grassroots community sport. Priority is given to applications seeking to match sponsorship from the commercial sector but donations from private individuals or charitable trusts are also acceptable provided they meet our sponsorship eligibility criteria.

Awards of between £1,000 and £100,000 can be made to match funding from no more than five sponsors, with each sponsor contributing a minimum of £1,000.

Please note, you can continue to submit applications for projects starting from April 2012 but there will be no awards made between December 2011 and 31 March 2012. For further details on how to apply please visit <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>



Sport England Small Grants

The Sport England Small Grants Programme uses lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to deliver new community projects to either grow or sustain participation in sport or to support talent development.

This application is worth spending a little time over and there are plenty of resources available on the website to help guide you through the process.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx



Sport England Inspired Facilities

For those clubs that cited facilities as an issue for growing their club membership in the Club Survey this could be an answer to your problems. However with the potential reward at the end being so great, the process will inevitably be more rigorous than some of the smaller funding pots out there.

Sport England will invest in modernising and extending clubs; and opening up facilities for community sport. These are local projects developed and delivered predominantly by community and voluntary sector groups. Up to a thousand grants are available of between £20,000 - £150,000.

Projects will range from building modernisations and extensions, sports equipment and lighting through to sustainability improvements that reduce carbon footprints and running costs.

The programme will be launched in July and open for Round one applications in August 2011.

<http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>



Cash 4 Clubs

The Cash 4 Clubs sports club grant scheme provides funding to community sports clubs in the UK, with grants ranging for £250 to £1,000. For more details and to apply please visit <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/>.

This fund is very open in terms of what you can use the grant for. Applications are judged on a quarterly basis and can be submitted at any time.

Awards For All



Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme funding small, local community-based projects in the UK. The process varies between the Home Countries. For further information please visit

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/index.html>

The Co-Operative Membership Community Fund



Community Fund grants, between £100 and £2,000 are awarded to community, voluntary, or self-help groups to run projects that meet the following criteria. To be successful, a **group** must:

- Carry out positive work in the community

and a **project** must:

- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach.

<http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/onlineapplicationprocess/>

Boost Charitable Trust



Boost Charitable Trust was created in 2005 to Build On Over-looked Sporting Talent, to champion the disabled and disadvantaged and to inspire them to overcome their challenges through the power of sport.

Since inception, Boost has supported a number of organisations, with grants totalling in excess of £800,000. The majority has been focussed within the United Kingdom. Boost Awards are for up to £500.

All our activities, which you will find detailed on this website, are designed to give opportunities to those who wish to fulfill their sporting ambitions, at any level.

Boost believes that sport is for everyone, and we hope to work with people from all ages, races, colours, creeds and physical abilities.

<http://www.boostct.org/index.htm>

Barclay's Community Sports Award



The Barclays Community Sports Award has re-launched for the 2011/12 season! The award aims to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals that use sport to benefit communities across the UK.

The accolade is awarded each month during the Barclays Premier League football season alongside those for Barclays Player and Manager of the Month, to highlight the great efforts being made by many in community sport. The award is open to any individual benefiting their community in any sport.

Each monthly winner receives £1,000 for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy and is entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000, all donated by Barclays Spaces for Sports.

<http://www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com/>



Torch Trophy Trust

The aim of the Bursaries is to help volunteers improve their skills as coaches or officials but who are unable to do so without funding. The Bursaries provide financial support for those wishing to undertake training.

All those associated with the Trust are committed to its aims to recognise the 'unsung heroes' and to enable individuals to participate and develop their talents in their chosen activity.

Recipients come from all parts of the United Kingdom and include those involved in youth sport and sport for the disabled.

Grants are for between £100 and £1000 and can contribute 50% of the total cost involved.

<http://www.torchtrophytrust.org/bursaries.htm>

Grants for Young People



Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards

Grants of up to £3000 are available for those between 14 – 25 to design and set up a youth led community project.

There are conditions regarding education, employment and training. All the necessary information can be found at http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

Live UnLtd



Live UnLtd is a youth initiative coordinated by UnLtd, a support organisation and the world's largest network of social entrepreneurs. Live UnLtd provides young people aged 11-21 with exciting opportunities to develop an idea which could change their community for the better.

These young social entrepreneurs are awarded funding of up to £5,000 to start up their own social venture; from sports teams and recreational groups to hosting events, which is then coupled with non-financial support from a designated Live UnLtd Development Manager in their region.

The programme also gives young people the opportunity to erase the negative stereotypes associated with 'youth culture' in the media today and show that with the right financial and non-financial support, young people can become catalysts for positive social change within their community.

<http://www.unltdsportrelief.com>

Further Useful Contacts and Resources

Community Sports Networks

The focus of CSN's is on identifying local need and developing a community sports plan. Once developed, the CSN is able to attract funding to support the development of clubs, coaches and volunteers. It is worthwhile engaging with your CSN to see if they can offer you any support and keep you up to date with funding opportunities. If you are not aware of your local CSN you should contact your County Sports Partnership who should be able to advise you. Find your County Sports Partnership using the link below.

http://www.cspnetwork.org/en/your_csp/

runningsports – club support



British Fencing is now an Official Partner of runningsports and we highly recommend you become a network member of the organisation. This is totally free of charge and there is a wealth of information on the website that will support your club volunteers.

There are downloadable quick guides and top tips on areas including funding, taxation and sport, planning your club's future and promoting and marketing your club to name just a few.

Upon registering you will also be sent a Network Member pocket guide to assist you in navigating the website and picking out the elements that are most useful to you and your club.

British Fencing have customised Quick Guides available on the British Fencing website by following this link <http://www.britishfencing.com/academy/clubdevelopment/>

To view the runningsports website out for yourself please visit <http://www.runningsports.org>