



BRITISH FENCING

## British Fencing Funding Update - July 2011

Welcome to the first edition of British Fencing's funding update for clubs. We aim to keep you regularly updated with all the latest funding opportunities available to your club.

With the fencing season drawing to a close, now is a great time to start planning for next season. Whether you are looking to grow your membership, start a new junior section, develop a satellite centre based at a local Change 4 Life school, or improve your current facilities and equipment.

Please take the time to look through the list below for any funding opportunities that may be of interest to you.



### Mars Refuel

The Mars Refuel Fund is now open for entries for 2011. Your club could receive a £500 cash award by simply submitting a reason why the Mars Refuel Fund could help you play longer. It really is that easy, we strongly encourage all clubs to put in an application! Entries close Sep 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.

For more information and to submit your entry please visit [www.marsrefuel.com/refuel-fund/](http://www.marsrefuel.com/refuel-fund/).



### RBS Sport for You

You could get your hands on a £1000 grant from the RBS Sport for You Amateur Sports Club Grant, run in partnership with the Daily Telegraph. Again this is a really simple process involving writing no more than 250 words to describe why your community sports club needs a grant and what you would put it to. Entries close Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2011.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8281664/Enter-your-sports-club-for-a-1000-grant.html>



### 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 application process is slightly more detailed than some of the other similar funds mentioned but it is a very open in terms of what you can use the grant for.

The next deadline for applications is October 2011.

## Bag 4 Sport



Bag4Sport is a method of fundraising for your club, so unlike the other schemes mentioned in this document it doesn't require an application and review process. You simply register for free and then need to engage your members, friends and family to donate all of their unwanted textiles. Bag 4 Sport will then buy this from your organisation at the rate of 40p per kilo (£400 per tonne), and then re-sell this as affordable clothing in Eastern Europe and Africa.

If you are interested in doing a bit of work to motivate your members to get involved in this scheme it is a sure fire way to raise some extra funds that could go towards anything you like that will benefit your club.

<http://www.bag4sport.co.uk/>

## Sportivate



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. To find out more about Sportivate in your area, you will find a link to each CSP on the following webpage.

[http://www.sportengland.org/about\\_us/places\\_people\\_play/sportivate.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/sportivate.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](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx)



## 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.

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. Sport England funding for the project must be spent by 31 March 2012.

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>. Closing date Sep 19 2011



## 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://www.sportengland.org/about\\_us/places\\_people\\_play/inspired\\_facilities.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/inspired_facilities.aspx)

## 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/](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.

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