



BRITISH FENCING

British Fencing Funding Update - September 2011

This funding update follows the July edition and includes some new opportunities for your club or for individual athletes. With the new season starting up perhaps you have an idea that requires some funding to get it off the ground. We hope that this update will provide you with some useful information on grants and funding sources that may be available to you.

Ambition AXA Awards



The Ambition AXA Awards are searching for the UK's most gifted and driven young people and are offering a personalised mentoring programme worth up to £40,000 to five individuals who are between the age of 11 and 18 who really wants to succeed, whether it's in sport, enterprise, the arts, science, or in the community.

To apply, applicants and either their parent, guardian, teacher, coach or mentor must state why they should win.

The deadline for entries is 14th October 2011

For further information and to apply please visit www.ambitionaxaawards.com/content/about-awards

Dream Fund 2012



Are you a club based in **Scotland**?

The Trust wishes to address the challenges being faced by the charitable and voluntary sector and so wants to fund charitable organisations collaborating to provide a more efficient service. Therefore, all applications must come from at least two organisations that have joined forces to deliver an innovative project

Registered charities and community organisations in Scotland can apply for up to £100,000 to deliver a new and innovative 12-month project that meets one of the following funding criteria:

- Helping Communities Lead an Active Life
- Helping to Involve Volunteers
- Helping to Tackle Climate Change

Please visit the Dream Fund page for all the information necessary on how to apply, what they will and won't fund, and to download the application form.

The deadline for all applications is 5pm on Friday 2nd December 2011

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/dream-fund/>

Community Awards



The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities living in the local communities around our stores in the UK.

There are four rounds of funding each year. Please visit

<http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx> to view a copy of our criteria and application deadlines. Applications should be made via the online application form.

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 31st 2011.

For more information and to submit your entry please visit 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 30th 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.



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



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/>

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.

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

Hire To Buy



The Hire2Buy scheme is designed to help expand the fencing infrastructure by using the NGBs buying power and financial strength to help clubs increase the amount of kit they have available to sustain and extend their activities. This is open to all properly constituted English clubs which are affiliated to British Fencing.

For more information and to download an application form please visit <http://www.britishfencing.com/academy/clubdevelopment/>