

SMALL GRANT OVERVIEW

Audience	All Swordplay Clubs & Groups, Youth Groups, Community Groups, Charities, Schools and other not for profit organisations applying to Sport England to help fund Swordplay related activity.
	To provide clubs and groups involved in delivering Swordplay opportunities, with an overview of the Sport England Small Grants Programme, including:
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What the Small Grants Programme is:

- The Small Grants Programme uses Lottery funding to make awards of £300 to £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations.
- The Programme is managed by Sport England, whom make all final Award decisions.
- Applications are open all year, there are no application closing dates but applications must have a start date that is at least 8 weeks after submission of the completed application.
- Applications are assessed on their ability to get more people playing and staying involved in sport.

Programme Benefits (examples):

- Funding to purchase much needed equipment to kick start new swordplay opportunities at your club.
- Funding for coach and leader fees to help cover the costs of running new swordplay activity.
- More young people (14+) and/or adult's members, volunteers and coaches attracted to your club.
- More swordplay opportunities and club memberships, potentially resulting in increased club income and therefore stronger financial sustainability.

Programme Criteria:

- **Projects need to align with [Sport England's Strategy](#) and [British Fencing's Strategy](#).**
- Projects must be new activity & new costs to help with more people access new swordplay opportunities.
- Projects must be delivered to beneficiaries based in England.
- Applicant clubs/groups must meet the new [Code for Sports Governance](#), e.g. evidence a constitution, a governing committee with regular elections and a diverse mix of skills and experience, a bank account, annual accounts.

Support Available from British Fencing:

- Guidance on how to complete your application (meetings with BF Development Officer).
- Access to the British Fencing's detailed 'example application' (including British Fencings latest market insight on swordplay and sport generally to significantly increase the success of your application).
- Formal Letter of Support to upload with your application.
- Advice on who to connect with at your local authority and/or County Sport Partnership to gain further support and secure necessary Letters of Support.

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