



FUNDING UPDATE – JANUARY 2009

Funding through Kent Sports Development Unit

SportSaver: Small grants funding for community organisations and Individual FANS members. Visit: http://www.kentsport.org/funding_sportsaver.cfm. *Next deadline: 1st March 2009*

Pfizer Sports Fund: Small grants fund for community organisations in the East Kent area, distributed on behalf of Pfizer. Visit: http://www.kentsport.org/funding_pfizer.cfm. *Next deadline: 1st March 2009*

Activities on School Sites Fund: Small grants fund to deliver out of school hour sporting activities on Kent County Council maintained school sites. Visit: <http://www.kentsport.org/schools/SchoolSportFunding.cfm>. *Next & final deadline: 2nd March 2009*

Kent Trust for Youth Sport: Charity, supported by the KSDU, which aims to help young people within Kent access sports opportunities. They distribute small grants funding up to £1,000 to community organisations and up to £500 to individuals. Visit: <http://www.kentsport.org/trust>. *Next deadline: 2nd February & 11th May 2009*

Local Funding Opportunities

Gatwick Airport Community Trust: Provide funding to projects within a specific area affected by operations at Gatwick Airport. See website for specific details, but mainly covers Tunbridge Wells area within Kent.

Priority categories include development of young people, sporting facilities and support for the disabled and elderly.

The Trust's normal level of grant is £1,000 to £5,000. **The deadline for the 2009 grants is 16th February 2009. Visit: www.gact.org.uk**

Kent Youth Opportunity (YOF) and Kent Youth Capital Funds (YCF): The funds help young people and particularly hard to reach groups. The Opportunity Fund supports the development of positive activities and things to do for young people and seeks to widen their role as decision makers, grant givers and project leaders. The Capital Fund compliments the Opportunity Fund with small capital grants.

YOF - minimum grant available is £250. The maximum grant will be £7,000. Applications for Countywide grant up to £20,000 will be considered.

YCF - maximum grant available is £350,000. The minimum grant will be £5,000.

For more information email youthfunding@kent.gov.uk, or call 01622 694426.

National Funding Opportunities

Sport England Grant Programmes from April 2009

From 1 April 2009, the range of grants available to sport - from National Lottery and Central Government funding - is changing. All grant applications will be made directly to Sport England, with the existing Awards for All programme coming to an end (applications will still be accepted as normal until 31 March 2009).

£55 million per year will be made available through five new open funding streams.

1. **Themed Rounds** (£30m): Funding for projects that deliver positive outcomes for community sport, related to specific themes. These grants will be for £10,000+ and there will be two to three rounds per year, with at least three months notice of forthcoming rounds. The first theme will be announced in February 2009, and open to applications from April 2009. The fund will be open to any organisation, which can show that it aims to grow and sustain participation, and can be used for capital or revenue spend. Whilst a partner contribution will be encouraged and will increase the chance of success, there is no set ratio for this contribution.

2. **Small Grants** (£7m): This fund will provide small amounts of capital or revenue funding for community-led activities that help to increase, sustain, or improve participation in sport. Grants of between £300 and £10,000 will be made to organisations (individuals are not eligible), with a partner contribution encouraged but not required. This funding stream replaces the sport element of Awards for All and will open in April 2009.

3. **Innovation Fund** (£5m): This stream will fund 'potentially higher return for higher risk' projects that aim to address a specific barrier to growing and sustaining participation. Evaluation will be an important part of projects. The fund will make a small number of capital and revenue awards of over £10,000, in two rounds per year. Applications can come from a single organisation or a consortium, with backing from relevant National Governing Bodies. Due to the experimental nature of projects, a partner financial contribution is encouraged but not required.

4. **Sports Match** (£3m): This fund will match pound-for-pound any funding drawn into community sport from private companies, trusts and individual donations. The minimum grant will be £500 (schools) or £1,000 (other eligible organisations), with a maximum of £100,000 (£25,000 for capital grants). The aim is to support organisations that run projects aimed at increasing participation in community sport.

5. **Facilities Investment** (£10m): This fund will support innovative projects which promote a sustainable approach to community facilities. The fund will make a small number of large awards, to bring together multiple partners from the public, and private sectors, and National Governing Bodies. Sport England will expect to be a minor partner within a larger project and will look to work strategically with other capital investment programmes (e.g. Building Schools for the Future).

Applications for funds 2 and 4 will be application, with web based and telephone help-line support. The aim is for a quick decision (within 6 weeks) and consistent process. Funds 1 and 3 will have a two-stage application process. The first short stage will assess alignment with the fund's objectives. The second longer stage will require more detail to decide on appropriate funding.