

Sporting Heritage **Community Grants**

ROUND 2: AUTUMN 2024

DEADLINE: 12PM 29TH NOV 2024

TO APPLY, VISIT:
WWW.SPORTINGHERITAGE.ORG.UK



Application Guidance

WHAT ARE THE SPORTING HERITAGE COMMUNITY GRANTS?

The Sporting Heritage Community Grants respond to the needs of the sporting heritage sector. We have delivered similar activity over the last ten years, but we are delighted to be able to offer this round of grants with the generous support of the players of The National Lottery and Heritage Fund!

The aim of the grants is to provide much needed support to organisations wishing to begin or develop their sporting heritage activity. This could be the very beginnings of creating activity, partnerships, and ideas, to developing and delivering exhibitions, events and resources.

This funding is specifically about supporting the development of the sector in whichever way you need it.

WHAT CAN WE APPLY FOR?

We want to work with and support people and organisations to share stories from their communities and celebrate what they do. Our focus is on community – the strongest applications will clearly show the role of community in their sporting heritage, and how sport is central to the story of this community.

The fund is flexible and can be used to cover many different activities, including creating resources and digital content, delivering events, training and development, volunteer expenses, marketing and publicity, purchasing equipment and creating exhibitions. You could organise a special community event or exhibition, host a tournament for your local sports group, or simply share your sporting memories and collections online through short videos, blogs or images. Or you could need funding to set up your organisation, consult with audiences, or develop a strategic vision for the next 12 months.

We are particularly interested in supporting communities who we recognise are under-represented in sporting heritage, including young people, women, LGBT+ people, disabled people, black, Asian, and minority ethnic people, and neurodivergent people.

You can find out what previous applicants to our other funding projects applied for here:

<https://www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/category/what-we-do/sporting-heritage-community-grants/current-projects>

and here:

<https://www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/category/events/national-sporting-heritage-day/explore-past-events>

Please remember that this round of grants is not specifically linked to National Sporting Heritage Day this year. Although we'd love it if you're able to share your work through the event on the 30th September!

WHO CAN APPLY?

We are particularly interested in hearing from community, heritage and grassroots sports organisations and groups. We also welcome applications from larger organisations which have a focus on engaging communities and co-curation with sporting heritage.

The fund is open to all groups and organisations with a formal constitution, such as museums, archives, schools, youth clubs and community groups.

HOW MUCH CAN WE APPLY FOR?

We have two grant funding strands:

Main grant fund: Applicants can apply for a **maximum of £500** to support their project ideas.

Large grant fund: Applicants can apply for a **maximum of £2000** to support their project ideas.

- You can apply up to the maximum amount of the funding strands and for the amount you need.
- Applicants can only apply to one strand in each funding round.
- We expect there will be more applications than the funding we have to allocate.
- You do not need to demonstrate match funding, and applicants will not be assessed on their ability to do so. If you have funding from other sources though, or are hoping to attract additional funding to complete your project, it's helpful to say this in your application so we can see where and how our funding will support you.

WHAT TIMEFRAME SHOULD THE PROJECT MEET?

All projects should start no sooner than the 1st February 2025 and complete no later than July 31st 2025

CAN I GET ANY SUPPORT TO DEVELOP MY APPLICATION?

Yes! We will be delivering a **grant webinar on the 10th October 2025 at 10.30am**. The webinar will give an overview of the grants process and provide time for prospective applicants to ask specific questions about their idea and if they are eligible to apply.

You can book a space here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-grants-webinar-tickets-978077796017?aff=oddtcreator>

If you need any further reasonable adjustments or support to submit your application, please contact us at info@sportingheritage.org.uk with the subject line **Grants**. We're very happy to accept applications in verbal or film form and can supply the questions so that applicants can answer in that way needed.

HOW DO WE APPLY?

The application process is very simple and has been developed with the sector and can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Round22024>

Applications close on the **29th November 2024 at 12pm**. Successful applicants will be notified by the middle of January 2025.

If you need anything from us at any time, contact

info@sportingheritage.org.uk with the subject line Grants.