

## Introduction

Sport England is one of the bodies with responsibility for distributing National Lottery money to sport in England. With this money we aim to encourage everyone – regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, income or level of ability – to take part in sport and physical activity. Sport and physical activity can improve the quality of life for all and provides measurable benefits in such areas as education, health, regeneration of communities and the promotion of social inclusion. Sport England gives funding to organisations to help achieve its mission of making England an active and successful sporting nation.

Since the first awards made in March 1995, Sport England has invested over £2 billion in projects across the country and covering over 60 different sports and activities, from archery to yachting.

### **The purpose of this guidance pack is**

- ✓ To help you decide whether Sport England's Community Investment Fund is the right source of funding for your project;
- ✓ To give you all the information you need to make an application for Lottery funding from Sport England through the Community Investment Fund;
- ✓ To point you to other documents and templates to help you develop your project.
- ✓ To help ensure that your application provides the information we need to make a decision. At times our language becomes more complex and unfortunately this is necessary to ensure all legal and relevant detail is covered. However, we have included a Glossary of Terms to help you and you can always telephone our Funding Information Line on 08458 508 508 if you require assistance.

The documents in this pack will take roughly 45 - 60 minutes to read.

This guidance pack is available for download from [www.sportengland.org/funding](http://www.sportengland.org/funding) or by telephoning our funding information line on 08458 508 508. Sport England has designed a range of useful templates and documents to help you develop your project and you will find reference to these throughout this pack and on our application forms.

***The guidance pack and templates are also available in disk and large print format.***

**If you experience difficulties at any time using this guidance pack, or wish to ask questions about funding from Sport England, please telephone our funding information line on 08458 508 508.**