

What Can I Apply For?

Sport England funds projects that help people get involved in sport and physical activity. This includes developing programmes and initiatives to increase levels of participation in sport and physical activity. The Community Investment Fund supports both capital and revenue projects, including projects that are a mixture of both; however each region has their own priorities for funding which should be referred to prior to making an application.

Whether you are considering a revenue or a capital project, it must support the achievement of the [Delivery System For Sport](#).

Revenue Projects

A revenue project involves the organisation and implementation of an activity, usually over a period of time, and incurs expenditure that does not create an asset. Some examples of revenue projects include:

- ✓ Employment of a sports development officer
- ✓ Development of health and physical activity programmes
- ✓ Recruitment of coaches and volunteers
- ✓ Training and coaching awards for members
- ✓ Small pools of equipment that form part of a larger project with a value of less than £1000.

Capital Projects

A capital project involves the creation of a lasting asset, such as a playing facility (pitch, sports hall, swimming pool), ancillary facility (clubhouse, pavilion, changing rooms) or equipment with a value over £1000. Sport England will only support capital projects that meet our design guidance standards as a minimum. Please ensure you have checked the requirements before proceeding. *We have funded very few capital facilities recently and you are strongly advised to contact your region for advice if you are considering a capital project.* You can access the design guidance notes from the Pre-Application page.

Some examples of capital projects include:

- ✓ Multiuse games area
- ✓ Clubhouse or pavilion
- ✓ Sports hall
- ✓ Improvements to existing facilities for sport and physical activity participation

If you are considering a capital project, we strongly recommend that you contact the Planning Department of your Local Authority to find out what planning permission your development may require. In the past some of our applicants have wasted much time and resources proceeding through the application process only to find at the very end that they cannot secure the necessary permissions. We do not suggest that you spend money on planning issues before you talk to us about your project, but please be aware that planning permission will have to be in place before we enter into a funding agreement with you.

We also strongly advise you to seek professional help in developing capital projects. A registered architect should be engaged for the design process. Even if your scheme is relatively low-cost, you can guard against future problems and risks by appointing suitably qualified professionals. However, our intention is to help you keep costs to a minimum and so it is not necessary to do this until we have indicated our likely support for the project during the Stage 2 development. Help can be found in the Technical Design Notes section on the Pre-Application page.