

ACTIVE COLLEGES FUNDING FAQs

What is the definition of an FE College?

For the purposes of this funding round, the term 'further education colleges' is defined as;

- 'Institutions incorporated as Colleges under the 1992 Further and Higher Education Act, or
- Further Education Colleges that have been created by either the Secretary of State for Business Innovation (Further Education Colleges) which are exempt charities or registered charities prior to 1992, or by the Secretary of State for Education (Sixth Form Colleges), or
- Designated member colleges of the Association of Colleges in 2014-15

Is Active Colleges funding just for the 14-18 age range?

No it is not. The investment is aimed at providing opportunities for **ALL** students within colleges. We see FE colleges as a key area for retaining 14-18 year olds in sport, but also in reaching and engaging the 19+ and we encourage a broad sport offer that caters for students of all ages.

What is the definition of regular sports participation?

Sport England's definition of regular sports participation is 1 x 30 minutes of moderate intensity sport a week, throughout the year. Therefore, this will include both term time and non term time participation for FE students. This does not mean that FE Activation Fund projects need to deliver for 52 weeks of the year, but colleges must consider how students can access sporting opportunities throughout the year. Community partners could play a key role here.

What are the timescales for the delivery of the project?

We expect all successful projects to be in a position to commence delivery of their projects in September 2015. All projects will be funded for two years and must be completed by the 31st August 2017 when all Active Colleges funding comes to an end.

What types of workforce roles are eligible for funding?

We will consider funding the following roles:

- Full or part time Activator type roles (sports activity delivery role)
- New full or part time sports development roles
- Topping up existing part time sports development roles within a college to create a full time post
- Apprentices
- Volunteers
- Sports Coaches

We would expect colleges to apply for at least 0.5FTE of a sports development or sports activator position to be able to drive the delivery of the project.

What types of workforce roles are not eligible for funding?

Although the Further Education Activation Fund can be used to develop the workforce, the following types of roles are ineligible for funding:

- Posts at a higher level than a support staff or equivalent type contract (i.e. strategic posts)
- Posts related to the delivery of performance, talent and/or academies
- Posts related to academic delivery of any kind
- Posts to deliver in schools, academies or universities
- Posts relating to running or organising any local, regional or national college competitions, leagues or events for existing sports teams

Can I apply for sports equipment, facility hire or transport costs?

Equipment costs can be no greater than £10,000 of your total project costs. The £10,000 cap on equipment is based on the Sport England request and not the total project costs. However, if the total equipment costs are over £10,000 these will be discussed with you on a case by case basis during the assessment process.

Funding can be used to hire offsite facilities. Funding for costs for the use of internal facilities out of normal college hours will only be considered if offered at a discounted rate. In addition, applications including costs for transport must set out how these activities will lead to long term participation if transport cannot be sustained long term.

What items can be used as partnership funding contributions?

All partnership funding (cash and in kind) must be 'additional' (i.e. above and beyond any existing provision) and must demonstrate that they are directly related to interventions and activity within the delivery plan. Partnership funding must contribute towards eligible project costs.

In-kind partnership funding contributions must have some form of value that can be clearly costed.

Some examples of eligible in kind funding contributions could be:

- Free or discounted facility hire from a local leisure provider (if discounted, the discount will be the 'in kind value');
- Free or discounted coaching from a community provider;
- Costs associated with the production of marketing material;
- Free or discounted costs for students to access community provision;
- Free or discounted costs for the use of college facilities, during hours where the facility is normally open for hire to external partners.

Sport England will not fund costs associated with academic delivery. What constitutes costs associated with academic courses?

We would not expect to see any costs linked to teaching or the direct delivery of academic courses leading to accredited qualifications. Furthermore, Active Colleges funding should not contribute to the study programmes of students on courses relating to sport, fitness or physical activity.

For non-sport students, any costs relating to timetabled enrichment sport and physical activity sessions that cannot be met through DfE funding, could be funded through Active Colleges.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Sport England FE team on 0207 273 1685 or sportenglandFE.team@sportengland.org