

Sport England has opened applications to a £20 million Community Emergency Fund

This fund has been set-up with National Lottery and government funding. It is there to help partners, clubs and community organisations that provide opportunities for sport and physical activity across England.

In West Suffolk, this means that organisations with a role in keeping local people active, but with short-term financial hardship or ceasing operations due to coronavirus, can apply for a grant of between £300 and £10,000.

Please check the quick guide below that sets out the sort of groups and items that the fund can support:

Who Sport England will fund	What Sport England will fund
Local sports club	Rent
Voluntary and community organisations that deliver sport and/or physical activity or organisations with a role to play in keeping people active.	Utility costs
Small charitable trusts that do not qualify for financial help elsewhere.	Insurance
Regional or county organisations or leagues that have already paid funds for activities that are cancelled and cannot be claimed from elsewhere.	Facility or equipment hire
	Core staffing costs that cannot be met by other government funds
	Retrospective losses from 1 March 2020

Who the fund cannot help	What the fund cannot be used for
Local authorities, parish and town councils	Activities or costs already covered by other government funding, including rates
Schools, colleges and universities	New activities or events
Commercial sport and physical activity providers (for example private gyms)	Capital works
Leisure operators	Costs beyond end July 2020
Individuals employed or self-employed in the sport and physical activity sector	

How to apply

Further information about the fund, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, is available on the [Sport England website](#). The [full set of questions](#) are available so that organisations know what information they will need to provide when completing the online application form.

Before applying, please consider that the fund is designed to complement other sources of funding, such as those targeted at small businesses. Applicants are expected to have exhausted all other [government funding sources](#) being offered during the crisis.

Active Suffolk are able to assist groups looking to apply and people should contact them through info@activesuffolk.org