

Club Futures Fund

The Club Future Fund, funded by Summer of Sport will support Glasgow's voluntary sports clubs to deliver projects that recruit new participants, retain existing members, develop people and build lifelong pathways in sport. The fund aims to build stronger, more sustainable clubs that contribute to the delivery of the Active Glasgow Strategy and wider city outcomes.

The fund supports recognised National Governing Body / Scottish Governing Body affiliated clubs to create new opportunities or enhance existing programmes for people aged 3 – 26 years old that deliver three key outcomes:

Grow: increasing membership, reducing access barriers and retain participants.

Learn: developing coaches, volunteers and club leaders through training, education and capacity.

Engage: strengthening club structures, improving member experiences and building more resilient, sustainable organisations through community engagement and partnerships.

The Club Future Fund aligns with the Active Glasgow strategy by combining participation, workforce / volunteer development, community impact and long term club growth. Through this investment, the Glasgow Sport Future Fund aims to support recognised National Governing Body / Scottish Governing Body affiliated sport clubs across Glasgow to create welcoming and sustained access to sport within the city.

Applicants are encouraged to speak with their local Sport Development Officer in advance of applying.

Quick Guide

1. Funding must be spent by 30th June 2027.
2. Projects should not begin prior to December 2026.
3. Funding is available to affiliated sport clubs delivering within the Glasgow City Boundary.
4. Projects should demonstrate how they will engage local people to become or remain activity within a sport club.
5. Applicants should demonstrate costed projects to the value of £3,000 to £5,000.
6. Projects must deliver sport within the Glasgow City Council boundary.
7. Successful applications will be required to provide an interim report in March 2027.
8. **Application deadlines:**
 - Deadline: applications must be submitted by **19th October 2026**.
9. Organisations can only submit one application and should include all eligible costs.
10. Applicants will be notified of the outcome within **two working weeks** of the relevant closing date.
11. Funding must be claimed by returning the required paperwork within **two weeks of the award email**. Failure to do so may result in the grant being withdrawn.
12. Payment will be made once all required documentation has been received and processed.

Funding Guidance	
Who is the Pathway Fund for?	Constituted sports clubs affiliated to National Governing Bodies / Scottish Governing Bodies delivering within the Glasgow City Council boundary.
Who cannot apply?	- Individuals. - Organisations delivering activity out with Glasgow. - Organisations not affiliated to recognised National Governing Body / Scottish Governing body as set by sportscotland - Organisations not delivering sport or physical activity. - Organisations who have received funding through National Governing Body Pathway Fund. - For-profit organisations. - Housing Associations / Resident Organisations. - Parent Associations. - Schools. - Unconstituted groups - National Governing Bodies
What will we Fund?	
Funding can support a flexible range of activity, including: - Delivery costs – facility hire maximum 10 weeks, coaches, equipment, volunteer expenses. - Improving access – inclusive equipment, subsidised activity and memberships. Subsidised activity / memberships must evidence need and are capped to a total value of 20%. - Expanding existing provision or reaching new communities. - Targeted activity to engage underrepresented groups. - Workforce and volunteer development. - Marketing and promotion to increase awareness and participation. Project Focus: Grow – new or expand participation; programmes that create clear pathways to participation; scholarship opportunities; improve retention by reducing barriers. Learn – support the development, skills and knowledge of coaches, volunteers and club leaders through workshops, sport specific courses and generic development training opportunities. Engage – partnerships within the local community; improving club experiences; projects that support clubs to adapt; initiatives that strengthen governance and long term sustainability. Priorities include: - Establishing new sections / programmes. - Sustain and develop existing sessions. - Increase memberships / reduce waiting lists. - Developing people through Coaching / Officiating qualifications. - Developing people through workshops.	

Partnership programmes within the community.	
What we cannot fund?	- Items of personal equipment or strips/ playing kit. - Costs already covered by other funding awards. - Capital Costs. - Refreshments and food. - Transport.
Expected outcomes	Funded projects should demonstrate progress against the following outcomes: Participation - More people taking part in sport and physical activity. - Increased club membership. Retention - Improved transition from introductory programmes into regular participation. Workforce - More qualified coaches, volunteers and officials. - Increased volunteer retention. Inclusion - Reduced barriers to participation. - Increased diversity of participants and workforce. Sustainability - Stronger clubs with increased capacity to deliver quality opportunities.
How much can my organisation/ club apply for?	Eligible organisations may apply for a minimum of £3,000 and a maximum of £5,000.