**Community Youth Activity Fund (Diversionary Activities)**

**Guidance (July 2021)**

Community Youth Activity Fund Applications should be designed around the needs of young people aged 11 – 21years. The projects should target young people from the following list:

* Receiving guidance and support from the Youth offending Service
* Known to Community Safety officials, PCSOs, Earliest Help, Housing Associations, ASB Officers by causing ASB
* On the cusp of crime and ASB
* On the verge of school exclusion or within Pupil referral units

These activities should provide positive, enjoyable experiences that make it easier for young people to become active or to develop more regular activity habits. They are supported by, or linked to a local community sports club/organisation or physical activity opportunity and could include mentor support. There should also be the opportunity to continue activity beyond the funding period.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has meant more young people than ever have been involved in or exposed to being involved in neighbourhood crime and ASB and the Police are experiencing an increase in reports. Therefore, the focus of this fund is to help create more diversionary activities for young people who are not active and who might otherwise be drawn into criminal behaviour and keep them active during the COVID-19 pandemic and early recovery stages.

**Core Principles:**

* New activity, which must be focused on helping less active young people aged 11 – 21 to become active and build regular activity habits.
* These activities should be focussed on supporting young people within or on the cusp of the youth justice system. They may also focus on one or more under-represented groups in sport. These include, but are not limited to females, young people with disabilities, ethnically diverse communities and those from lower socio-economic groups.
* These activities should be targeted in the most disadvantaged communities.
* Activity sessions should involve young people in designing the project or programme of activity.
* Sessions are to be linked to; or developed into a regular sport and /or physical activity opportunities.
* Appropriate safeguarding standards and public liability insurance must be in place. (£5million minimum)
* Applications should demonstrate how they will ensure the sustainability of sessions beyond the funding period
* Activities should take place in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

**Funding Process and Deadlines:**

We only have a relatively small pot of funding, enough to fund approximately 15-20 projects, and we therefore expect to be oversubscribed.

• You can apply for grants of up to £2500. In exceptional circumstances we may consider awarding more than this. Please contact us ASAP to discuss.

• Activities must be delivered for a minimum period of 12 weeks and maximum period of 20 weeks and show how they might become sustainable beyond this time.

* Delivery must be completed by end March 2022

• Applications received after the closing date will not be assessed but may be considered should further funds become available.

* Please note all funding is subject to Sport England’s approval.

• We will endeavour to let you know whether your application has been successful or not within 2 weeks of the closing date.

* Funding will be paid in two instalments 50% up front and 50% at the end.

Please send completed application forms to Claire Greenwood at clairegreenwood@togetheractive.org
**by midnight on Monday 16th August 2021.** delivered

Please also email us at this address if you have any queries or require support to complete the application form.

**Eligibility:**

* **You can apply if your organisation is a:**
* voluntary and community organisation
* constituted group or club
* registered charity
* charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
* not for profit company
* community interest company (CIC)
* School (as long as your project is delivered outside of curriculum time)
* Statutory body (including local authorities, town or parish council)
* Recipient bodies must have a Safeguarding policy and DBS checks in place (please contact us if you do not have this and would like support)
* Recipient bodies should have Public Liability Insurance cover (at least £5million cover as a minimum), along with Employer liability insurance cover where appropriate
* **Costings can include:**
* Delivery / coaching costs
* Training costs
* Kit / Equipment costs
* Facility hire / Rent
* Marketing and promotion
* **We won’t be able to fund:**
* Activities promoting religious or political beliefs
* Where there is personal benefit to an individual
* Private businesses or profit-making organisations unless they are a Social Enterprise or a Community Interest Company
* Sole Traders / Partnerships and freelancers
* Contingency costs
* Purchase of vehicles
* Building and refurbishment – capital building works/bike sheds/pavilions alterations etc
* Retrospective projects costs/ items purchased before the funding is offered
* Projects that have no clear community/sustainable exit route
* Projects for gifted and talented participants
* Projects which are delivered in curriculum time

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

* You will be asked to provide details on how funding has been spent and complete a short monitoring and evaluation report
* You may be asked to assist with a case study to help share good practice
* Recipients should acknowledge the National Lottery / Sport England / Together Active where possible when the grant is publicised.
* You may be asked to take part in learning events with other organisations that receive funding

**COMMUNITY YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND - APPLICATION FORM**

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| **ORGANISATION DETAILS:** |
| **Name** (this must be the full name as registered with Companies House, the Charity Commission or on your governing documents): | **Organisation Type:** (e.g. sports club, charity etc.) |
| **Organisation Address and postcode:** Street: Ward: District: Postcode:  | **Company Registration Number (if you have one):**  |
| **Charity Registration Number (if you have one):** |
| **If you are not registered with Companies House or the Charity Commission, please enclose a copy of your governance document (e.g. Constitution) with your application** |
| **Website:** | **Social Media:** |
| **CONTACT DETAILS:** |
| **Name:**  | **Position:**   |
| **Email:**  | **Phone:**  |
| **Mobile:**   |
| **Project Delivery Address/Venue:** |
| **Setting** (e.g school/community Centre)**:** | **Number of weeks delivery:**   |
| **Address and postcode:**  | **Proposed Start Date:****Session days/ times:** |

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| **Please tell us about your organisation, what you normally deliver, where, and the people that you mainly work with (target audience, age groups, demographics)?** |
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| **Describe the young people that you will be targeting for this project and why?** (Include age groups and demographics) |
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| **Please tick if your activities are also:** | [ ] Female only[ ] For young people with disabilities[ ] Focus on young people from ethnically diverse groups[ ]  Located in a Low socio-economic area |
| **Age group****Please tick the age-group(s) that your club is looking to target** | 11 - 13 [ ] 14 - 16 [ ] 17 - 18 [ ] 19 - 21 [ ]  | **Please list the activities / sports that you will be delivering.** |  |

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| **Tell us about your project, its purpose, outcomes and how it will be delivered?****Tell us about any partners you are working with to target your audience?****How will you promote your club to recruit your participants?** |
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| **How will you involve young people in the design and planning of the activity?** |
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| **Have you identified any training needs within your organisation?**e.g. First Aid, mental health training, mentoring support, coaching….. |
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| **Project Expenditure** |  | **Project Income** |
| **Expenditure** | **Full Expenditure Breakdown; Why is this needed?** | **Amount** | **Income (In Kind or cash)** | **Income Details** | **Amount** |
| **Coaching/****Deliver costs** |  |  | **Weekly/sessional fees** |  |  |
| **Facility Hire** |  |  | **Sponsorship** |  |  |
| **Training/ Education** |  |  | **In-kind costs** |  |  |
| **Equipment / Kit** |  |  | **Other** |  |  |
| **Marketing/ promotion** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Other** |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **Total Expenditure** | £ |
| **Total Income** | £ |
| **Community Youth activity Fund Request** (Total Expenditure – Total Income) | £ |

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| **How will you ensure that the sessions developed are sustainable and able to continue beyond this initial funding?** How will you sustain participation and avoid ‘drop out’?* How will you sustain the club financially beyond the funding period?
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**If you require any support in completing your application, please contact Claire Greenwood at** **clairegreenwood@togetheractive.org** **Tel: 07772 223015**