**Together Fund
Guidance – March 2022**

The purpose of the funding is to help reduce the long-term impact of COVID-19 and enable our community groups working with our priority audiences to emerge and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Supported projects will have a focus on at least one of our four key audiences:

* People from Lower Socio-Economic Groups
* Culturally Diverse Communities
* People with Disabilities
* People with Long-Term Health Conditions (including mental health)

**The funding can be used to:**

* Support community organisations to reach and engage their audience ***in movement/physical activity/sport***
* Support organisations to ***recover and grow*** in the wake of the pandemic, whilst acknowledging in some instances there will still need to be some support for ***immediate hardship.***

We want to target those small, often unseen organisations that work at the heart of our communities and who focus on one or more of the priority groups mentioned above.  These organisations may not see themselves as ‘sports organisations’, and they may only deliver physical activity as part of a wider offer to the communities they serve, but they provide a vital set of physical activity opportunities where our target groups feel comfortable.

**Funding Process and Deadlines:**

* You can apply for grants of up to £5000. In exceptional circumstances we may consider awarding more than this. Please contact us ASAP to discuss.
* We will endeavour to let you know whether your application has been successful or not within 3 weeks of the closing date.
* Please note all funding is subject to Sport England’s approval.
* Organisations can have previously received funding from Sport England through other funding streams e.g. Tackling Inequalities Fund, Community Emergency Fund, Queens Platinum Jubilee Fund, as long as this application doesn’t duplicate previous awards made.
* All funding must be used by 31.03.2023.

There are 3 funding rounds. Please complete the online application form [here](https://forms.office.com/r/658LcNuhDP) **by midnight on:**

**Monday 9th May 2022.**

**Monday 20th June 2022.**

**Monday 19th September 2022.**delivered

Please email us at hello@togetheractive.org if you have any queries or require support to complete the application form.  If you send us your telephone number one of our team will call you back. Cur

**Eligibility:**

* The fund will only support those organisations that are supporting audiences from one or more of the 4 key audiences:
* Lower Socio-Economic groups - Culturally Diverse Communities
* People with Disabilities - People with Long term Health Conditions
* Activity must take place within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent area
* Recipient bodies must have a recognised constitution in place along with an appropriate safeguarding policy and Public Liability insurance cover (at least £5million cover as a minimum), with Employer liability insurance cover where needed. Please contact us if you would like support with this.

**We won’t be able to fund:**

* Activities or costs which are already covered by other government funding, including rates
* Capital works
* Retrospectively
* 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
* Loss of sponsorship or loan repayments
* Contingency costs and VAT that you are seeking to recover

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

You will be asked to share feedback on how the funding has been spent and to take part in project feedback and participant surveys.

Recipients of grants should acknowledge the National Lottery / Sport England / Together Active where possible when the grant is publicised.