GLL GATESHEAD COMMUNITY FUND

About the Fund

This Fund was created as a partnership between Gateshead Council and GLL (Greenwich Leisure Ltd) for the benefit of Gateshead residents.

Objective

The Gateshead Community Fund (GCF) is seeking to encourage and develop participation in sport, leisure and recreational participation at all levels and by all sections of the community within Gateshead, in the interest of social welfare, physical and mental health.

Project Funding

Before you consider applying for a grant, you need to be sure that you or your organisation/ project meet the criteria for this funding.

The information below explains what organisation and projects the Fund may support. This is by no means a definitive document so if after reading this you are still unsure please feel free to contact the GCF project team on gcf@gll.org to discuss things further.

Who can apply?

The Fund is intended to support:

1. Clubs
2. Community Groups
3. Youth Groups
4. Faith Groups
5. Educational establishments

Funding is available to organisations that are formally constituted not-for-profit organisations and statutory bodies. These might include sports clubs, voluntary organisations, local authorities, or educational establishments. You will not be eligible for this fund if you are an individual, sole trader, or organisation established to make profit. Funding is also not available to support any elite athlete programme or development.
Organisations applying for funding will be required to show supporting documents highlighting appropriate governance where relevant.

What can be funded?

An application may be funded if it meets the following criteria:

- Focused on the fund's objective to increase participation in physical and mental activities in order to create a more active and healthier Gateshead population.
- Must benefit the residents of Gateshead.
- Your project must be for a new activity/initiative or equipment and start-up costs associated with helping more people get active or increasing mental and physical wellbeing.
- Projects should be deliverable in a 12 month period from the date of receiving your award letter and be used within 12 months from the date of your award letter, although exceptions may be considered in certain circumstances.

Examples of things that might be funded are:

- Facility Hire
- Leisure Centre Memberships
- Equipment Purchases
- Coach and Instructor Costs
- Operational Costs of New Projects

What won't be funded:

- Projects that do not benefit Gateshead residents.
- Projects that do not directly link to getting people more active.
- The general running costs of an organisation (e.g. day to day expenses such as rent, gas, electricity, and insurance costs).
- Repeat funding of projects previously supported by this fund.
- Repeat or regular events.
- If the project is eligible to be funded by another fund or grant and no application has been made.
- Food, tuck shops and similar

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- Existing activity. This includes repeat funding of projects previously supported by this Fund. We would support a project that follows a small-scale pilot or taster session. We define a 'pilot' as a small-scale project that evaluates the time, cost, feasibility and effects of running a particular project.
- Items which only benefit an individual e.g. bursaries or kit and equipment that is not shared. We may fund team playing kits for new teams or for teams who have not previously had a kit. We are unlikely to fund training and coaches kits and other items of clothing.
- Salaries - except for coaching costs or fixed term positions needed to meet a specific project requirement. Funding of coaches must be clearly additional to usual club expenditure.
- Used road vehicles.
- Projects that take place or incur costs (including deposits and costs associated in submitting the application) before the date of the offer letter.
- Contingency costs and VAT your organisation can recover.
- Projects involving travel to another country.
- Sponsorship, endowments or loan repayments.
- Applications/projects that compete with rather than complement GLL activities or objectives within Gateshead.

Funding Structure

- The fund is split into pots to allow for small, medium and larger scale projects to be funded. The pots are:

  £1,000 × 8 = £8,000
  £2,500 × 5 = £12,500
  £4,500 × 1 = £4,500

  Total Funding Available: £25,000

Up to 14 applicants may be supported. GLL and Gateshead Council reserve the right to vary the number of awards and funding amounts depending on application demand.
Applications open on 1 October and close on 30 November. Funding approvals will be confirmed by the Strategic Board in January.

Pre-Submission Checklist

Before submitting your application make sure that:

- You or your organisation meet all the eligibility criteria for funding.
- Your application/project fits with the GCF objective.
- You have provided evidence of costs for the project including where required/appropriate three quotes for the work or equipment.
- You can demonstrate that there is a need/ demand for your project.
- You have detailed what success looks like for the project.
- You can measure the results of the project to demonstrate its success to the Fund trustees.
- You have a robust sustainability plan to continue activity after the funding.

Essential Documents:

Please ensure the following documents are provided at the point of application:

- Governing document/constitution (if applicable).
- Most recent accounts, past three years of audited and approved accounts (if applicable).
- Last three months bank statements (if applicable).
- Safeguarding policy.
- Development/business plan for the project.
- Budget for the proposed project.
- In some cases you may be asked to provide independent referees.

Your application will not be considered until all these documents have been provided.

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