

# **Oadby and Wigston Borough Council**

## **Sports Facilities Fund**

### **Section 1: Summary**

The fund is open to organisations that meet the necessary qualifying criteria of providing sports equipment or facilities for the delivery of community sport and physical activity. It doesn't have to be a traditional space – or a traditional sport. The programme aims to provide support to improve local community sport infrastructure which will support greater community participation in sport and/or offer safer and more inclusive community sporting hubs.

### **Details:**

Every project will be individually reviewed but it is up to you and your organisation to shape your project and the funding request that you make to us.

#### **Small Sports Facility Investments**

Ranging from between £500 to £2,500. For example, this might be to address a shortfall in equipment. Funding is available for up to 100% of the total project cost. The Small Sports Facility Investments is not available for Statutory Bodies and all Education Establishments.

#### **Medium Sports Facility Investments**

Ranging from between £10,000 to £50,000. For example, this might be an upgrade to an existing facility or developing a new space in the community. Funding is available for up to 50% of the total project cost.

#### **Large Sports Facility Investments**

Ranging from between £50,000 to £100,000. These need to demonstrate a considerable impact or are targeting under-represented groups. Funding is available for up to 50% of the total project cost. A requirement is that partnership work will be undertaken between the organisation and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council to develop the project.

Examples may include:

- General improvements to sports facilities
- Changing room improvements
- Major equipment (e.g. boats) of a non-personal nature.
- Associated facility enhancing equipment (e.g. goal posts, nets, screens, mats)
- Pitch maintenance equipment (e.g. covers, mowers)
- Drainage and field improvements
- Floodlights

### **Section 2: Eligibility**

#### **Location**

Projects must be located within the Oadby and Wigston Borough Council area.

#### **Public Access Requirements:**

Successful organisations must be able to demonstrate how they will make their facilities open to the public and provide a membership that provides equal opportunity ([Equality Act 2010](#)) to all. Educational establishments will have to demonstrate availability of the facilities outside school hours. In some cases, a public access agreement will have to be formalised and agreed by all parties.

#### Safeguarding Policies

Organisations must have up to date, fit for purpose, safeguarding policies and practices in place

#### Financial Management

Evidence of an organisational bank account (last 3 statements).

#### Lease / Security of tenure

There is a requirement for the lease to have a minimum of 25 years remaining for the Medium and Large Sports Facility Investments.

### **Statutory Bodies and all Education Establishments:**

In addition to the above eligibility criteria, statutory bodies and educational establishments will specifically need to:

- Provide a minimum of pound-for-pound partnership funding
- Demonstrate the strategic need for their project proportionate to the scale of investment requested

### **Exclusions:**

Grants will not be available for:

- Membership-restrictive sports clubs and facilities, unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction or has an acceptable pay and play policy.
- Individuals and commercial organisations
- Core cost funding including any revenue or salaries
- Staff or coaching costs
- Costs for training courses
- Projects that are considered statutory duties for others to provide for
- Costs of travel to events or competitions, including the hire / lease or purchase of vehicles
- Kits and training tops plus any consumable items that do not permanently remain on the site (i.e. items that are usually distributed to individuals within a team at the start of the season)
- Park run equipment / consumables
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Children's playgrounds and play equipment
- Retrospective funding (i.e. projects that have already started or completed)
- Website creation or maintenance costs
- Public car parks, unless they are specific to the sports club

### **Section 3: Application Process:**

1. You can apply through a simple online application form.
2. Applications must be received by 5pm on the closing date 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
3. Decisions will be made by the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

#### **Section 4: How We Will Make Decisions:**

We want to understand your project and how it will impact on the Oadby and Wigston Borough and its communities. To achieve this, we want you to help us understand your situation and project, enabling us to make a good decision by answering questions that will provide information on:

- Your organisation – who you are, what you do
- What your project is – what you want to do
- Where it is – where the facility or space is
- Why your project is needed – what's the rationale
- Who will benefit – so who are the people and customers
- How you will make it happen
- How much money do you have or need to make it happen
- Demonstrate the strategic need for their project proportionate to the scale of investment requested

#### **Judging Criteria:**

The main criteria used when assessing applications will be:

- The level of community support for and involvement in the project (e.g. this can be demonstrated through community consultation).
- The local community benefit and enjoyment which will result from the project (e.g. increased participation levels or quality of playing surface improved, therefore reduced chance of injury or increased capacity of facilities)

Other factors will also be considered which must be demonstrated in the application:

- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project
- How the work will be continued after the project has been completed, i.e. its sustainability and legacy
- Value for money

#### **Contact Names:**

Please feel free to contact us prior to submission so that we can help you produce a strong application.

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