

Successful Club Development Funding for your Club

All swimming clubs are looking for different ways to raise much needed funds to support swimming in their local community. We all have to ensure that we make the best use of the valuable resources available, and ensure that good practice is built upon and shared for the benefit of the whole swimming community. Here are some successful avenues for funding and top tips for making successful grant applications.

Abbey National Charitable Trust Ltd.

Awards are made to small charities in disadvantaged areas for projects involving education and training, community regeneration or financial management. Most donations will be between £500 and up to maximum of £4,000 with the average donation being worth around £2,500. In the Greater Glasgow area (Community Partnership Group) donations can be up to a maximum of £20,000 with the average donation being worth around £4,500.

For more information email communitypartnership@abbey.com or visit their website on www.aboutabbey.com/csqs

Awards for All Scotland

Awards for All gives grants of between £500 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport and community activities. Grants are given to projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. You can apply for a grant at any time and will be given a decision within 6 weeks.

For more information email scotlandapplications@awardsforall.org.uk or visit their website at <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/index.html>

2014 Communities – Big Lottery Fund

Grants between £300 to £1,000 will be offered based on a process similar to the Awards for All model. Grants are given to sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools.

For more information email enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Awards are made to voluntary and statutory organisations for projects involving social, economic and educational development in coalfield communities. Grants for £500 up to £10,000 are available through a small grants programme with £10,001 up to £100,000 obtainable from a main grants scheme. For more information call 01259 272 127 or visit www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

The Hugh Fraser Foundation

Awards are made to non-profit organisations for projects involving the disadvantaged and disabled. Grants ranging from £1,000 up to £100,000 (average £4,000) are made for a broad range of uses across Scotland. Trustees consider applications on a quarterly basis and the assessment process may take up to three months.

For more information email enquiries@turcanconnell.com or write to The Hugh Fraser Foundation, c/o Turcan Connell, Princess Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9EE.

The Gannochy Trust

Awards are made to registered charities for a wide range of projects but primarily those involving youth and recreation. Upper and lower limits are not published but grants are available for up to £200,000 in exceptional circumstances. Applications

can be submitted at any time for consideration at monthly Trustees meetings with the assessment process taking around six weeks.

For more information email admin@gannochytrust.org.uk or visit www.gannochytrust.org.uk

The Peter Harrison Foundation

Awards are made to registered charities for to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills. Grants are offered from £500 with no published upper limit. Applications can be made at any time for consideration at quarterly Trustees meeting and the assessment process normally takes six months.

For more information email enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org or visit www.peterharrisonfoundation.org

Local Authorities

Small grants are usually available from local authority leisure, recreation or sport departments. Local authorities may also provide details of grant giving trusts and foundations that are active in their areas. For more information and to find your local authority sports development team visit

www.sportscotland.org.uk/SiteNavigation/Contacts/TopicNavigation/Local+Authorities

Local Sports Councils

Small grants may be available for a variety of projects, as well as information on other local or national sources of funding. For more information and to find your local sports council visit www.salsc.org.uk

The MacRobert Trust

Awards are made to charitable organisations for projects involving one of seven areas of major interest (includes youth, education and community welfare). There is no upper or lower limit for grants although most are made in the range from £5000 to £10,000. The Trustees meet to consider applications twice a year in March and October. Applications must be received for the March meeting before **31st October** and for the October meeting before the **31st May**. Applicants are informed of the Trustees decision and payments are made immediately after each meeting. For more information call 013398 81444 or visit www.themacroberttrust.org.uk

The Scottish Community Foundation

Scotland wide and local community grants or between £250-5000 are available to not-for-profit groups working on a wide range of projects to benefit people in Scotland. Applications can be submitted at any time for assessment by a monthly grants panel. The assessment process takes around six weeks for small grants and three months for main grants.

For more information contact the Grants team on 0141 341 4960 or visit www.scottishcf.org/

Sportsmatch

Awards are made to non-profit distributing sports organisations for grass roots development projects involving commercial sponsorship income. Grants are available from £500 up to £10,000 in a direct pound for pound match to the available commercial sponsorship. Applications can be made at any time for consideration at quarterly panel meetings with the assessment process taking no more than four months. For more information contact the Sportsmatch officer on 0131 317 7200

[www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Funding/Sport smatch/](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Funding/Sport%20smatch/)

Top Tips for making successful grant applications:

The Application:

- ✓ Read the information and instructions carefully
- ✓ Seek advice and support from people who can help – local sports development team, regional swimming development managers etc
- ✓ Ensure your project meets the aims of the grant awarding body
- ✓ Practice on a photocopied form
- ✓ Complete the form fully and clearly
- ✓ Be brief but informative
- ✓ Provide details of a contact person
- ✓ Provide supporting evidence and ensure you have all the relevant documents (constitution etc)
- ✓ Submit on time
- ✓ Keep a photocopy of the application for future reference

The Project:

- ✓ Considerable weight is given to projects that encourage links to the local community and have long term benefits
- ✓ Applications directed at priority/disadvantaged groups have an immediate head start
- ✓ Funding organisations look for clubs with local authority or governing body accreditation status as this demonstrates good club management
- ✓ Schemes that create new projects or extend existing ones into new areas/new groups are likely to be successful