

Cost of Living Support Fund – Guidance Notes

Live Borders and Clubsport Borders, in partnership with the Third Sector Interface have launched a short term fund to encourage children and young people to become members of sports clubs to support physical and mental health and wellbeing.

The Cost of Living Crisis has put unprecedented pressure on families and the priorities to provide essential food and heat homes means that community sport opportunities are not necessarily a priority. The importance of social and physical opportunities to a child's development are well documented and this fund aims to provide opportunities for membership and other costs associated with joining a club or organisation.

Who can apply?

The following can apply for support through this funding scheme:

- Sports clubs who are aware of existing members who are at risk of dropping out of the club environment due to the pressure of the Cost of Living crisis.
- Organisations representing children and young people who are not currently members of sports clubs due to financial pressures arising from the cost of living crisis. Organisations could include:
 - o Schools
 - o Charities working specifically with children and young people
 - o Social work
 - o Home link workers
 - o Community Learning & Development staff
 - o NHS staff

How much can I apply for?

The maximum that can be applied for is up to £250. You must detail on the application form, the costs that you are applying for.

Clubs and organisations cannot apply for funds to hold as a membership subsidy grant for future use. There must be identified need for the spend at the time of the application.

When does the fund open and close?

Applications will open on Wednesday 22nd March. We would anticipate that the fund will run for a period of 6 months up to September 2023 although will close if funds are allocated before this time.

Application guidance

- **Name of Sports Club/Organisation**
 - Please supply full name of club/organisation

- **Contact Name**
 - Please add the name of the person responsible for correspondence in relation to this application.

- **E-Mail**
 - Please add the e-mail address for the person named above for correspondence in relation to this application.

- **Telephone Number**
 - Please add the telephone number for the person named above for correspondence in relation to this application.

- **Please indicate what you would want the grant for?**
 - Detail as specifically as possible what you require the funding for:
 - Who?
 - Where children live?
 - Why are you applying?
 - If application is not from a sports club, what club/activity are you applying for the children to join?
 - Membership costs to join club/activity?

- **If you are a sports club, please upload your most recent accounts, showing any reserves that you have.**
 - Applications will be assessed by a panel of members made up of Live Borders/TSI representatives. If clubs and organisations have financial reserves, your application may not be prioritised for support.
 - Any application submitted without evidence of accounts will not be considered.

- **Bank details**
 - Please detail account name, account number and account sort code. Failure to do so may hold up any financial award.

- **Project Evaluation**
 - As part of the condition of funding, you will be required to provide information on the impact of the funding on your club or on the young people that you have applied to support. An evaluation form will be distributed to capture this information, which may appear in published case studies.