



Bowls Scotland - Funding for your Club during COVID-19

All clubs are looking for different ways to raise much needed funds to support bowling in their local community. The additional pressures of COVID-19 mean raising funds is more important than ever in ensuring the survival and sustainability of our clubs.

We have highlighted some avenues for funding and some links to useful resources for helping with applications. To further support clubs, we will offer free funding for your club workshops and basic financial management in the coming months.

Funding Opportunities

Third Sector Resilience Fund (TSRF)

Due to the overwhelming demand for the TSRF, the Scottish Government has announced a second phase to the fund and pledged additional funding. For Phase 2 of the Third Sector Resilience Fund, the guidance and criteria have been adapted to maximise the number of third sector organisations that benefit from it:

- Applicants must be at risk of or unable to cover essential costs within 12 weeks from the date of application
- The maximum grant amount awarded will be £75,000
- Funding requests must be for a three-month period (previously four months)
- Eligible costs will be mostly limited to overheads and essential staff (administrative for example) who cannot be furloughed. Please visit the FAQs section for more detailed information
- All grant applications requesting £50,000 or more will be considered for a loan, a grant or a blended approach (part grant, part loan)

<https://scvo.org.uk/support/coronavirus/funding/scottish-government/third-sector-resilience-fund>

Foundation Scotland - Response, Recovery & Resilience Fund

Foundation Scotland, in partnership with the National Emergencies Trust are providing funding to support charities and constituted community groups that have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Grants from £1,000 - £5,000

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/community-response,-recovery-resilience-fund/>

Foundation Scotland – Grassroots Sports Fund

Foundation Scotland has been delivering the Grassroots Sports Fund since 2014. Small grants of up to £2,000 are available for groups with an income below £250,000

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/baillie-gifford-grassroots-sports/>

National Lottery Community Fund

Grant funding of between £10,000-15000 is available for community-led activity, with priority given to COVID-19 work

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/grants-for-community-led-activity>

Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund

Tesco Bags of Help has responded to the current COVID-19 crisis by setting up a new fund to support local communities. The programme provides a single payment award of £500 to organisations who are supporting vulnerable groups, as part of their emergency response in supporting local communities. <https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/>



Coalfields COVID Adapt and Thrive Programme

The COVID Adapt and Thrive Programme allows community groups to continue to deliver their projects and to develop new ones by helping to meet the additional financial burden of minimising infection risk, pursuant to current Scottish Government Guidelines on COVID. Awards of £500 to £5,000 (average £3,000) are available to organisations in eligible coalfields communities such as community centres, youth clubs, miners welfares, sports clubs etc. that will enable them to reopen post lockdown and re-establish a service to their community.

Contact david.wright@coalfields-regen.org.uk to request an application form

Youth Scotland Action Fund

Youth Scotland's Action Fund has been established to help youth groups and youth workers meet the needs of young people in response to the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Grants of up to £500 will be awarded and can be used to cover costs such as: Equipment and programme materials, IT equipment to enable digital engagement of young people and delivery of online activities, Video-calling licences and Data bolt-ons/top-ups for young people.

<https://www.youthscotland.org.uk/programmes/youth-scotland-action-fund/>

The Robertson Trust

The Robertson Trust have some funds open for applications offering both revenue and capital funding for registered charities and constituted community groups that help people and communities in Scotland who are living with poverty and trauma. There is no set closing dates so clubs can apply at any time. There is an *eligibility checker* along with a *who and what we fund* on their website clubs should look at if considering applying.

<https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/funding/our-funds/>

Online Training Courses for Fundraising

The University of Kent offers a **free** online course called *How to Fundraise: A guide to fundraising for non-fundraisers* - <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/fundraising-for-non-fundraisers>

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) offer two training courses but there is a cost attached:

Get started with fundraising: Building capacity to raise funds

- <https://scvo.org.uk/support/events/a1v3z00000IMixyAAD/online-get-started-with-fundraising-building-capacity-to-raise-funds>

Developing your fundraising skills: thriving funds in difficult times

- <https://scvo.org.uk/support/events/a1v3z00000IMj0dAAD/develop-your-fundraising-skills-thriving-funds-in-difficult-times>

Other Useful Resources & Information

SCVO Step by Step guide to finding funding - <https://scvo.org.uk/support/running-your-organisation/funding/step-by-step-guide>

Each local authority has a third sector interface, many of which offer funding workshops or one to one funding advice sessions for organisations. You can find a list of all TSIs here

- <https://www.gov.scot/publications/third-sector-interfaces-contact-details/>



<https://sportscotland.org.uk/covid-19/support-for-clubs-and-community-sport-organisations/>

<https://sportscotland.org.uk/clubs/help-for-clubs/>

<https://www.bgateway.com/coronavirus-business-support-across-scotland>

Our National Development Officers are here to help:

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