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This guide aims to outline and signpost information and sources of financial assistance relating to all aspects of sport in Wales.



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01. Welsh Government

Community Facilities Programme

This capital grant fund aims to develop and improve facilities for communities in order to tackle poverty and its effects. There is up to £500,000 available to facilities that meet the required eligibility.

For further information please read the [Guidance for Grant Applicants](#) document or visit the [website](#). Alternatively you can contact the Welsh Government by email: communityfacilitiesproghelp@wales.gsi.gov.uk, or by Telephone. Regional contact numbers can be found below:

- Nesta Doughty
Phone: 03000 625627
Region: North and Mid Wales
- Philip Dunn
Phone: 03000 628667
Region: West Wales
- Mike O’Shea
Phone: 03000 628612
Region: South East Wales

02. Sport Wales Support

Sport Wales is the national organisation which works on behalf of the Welsh Government to develop and promote sports and physical activity programmes in Wales. Local authorities and National Governing Bodies of sport work with Sport Wales to deliver Welsh Government policy.

Set out below are a number of funding schemes operated by Sport Wales which develop sport and physical activity in Wales.

Community Chest

[Community Chest](#) offers grant awards up to £1500 in any 12 months towards increasing participation and improving standards in grass root sports.

The grant is available to sports clubs, youth clubs and community groups with applications open all year. This grant is not available to individual members of the public or schools.

For further information on this grant please read the [Scheme Guidance](#) document or visit the [Sports Wales](#) website.

Development Grant

The [Development Grant](#) offers a grant of between £1,501 - £25,000 to cover aspects of projects such as:

- Development of training facilities and equipment.
- Purchase of land or rights of land to develop activity areas.
- Start-up grants to support new enterprises.

– Coach education.

For further information on this grant please read the [Scheme Guidance](#) document or visit the [Sports Wales](#) website

Elite Cymru

[Elite Cymru](#) provides support to the most highly promising athletes in non-Olympic sports. Members of the scheme are provided with:

- [Sport & Exercise medicine](#)
- [Sports Science support](#)
- [Performance lifestyle advice](#)

For more information:

Phone: 02920 338237

Website: www.sportwales.org.uk

Talent Cymru

[Talent Cymru](#) provides extensive support to Welsh athletes to allow them to maximise their opportunity to gain entry onto the UK Sports Performance Pathway (Olympic and Paralympic sports) or Elite Cymru (non-Olympic sports).

For more information, competitors should contact their governing body or Sport Wales

03.All Wales Support

The Federation of Disability Sports Wales

The Federation of Disability Sports Wales is the Welsh Government's lead organisation for the development of sport and physical activities for disabled people in Wales. It offers advice on potential routes to funding for disabled people.

For more information:

E-mail: office@fdsw.org.uk

Phone: 0300 300 3115

Website: www.disabilitysportwales.com

SportsAid Wales

[SportsAid Wales](#) is a charity which aims to help young British athletes at the start of their journey. To qualify for support from Sports Aid Wales Athletes must have met/exceeded minimum performance criteria in their chosen sport and will need approval from their governing body.

For more information:

E-mail: sportsaidwales@googlemail.com

Phone: 02920 300586

Website: www.sportsaidwales.cymru

04. The Charity Commission

Many funding streams, including some of those listed below, are only available to groups with charitable status. The Charity Commission website provides comprehensive information and an application pack for people who wish to register a charity.

The Charity Commission offer advice and guidance on the application process, including the provision of model documents and help in setting the objectives of the charity.

For more information:

Website: www.charity-commission.gov.uk

05. Foundations

The Community Foundation in Wales

The Community Foundation in Wales is a charity which provides funding to community based projects throughout Wales.

The Community Foundation in Wales administers a number of funds which are available to local groups and charities in Wales. These grants are suitable for capital revenue expenses or the continuous running costs where the grant being applied for is for a specific element of the costs.

For more information:

E-mail: info@cfiw.org.uk

Phone: 02920 379580

Website: www.cfiw.org.uk

ASDA Foundation

The ASDA Foundation assists registered charities and community groups within the UK that require financial assistance. The Foundation only supports a limited number of requests that have the direct involvement from ASDA colleagues.

No minimum or maximum grant amount is stipulated, and applications may be made at any time. ASDA colleagues will typically support local charities, community groups, schools, playgroups, community centres and football teams.

For more information:

Website: www.asdafoundation.org

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Garfield Weston Foundation provides funding to charitable organisations in the UK. There are no specific priorities for funding and a wide range of charitable activities are supported.

For more information:

Phone: 020 7399 6565

Website: www.garfieldweston.org

Lord's Taverners Foundation

The Lord's Taverners Foundation is the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity dedicated to giving disadvantaged and disabled young people a sporting chance.

The Foundation supports sporting and recreational activities for young people with disabilities and special needs; creating new pathways for participation, development and competition

For more information:

E-mail: contact@lordstaverners.org

Phone: 020 7025 0000

Website: www.lordstaverners.org

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation is an independent grant-making charity.

Sports clubs may apply for assistance with capital projects, thereby encouraging community participation in physical activities across all ages for health, well-being, teamwork and community cohesion.

The types of applications considered by the Foundation include

- Building and refurbishment of amateur sports facilities
- Sports equipment
- Equipment for grounds maintenance
- Specialised transport

For more information:

E-mail: office@bernardsunley.org

Phone: 020 7408 2198

Website: www.bernardsunley.org

Dickie Bird Foundation

The Dickie Bird foundation are able to support young athletes and children participate in sport, if they come from a disadvantaged background. Applicants must be aged 16 or under and must be unable to raise the finance through other means.

Eligible costs include:

- Sports kit
- Sports equipment
- Travel

For more information:

Phone: 07503 641457

Website: www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk

Rowing Foundation

The Rowing Foundation aims to aid and support young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages through their participation in rowing.

Grants are given to organisations, clubs and schools that are involved in the water elements of the sport of Rowing and who are individually affiliated to British Rowing. Grants are typically between £500 and £2,000, and applications can be made at any time.

For more information

E-mail: applications@therowingfoundation.org.uk

Website: www.therowingfoundation.org.uk

The Rayne Foundation

The Rayne Foundation aims to understand and engage with the needs of UK society and makes grants to charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK.

Grants typically fall in the range of £10,000 - £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Applications are welcome in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education in its widest sense, and those that cover social issues. The Foundation's focus is to connect communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and to enable individuals to reach their full potential.

For more information:

E-mail: info@raynefoundation.org.uk

Phone: 020 7487 9656

Website: www.raynefoundation.org.uk

06.Funds and Schemes

Cash 4 Clubs

The scheme offers grants ranging from £250 to £1,000 to community sports clubs based in the UK and registered with their sports' National Governing Body or local authority. Application forms are available from the Cash 4 Clubs website. There are no deadlines for submitting applications.

For more information:

E-mail: cash4clubs@betfair.com

Website: www.cash-4-clubs.com

Ron Pickering Memorial Fund

Financial support is available for young athletes in Great Britain who are still in education to help them with training and equipment costs. The application process for the annual grants takes place in October and November of each year and is available to both able and disability athletes between the ages of 15 and 23. Grants to athletes over 23 may be made in exceptional circumstances.

For more information:

E-mail: info@rpmf.org.uk

Website: www.rpmf.org.uk

Football Aid (Field of Dreams)

This scheme provides support for voluntary and charitable organisations in the UK for projects which cure, prevent or improve the lifestyles of children and young people with diabetes; and organisations that have been nominated by a Football League or Club to improve or develop services/ facilities for people in areas of need.

Applications can be made at any time and there is no minimum or maximum grant level stated on the guidelines.

For more information:

E-mail: info@footballaid.com

Phone: 0131 220 5999

Website: www.footballaid.com

07.Lottery Funding

The Welsh branch of the Big Lottery Fund delivers funding to a range of different projects which meet the priorities set out in policies laid down by the Welsh Government.

The Big Lottery Fund website has a **Funding Finder** which has been set up to enable individuals and community groups to locate funding for a variety of different projects.

Its website also has a **constituent support page** which aims to help elected public representatives provide their constituents with information on funding schemes available in their locality.

The Big Lottery Fund Advice Line can be contacted on 0845 410 20 30.

08. Local Authority Support

Support may vary between each local authority so individuals should contact their relevant local authorities to find out what funding is available in their locality.

Set out below are the contact details for the 22 local authorities in Wales.

- **Blaenau Gwent Council**
Tel: 01495 311556
Email: info@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk
- **Bridgend Council**
Tel: 01656 643643
Email: talktous@bridgend.gov.uk
- **Caerphilly County Borough Council**
Tel: 01443 815588
Email: info@caerphilly.gov.uk
- **Cardiff Council**
Tel: 02920 872088 (Welsh)
Tel: 02920 872087 (English)
Email: c2c@cardiff.gov.uk
- **Carmarthenshire County Council**
Tel: 01267 234567
Email: direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- **Ceredigion County Council**
Tel: 01545 570881
Email: reception@ceredigion.gov.uk
- **Conwy Borough Council**
Tel: 01492 574000
Email: Information@conwy.gov.uk
- **Denbighshire County Council**
Tel: 01824 706101
Email: customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk
- **Flintshire County Council**
Tel: 01352 752121
Email: customerservices@flintshire.gov.uk
- **Gwynedd Council**
Tel: 01766 771000
Enquiry Form
- **Isle of Anglesey County Council**
Tel: 01248 750057
Email: [Contacts Page](#)

- **Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council**
Tel: 01685 725000
Email: customer.care@merthyr.gov.uk
- **Monmouthshire county Council**
Tel: 01633 644644
Email: contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk
- **Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council**
Tel: 01639 686868
Email: contactus@npt.gov.uk
- **Newport City Council**
Tel: 01633 656656
Email: info@newport.gov.uk
Enquiry Form
- **Pembrokeshire County Council**
Tel: 01437 764551
Email: enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
- **Powys County Council**
Tel: 0845 6027030
Email: customer@powys.gov.uk
- **Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council**
Tel: 01443 425005
Email: customerservices@rctcbc.gov.uk
- **City and County of Swansea**
Tel: 01792 636000
Email: [Contacts Page](#)
- **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**
Tel: 01446 700 111
Enquiry Form
- **Torfaen County Borough Council**
Tel: 01495 762200
Email: your.call@torfaen.gov.uk
Enquiry Form
- **Wrexham County Borough Council**
Tel: 01978 292000
Email: contact-us@wrexham.gov.uk

09. County Voluntary Council

The relevant County Voluntary Council will be able to advise Individuals sources of financial assistance for that particular locality.

Most County Voluntary Council websites provide funding factsheets; these will be accessible from their website.

- Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
Tel: 01633 241550
Email: info@gavowales.org.uk
Website: www.gavowales.org.uk
- Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations
Tel: 01656 810400
Email: bavo@bavo.org.uk
Website: www.bavo.org.uk
- Cardiff Third Sector Council
Tel: 02920 48 5722
Email: enquiries@c3scv.org.uk
Website: www.c3sc.org.uk
- Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services
Tel: 01267 245555
Email: info@cavs.org.uk
Website: www.cavs.org.uk
- Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations
Tel: 01570 423232
Email: gen@cavo.org.uk
Website: www.cavo.org.uk
- Conwy Voluntary Services Council
Tel: 01492 534091
Email: mail@cvsc.org.uk
Website: www.cvsc.org.uk
- Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council
Tel: 01824 702441
Email: office@dvsc.co.uk
Website: www.dvsc.co.uk
- Flintshire Local Voluntary Council
Tel: 01352 744000
Email: info@flvc.org.uk
Website: www.flvc.org.uk
- Gwynedd
Tel: 01286 672626
Email: enquiries@mantellgwynedd.com
Website: www.mantellgwynedd.com

- Isle of Anglesey - Medrwn Môn
Tel: 01248 724944
Email: post@medrwnmon.org
Website: www.medrwnmon.org
- Voluntary Action Merthyr Tydfil
Tel: 01685 353900
Email: enquiries@vamt.net
Website: www.vamt.net
- Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service
Tel: 01639 631246
Email: info@nptcvs.org.uk
Website: www.nptcvs.co.uk
- Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services
Tel: 01437 769422
Email: enquiries@pavs.org.uk
Website: www.pavs.org.uk
- Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations
Tel: 01597 822191
Email: [Enquiry form](#)
Website: www.pavo.org.uk
- Rhondda Cynon Taff - Interlink
Tel: 01443 846200
Email: info@interlinkrct.org.uk
Website: www.interlinkrct.org.uk
- Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
Tel: 01792 544000
Email: scvs@scvs.org.uk
Website: www.scvs.org.uk
- Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Tel: 01495 742420
Email: info@tvawales.org.uk
Website: www.tvawales.org.uk
- Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Tel: 01446 741706
Email: [Enquiry form](#)
Website: www.gvs.waleswww.gvs.wales
- Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham
Tel: 01978 312556
Email: info@avow.org
Website: www.avow.org

10. Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Apart from individual County Voluntary Councils, Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) is the national membership organisation for the third sector in Wales. WCVA has subscribed to GRANTfinder, a funding search database, and it can carry out a search for its members.

For more information:

Email: help@wcva.org.uk

Phone: 0800 2888 329

Website: www.wcva.org.uk/funding