

Chwaraeon RhCT
Sport RCT

Grants & Funding 2026

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Sport RCT Community Sport Fund

- This fund is available for any Sport RCT Accredited community sport club or community group in RCT that requires support to develop existing or start new sporting opportunities. This fund is for essential and/or basic start-up costs up to approximately £500. For larger projects we will work with you to apply for external funding such as the Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund. This fund is open all year round and decisions are usually made within a 2 week period.
- For more information view our overview document - www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/SportsandLeisure/SportRCT/relateddocuments/SportRCTAccreditationCOMMUNITYSPORTFUNDENG.pdf
- To apply contact sportrct@rctcbc.gov.uk.

Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund

- The Be Active Wales Fund is a grant supported by the National Lottery. It funds not-for-profit sports clubs and community groups across Wales. You can apply for grants from £300 to £50,000 to get more people taking part in sport.
- The fund supports equipment, coaching courses, venue hire and pitch improvements.
- £300 - £25,000: Sport Wales will fund up to 90% of the project costs. You will fund the rest.
- £25,001 - £50,000: Sport Wales will fund up to 80% of the project costs. You will fund the rest.
- Some specific items may only get 50% funding or have financial limits.
- There will be three windows of opportunity to apply this year:
 - Window 1: TBA
 - Window 2: TBA
 - Window 3: TBA
- For information visit www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/beactivewalesfund/ or contact beactive@sport.wales

Sport Wales A Place for Sport - Crowdfunder

- Sport Wales has partnered with Crowdfunder to support community clubs raise money to improve their facilities. The scheme is for not-for-profit clubs and community groups looking to raise money for 'off-field' improvements. For example: changing rooms, toilets, clubhouse renovations, solar panels, new fencing, kitchen and bar areas, pitch maintenance tools.
- Clubs and organisations set up a page on the Crowdfunder website, where people donate money to support good causes and projects. You can create a fundraising page for your club and share it with your members and local community. Crowdfunder provide support and advice, including a coach to guide you through the process where appropriate. Your project is assessed by Sport Wales, who can decide what level of match-funding you'll be eligible for based on the information you've provided. If the Crowdfunder page has reached certain criteria, Sport Wales will match fund up to 60% of your target up to a maximum of £15,000 match-funding.
- For information visit www.sport.wales/grants-and-funding/crowdfunder/ or contact aplaceforsport@sport.wales



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Welsh Church Act Fund (administered by Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Regeneration and Planning)

- It provides support for capital expenditure such as: refurbishment of a community building, purchase of capital equipment or purposes beneficial to the wider community. Available to constituted community groups and charities. Facilities must be open to members of the public at large. Organisations that are either licensed to sell alcohol, have a club premises certificate, operate from a residential address are unable to apply.
- Small grants (up to £3,000) require no contribution from the applicant. Medium grants (up to £15,000) require a 10% contribution from the applicant. Large grants (up to £50,000) require a 20% contribution from the applicant.
- The fund operates on a rolling programme basis. There are no set bidding rounds and fully developed applications can be submitted at any time.
- For information visit www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Business/BusinessandThirdSectorGrants/WelshChurchActFund.aspx or contact regeneration@rctcbc.gov.uk

Pen Y Cymoedd Community Fund

- Supported by the Pen Y Cymoedd Wind Energy Project. Applications are open to specific areas of Rhondda Cynon Taf. Applications are open to specific areas of the Rhondda and Cynon valleys. A full list of towns and villages within the Area of Benefit can be found [here](#). Two grants available: the Micro Fund (up to £6,500) and the Vision Fund (over £6,500).
- There are two rounds of Micro Fund per year – dates to be announced.
- The Vision Fund offers grants over £6,500 (capital and/or revenue) to support activities that help to deliver one or more of the priorities set out in the Fund Prospectus. New and developing businesses, voluntary sector and community groups can all apply. Although public sector bodies are not eligible, we welcome partnership working.
- For more information visit www.penycymoeddcic.cymru or contact Enquiries@penycymoeddcic.cymru

Coalfields Community Grant (Wales)

- Grants from £500 to £7,000 available to community and voluntary organisations that can demonstrate strongly that a grant will impact positively on people living in the Coalfield communities of Wales. Please check before applying via this [link](#).
- The aim of this programme is to support community and voluntary organisations, who manage community facilities, to access funding required to: safeguard; maintain; and/or improve their community facility.
- For more information visit www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/crt-support or contact wales@coalfields-regen.org.uk

CRT Game On - Wales Kit Grant

- The aim of the grant is to get more people living in coalfield communities in Wales (ages 13 – 19) to play and stay in sport. Sport Wales statistics highlight an alarming drop off of registered players during these teenage years. Maximum value of £750 for sports kit. Sports clubs from Welsh coalfield communities [please check before applying via this [link](#)]. The fund is open all year round for applications.
- For more information visit www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/crt-game-on-kit-grant or contact gameonwales@coalfieldsregen.uk



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The Maerdy & Treorchy Windfarm Funds

- Treorchy Wind fund: grants of £500 to £10,000 open to individuals and groups from the area of Treorchy. For more information visit www.treorchywindfund.co.uk
- Maerdy Wind fund: grants of £500 to £10,000 open to individuals and groups from the area of Maerdy. For more information visit www.maerdywindfund.co.uk

Postcode Community Trust

- Constituted community or voluntary groups (including amateur sport clubs) are eligible to apply for up to £2,500 to support projects under 7 themes which includes: enabling physical activity.
- For more information visit www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/ or contact info@postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust

- The trust provides support to inspiring projects throughout Wales.
- There is also a local grant which welcome sport based applications. This grant is up to £5,000 and supports organisations that provide a service to a community.
- Dates to be announced.
- For more information visit www.millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk/

National Lottery Awards for All Wales

- The main aim of the programme is to fund projects which involve people in their local community, bringing them together to take part in and enjoy a wide range of heritage, charitable, health, educational, environmental and other community activities.
- Grants of between £300 and £20,000 are awarded to successful applicants.
- For more information visit www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/national-lottery-awards-for-all-wales or contact wales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

TNL Community Fund – People and Places

- There are two levels to this funding: Medium (£20,001 to £100,000) and Large (£100,001 to £500,000). Grants are available to voluntary, community or public sector organisations. It can fund capital and revenue costs.
- For more information on the medium grant visit www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-medium-grants
- For more information on the large grants visit www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/people-and-places-large-grants

Community Facilities Programme offered by Welsh Government

- It is a capital grant scheme that can be used to improve community facilities which are useful to, and well used by, people in the community. It is open to community and voluntary groups, including social enterprises.
- Grants are available at two levels: small grants under £25,000 and larger grants up to £300,000.
- For more information visit <https://gov.wales/community-facilities-programme>



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Moondance Foundation

- The Moondance Foundation is a family charitable foundation (Registered Charity No: 1139224) and a registered company limited by guarantee (Company no: 07448773) who aims to provide £20 million worth of funding annually.
- We accept applications for funding £500+ from registered charities, constituted community groups, social enterprises, Community Interest Organisations (CIOs), Community Interest Companies (CICs) and other not-for-profit organisations.
- For more information visit <https://moondancefoundation.org.uk/general-howtoapply-1> or contact moondancefoundation@gmail.com

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

- We are a grant making foundation giving grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts.
- For more information visit www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/our-grants/small-grants or contact grants@trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

Welsh Water Community Fund

- We know that our work can sometimes cause disruption in the communities we are working and want to give our customers and local groups the opportunity to make a difference in the communities they live, by offering funding towards a community project of their choice. Community groups can apply for a grant up to £5,000 towards their project.
- Dates to be announced.
- For more information visit <https://corporate.dwrcymru.com/en/community/community-fund>

Tesco Community Fund

- Tesco Stronger Starts is open to all schools, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations that support children and young people to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.
- For more information visit <https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/> or contact: info@groundwork.org.uk or Stephanie.Barwood@groundwork.org.uk

Cymru Football Foundation - Fit-for-Future Equipment Fund

- The Cymru Football Foundation supports the development of football facilities through investment, assistance and guidance.
- Small grants up to £25,000 available covering essential equipment from goalposts to pitch maintenance equipment.
- For more information visit <https://faw.cymru/cff/funding/> or contact info@cff.cymru

Co-op Local Community Fund

- The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK that our members care about. We work together in partnership with thousands of local causes every year to help create sustainable futures for people and the planet. We've shared £114 million with 36,500 unique community projects across the UK since 2016. Available to not-for-profit groups what helps create opportunities for young people, improves mental wellbeing and promotes community cohesion.
- For more information visit <https://causes.coop.co.uk> or contact communityteam@coop.co.uk



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One Stop – Community Partnership

- Successful applicants received an initial grant of up to £1,000 and begin a partnership with their local One Stop store. This programme is designed to support community groups or organisations operating within two miles of a One Stop store including sport clubs for youth and junior teams.
- This programme will re-open on 2 March 2026.
- For more information visit [One Stop Community Partnership – Groundwork](#) or contact onestop@groundwork.org.uk

Mynydd Portref Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund

- The Fund is open to community projects which are for the benefit of residents of the four Wards of Brynna, Gilfach Goch, Llanharan and Tonyrefail West. Closing Date: This Fund does not have any closing dates. Grants available will typically range from £250 – £10,000 although larger awards may be made by exception.
- For more information: [Mynydd Portref Community Benefit Fund – Grantscape](#)
- Contact: info@grantscape.org.uk

Community Foundation Wales – Fund for Wales [Supported by Postcode Community Trust]

- Fund for Wales is open to small, local, community led constituted charities and voluntary organisations (e.g. associations, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies and clubs), with an annual income of less than £100,000.
- Fund outcomes include: improving people's chances in life, building stronger communities, encouraging healthier and more active people and communities.
- Grants of between £500 – £2,000 per annum for up to 3 years, are available to organisations whose applications best deliver against the outcomes above.
- Fund for Wales will be open for a six-month period, with panel meetings held towards the end of each month to review applications and distribute funding on a rolling basis (subject to change).
- For more information visit [Fund for Wales – Community Foundation Wales](#) or contact: grants@communityfoundationwales.org.uk

Joanies Fund (England & Wales)

- The Joanies Fund is open to applications from projects across England and Wales. It supports a wide range of community projects working solely with young people aged 0 to 25. Grants will be given for running costs, both project and core costs, as well as capital costs. The average grant will not be more than £3000.
- For more information visit [Joanies Fund \(England & Wales\)](#) | [Herefordshire Community Foundation](#)

Persimmon Community Champions

- At Persimmon we're proud to support hundreds of fantastic causes in the regions we build in. Each of our 30 offices across the UK donates up to £6,000 every quarter to local organisations. It's our commitment to leaving a positive lasting legacy in the communities in which we work.
- For more information visit [Community Champions | Persimmon Homes](#) | [Persimmon Homes](#) or contact contact@persimmonhomes.com



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Sustainable Steps Wales – Egin Grants

- This funding supports community groups in Wales that are taking action on climate change and aiming to live more sustainably or helping them kick-start their ideas; this includes using or generating energy more sustainably. Capital costs such as buying equipment, refurbishing or developing land or buildings, other construction-related work as well as additional revenue costs. Funding between £100 – £1500 is available
- For more information visit [Sustainable Steps Wales – Egin Grants](#) | [The National Lottery Community Fund](#) or contact sustainablestepswales@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Morrisons Foundation

- The Morrisons Foundation offers grants of up to £10,000 for registered charities delivering projects within our three funding objectives: 1. Tackling poverty and social deprivation; 2. Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services; 3. Improving health and wellbeing. Applications are accepted and reviewed on a continual basis, there is no deadline for requests to be submitted.
- For more information visit [Grant Funding Request](#) | [Morrisons Foundation](#) or contact foundation.enquiries@morrisonsplc.co.uk

The Hargreaves Foundation

- The Hargreaves Foundation is a grant-making charitable foundation set up in 2020 by Peter Hargreaves and his family. Applications are open for organisations seeking funding to support those under the age of 18, and living with a mental health problem, physical disability or growing up in poverty through the mediums of sport and education.
- Grants will only be allocated to fund defined projects, initiatives or the purchase of specific items and wherever possible payments will be made directly to suppliers. We have no minimum or maximum grant size.
- For more information visit [Application Process » Home](#) or contact info@thehargreavesfoundation.org

Dickie Bird Foundation

- Grants are ONLY payable to disadvantaged children aged under 16 for essential sports equipment and clothing. Travel or coaching are not payable. Payment is for individuals therefore teams/groups should not apply. Grants provided by The Foundation are limited to no more than £500 per individual so that we can spread our funds widely to the neediest individuals.
- For more information visit [Grants – The Dickie Bird Foundation](#)

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme – WCVA

- The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government grant scheme administered by WCVA. Its objective is to provide grant funding for communities living near a landfill site or waste transfer station. Grants have been used previously to improve the energy efficiency in their clubhouse alongside upgrades to the building to engage their community. Organisations can apply for grants of £5,000 to £49,999.
- For more information visit <https://www.wcva.org.uk/home>



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Town Council Community Funding

- There is a range of town council funds available to specific areas across RCT. This funding is usually available to individuals or groups trying to make a difference in their local community. Some active funding pages include:
 - Hirwaun and Penderyn: [Grant Funding – Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council](#)
 - Llanharan: [Grants – Llanharan Community Council](#)
 - Llanharry: [Grants/Financial Assistance – Llanharry Community Council](#)
 - Llantrisant: [Community Grants – Llantrisant Community Council](#)
 - Llantwit Fardre: [Grant Aid Forms and Information for Businesses in Llantwit Fardre](#)
 - Pontyclun: [Pontyclun](#)
 - Pontypridd: [Small Grant Scheme](#)
 - Tonyrefail: [Small Grants Scheme – Tonyrefail & District Community Council](#)
 - Ynysybwl and Coed-y-Cwm: [Grants – Ynysybwl & Coedycwm Community Council](#)

Sported

- Sported is the largest grassroots charity in the UK. We lead a collaboration of more of more than 5,000 community groups, youth clubs and sports clubs who deliver sport for good across the UK. By joining our network of over 5,000 groups across the UK, eligible clubs and groups get FREE support and resources including funding updates.
- For more information visit [Funding – Sported](#)

RCT Together

- RCT Together have a Community Programmes and Grants Team as well as a Community Asset Transfer Team who support Communities, Third and Voluntary Sector organisations, and Residents, to build more resourceful and resilient communities.
- For more information visit www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/GetInvolved/RCTTogetherSupportingCommunitiesandResidentsToThrive/FundingandResourceSupport/FundingandResourceSupport.aspx or contact RCTTogether@rctcbc.gov.uk

Interlink RCT

- Interlink RCT is a members-led charity with over 700 community and voluntary organisations in Rhondda Cynon Taf. Interlink RCT is the County Voluntary Council (CVC) for Rhondda Cynon Taf. Our members range from small community groups to larger charities, and we love working with them all.
- For more information visit <https://interlinkrct.org.uk/funding/> or contact grants@interlinkrct.org.uk

Funding Wales

- Funding Wales is a funding search platform created by Third Sector Support Wales. Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using our free online search engine.
- You can search hundreds of grant and loan finance opportunities from local, national and international sources. From small grants to large capital projects we can help you find the funding you need.
- For more information visit <https://funding.cymru/en/>



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Key Tips when Applying for Funding

- Include our team in your funding application; we can help with guidance or a letter of support
- Check the grant criteria for eligibility [what you're asking for, demographic, capital vs project requests]
- Consider the funder's priorities [tackling in equalities, community benefit]
- Evidence the need for your request [areas of deprivation, demand in community]
- Show community impact [wider than what's happening on the pitch]
- Demonstrate strong governance [club structure, documents and history]
- Think about match funding or utilising other options where repeat funding is not available with your previous funder.

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