

About Summer Sports Activities Funds (YLF)

What is the Summer Sports Activities Fund?

The Summer Sports Activities Fund (YLF) is a grant funding programme from the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan. It is part of the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund and Sport Unites programme.

It aims to provide positive sporting activities across July and August for young people who are at risk at getting involved in crime.

The scheme will invest £350,000 to support between 35 and 45 grassroots projects.

The Summer Sports Activity Grants will support small or informal organisations and groups as well as individuals as it is often harder for them to access funding.

Summer Activity priorities

To succeed, your project must address one or more of the following priorities:

- Give opportunities for 'at-risk' young people to take part in sporting activity
- Improve trust between young people through sport activities
- Divert young people from potentially committing crime

How much funding is available?

The Summer Sports Activity Grants will invest £350,000 which will be distributed from July 2019 – August 2019.

How much can I get?

You can apply for a grant of between £5,000 to £10,000.

You don't need to have any other cash support for your project.

What can I get a Summer Activity grant for?

We are looking for initiatives that:

- Provide convenient, affordable, local activities for 'at-risk' Young Londoners.

We classify an 'at-risk' young person as someone who has previously

committed a crime or is likely to commit a crime. We would expect to see how 'at-risk' young people have been referred or recruited to your project.

- Geographical areas that have a high rate of Serious Youth Violence will be prioritised.
- Projects that use sport (and can include additional means such as art, wellbeing activities etc.) to engage young people at risk of getting involved in crime.

Sport means various kinds of physical activities that bring people entertainment, enjoyment and relaxation, from traditional sports to alternative activities such as dance, yoga and running.

If your project involves costs for the following, we will pay for it (as long as the total is within the maximum limit of your grant, and you can show how the various things are needed).

- **Venue hire costs:** for example, what it costs you to rent a hall or other kind of space to run your project
- **Coaching fees** and other costs directly related to the running of your project
- **Equipment:** the hire or purchase of any smaller items of equipment or clothing you may need to run your project – including specially adapted items to ensure equal access and opportunity
- **Transport:** to help you, your staff and volunteers and the people coming to your project get there and get back
- **Refreshments:** for you, your staff and volunteers, and the people coming to your project (food, and soft drinks only)
- **Other volunteer costs:** for example, t-shirts to make them feel part of your team!
- **Marketing:** so that you can spread the word and make sure people know to come
- **'Core costs':** by this we mean a contribution to your management and admin salaries, general office costs and other overheads that aren't directly related to the running of your project. We would not expect your core costs to exceed 15-20% of your total project budget.

What won't the grant pay for?

- activities that have already happened
- activities that happen outside of July and August.
- general overheads not related to the delivery of your project
- activities outside London
- profit-making activities or projects
- expeditions or overseas travel

- fundraising activities or challenges (like costs for a skydive etc.)
- activities which collect funds for other charities or people
- support for tuition fees or activity linked to an individual's formal studies such as a degree or apprenticeship

We **can't** fund salaries alone, or any capital costs such as building works or big, fixed items of equipment.

Who can apply?

Formal or informal groups and organisations based anywhere in Greater London.

Also:

- you must be an organisation that is working in your local community
- you don't have to be formally constituted or a registered charity. However, you must have a UK bank account with two unrelated signatories or be able to nominate an organisation that can accept a grant on your behalf

Who can't apply?

There are some groups and people we will not fund, including:

- Individuals
- businesses and 'for profit' organisations
- local offices of larger regional or national organisations/charities
- people under the age of 18

How can I apply?

You can apply for a grant using our [online application form](#).

- We will ask you a few questions about you, your organisation, project and the people involved. We aim to make swift decisions to get money where it is most needed quickly.
- You will need to be able to tell us about your regular or previous activities and provide information on your project.
- You must provide your UK bank account details (with two unrelated signatories if you're an organisation) or nominate another organisation to accept funds on your behalf.
- You will be responsible for all financial and legal aspects of your project. This may include insurance, risk assessments, and having an up-to-date Safeguarding Policy if you are working with Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults.

You should tell us about your approach to how you will meet these requirements.

To talk to someone about your application before you apply, please get in touch.

Phone: 020 7239 1286

Email: summersportsactivities@groundwork.org.uk

If you require the application materials in a different format let us know.

When can I apply?

The Summer Sports Activity Grants will be open for applications from 17 April 2019 until 9am on the 21 May 2019.

Projects will be expected to run across the Summer School Holiday Period from the 15 July 2019 to 6 September 2019.

How many applications can I submit?

You can submit as many project applications as you wish. However, we will look to fund a range of organisations and would therefore recommend you focus on one or two strong project applications.

What will I need to do if my application is successful?

You will need to accept this offer within six weeks before we can release any cash to you.

You must use the Mayor of London logo on all your publicity materials, if you produce them, and reports. We'll send you the logos and details of how to use them if you're successful.

You must publicly acknowledge funding from the Mayor's Young Londoners Fund and Sport Unites programme whenever you talk about the project. Young Londoners Fund funding should be included as a separate line in your audited accounts (if you produce them).

We may ask you for further information before we release any funds to you. This might include:

- copies of insurance documents
- copies of Safeguarding Policies for Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- licenses and risk assessments

You must use your grant for the project/activities set out in your application. If you need to make changes to your project, you must contact us and get our approval first. If you do not, you may have to give up the grant and repay any money already paid out to you.

You must tell us of any changes to you/your organisation that would affect your ability to complete your project.

At the end of your project, you will need to tell us what happened during your project by filling out a final report form. To do this, you'll need to monitor:

- your income and expenditure
- your outputs (number of participants, sessions, etc.)
- information on your participants etc.

We'd like you to tell us about what happened during your project. For example, was it a success, what worked well and what worked less well, what did you achieve, will you continue the project?

We'd also like you to tell us how well we did in offering and managing the grant.

We will visit as many projects as possible to see our funding in action. Please keep us informed of any changes to dates and/or venues.

What happens if my application is not successful?

We're expecting high demand for Summer Activities Fund. As a result, we won't be able to support all projects that apply for funding.

If your application doesn't succeed, we'll email you to let you know and give you a brief explanation why. If you want to talk through your application and get more detailed feedback, you can get in touch.

Will a Summer Activity grant affect the benefits I receive?

If you are awarded a grant as an individual, this may affect your benefits or tax liabilities. You should contact HMRC, DWP or your work advisor at the job centre to make sure you understand what might happen.

Can I talk to someone about my application before I apply?

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