



England Squash & Racketball FUNDING UPDATE

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Dear all,

Welcome to the latest Funding Update from England Squash & Racketball. 2012 is going to be a very exciting year for sport, whether they are in the Olympics or not! Many of the national funding pots are geared towards contributing towards the London 2012 Olympic Legacy programme and there is a serious amount of cash up for grabs.

As always, if you don't apply, you won't get any, if you do, you might get lucky!

I hope the information in this Update is useful, for further information and relevant information sheets, please go to www.englandsquashandracketball.com/clubs/funding

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Inspired Facilities Funding

The second round of the **Inspired Facilities Fund** opened on 1st February 2012 and closes at 5pm, on 2nd April 2012.

Local community sports groups are being urged to bid for £10 million of Olympic legacy investment to upgrade their facilities with the opening of the second round of the Inspired Facilities fund.

Inspired Facilities

Places People Play

AN EASIER WAY
TO APPLY FOR FACILITIES FUNDING



Part of the **Places People Play** legacy programme, Inspired Facilities is helping bring the magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into communities across the country. All funded projects will carry the London 2012 Inspire mark – celebrating the link to the Games.

The Inspired Facilities fund could help you refurbish or upgrade your squash courts, changing rooms or perhaps make your building more environmentally friendly. This investment is designed to put squash clubs right back at the heart of their local communities.

Sport England will invest in most types of improvement or refurbishment work that will help you develop sport in your local area. In particular, **Sport England** are looking for projects or organisations across the country that: have not previously received an individual sports Lottery grant worth £10,000 or more; offer local opportunities to people who do not currently play sport; are the only public sports facility in the local community.

To help potential applicants, a series of tools are available to help applicants put together the best application possible so they can use the investment to breathe new life into tired facilities that can be unattractive to sports participants, expensive to run and difficult to maintain.

If your Club/facility is in need of investment and can address the above criteria please apply now or speak to your England Squash & Racketball regional office for information, support and guidance.

To find out more and to put in an application, visit www.sportengland.org/inspiredfacilities

Squash Clubs benefit from Inspired Facilities Funding

In January, **Sport England** announced that they have awarded a total of **£370,900** from round one of the Inspired Facilities Fund to projects that will enhance Squash facilities—a fantastic result for squash!



Seven squash facilities will benefit from this investment following direct applications to Sport England. Award amounts have ranged from **£32,000** to **£92,500**.

We understand that 630 applications were made across all sports and it is an indication of the great work and preparation that has been undertaken by the squash applicants to have had such a decent number be successful.

The total funds available is **£50m** and an important part of 'Places People Play', Sport England's programme to deliver a **London 2012 Olympic Legacy** of increased participation in sport.

There is still an opportunity for the Inspired Facilities fund to help you refurbish or upgrade your squash facility; examples of squash venues that have already benefitted from the Inspired Facilities fund in Round One include:

- **Wigginton Squash and Social Club** - Modernisation and updating of the squash club
- **The Coulthurst Craven Sports Centre** - Modernisation of existing indoor changing facilities
- **Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club** - New squash court



Hallamshire T&SC - Squash court construction



Sportsmatch

Sport England has announced that the **Sportsmatch** scheme will **re-open** for applications in **April 2012**.

Sportsmatch makes awards to not-for-profit organisations that have secured **sponsorship** to deliver new community projects to grow or sustain participation in sport.

Sportsmatch uses money from the government to encourage new sponsorship of grassroots community sport. Priority is given to applications seeking to match sponsorship from the commercial sector but donations from private individuals or charitable trusts are also acceptable. Awards of between **£1,000** and **£100,000** can be made to match funding from no more than five sponsors, with each sponsor contributing a minimum of £1,000.

For more information visit: <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

Customer Donation Fund

Organisations that bank with the **Co-operative Bank** using their **Community Directplus Bank Account**, have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Bank's Customer Donation Fund.

The next closing date for applications is the **30th April 2012**.

WELL WORTH A LOOK IF YOU ARE A CUSTOMER!

For more information visit: <http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1196151412586,CFSweb/Page/Business-CommunityBanking>



Sported.

Is a national charity that provides support to community sport organisations that work with young people in disadvantaged areas. They do this by providing business resources and financial assistance, so that these organisations can concentrate on doing what they do best - improving the lives of disadvantaged young people through sport. This is made possible thanks to their network of volunteers, mentors and experts, who provide their services to members of **sported.** for free.



For more information or if you would like to get involved visit: www.sported.co.uk

Local Sport Relief Grants

Sport Relief is a programme supported by **Comic Relief** which is working with the **Community Foundation** Network across the UK to distribute vital funding.



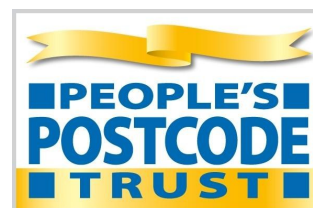
A large number of Community Foundations have announced that funding is available to local groups with an income of less than **£100,000** per year and working for the benefit of disadvantaged and excluded communities. The funding which is being made available through the Sport Relief programme provides grants of between **£500** and **£1,000** to supports activities which build a sense of community, increase people's skills and increase their sense of achievement.

Potential applicants will need to contact their local Community Foundation. The closing date for applications is the **9th March 2012** for many of the Community Foundations. However, applicants should contact their local community Foundation as the application closing date can vary.

To access your local Community Foundation website please visit:
http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community_foundations/map/

Postcode Trust Open for Funding

The **Postcode Trust** has announced that applications are now open for both under and over **£2,000** across England. Through the Postcode Trust grants are available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of: Advancement of Health; Community Development and Public Sports. Projects supported can last for up to 3 months.



The first two funding rounds (opening in **January** and **April** respectively) will only be open to applications from the **NORTH** (that is, North East, North West and Yorkshire and Humber). The Midlands will be able to apply in the later funding rounds of 2012.

For further information visit: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

I hope you found this Update useful, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or funding issues and I will be happy to help in any way I can!

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