

Community Investment Fund: Yorkshire Region

Sport England Yorkshire has been allocated £7,047,000, from the Sport England Community Investment Fund, to distribute over the next five years.

The Yorkshire Sports Board has, based upon the priorities of the regional plan for sport, decided how it proposes to invest £7million to help deliver the outcomes of the plan:

- The board has allocated £600,000 per year over the next five years. The priorities and criteria to access this funding are set out below
- The Yorkshire Sports Board will also be making strategic investments with other key regional partners

Yorkshire priorities

The Yorkshire priorities and criteria are:

- All projects must be able to show that they will significantly increase participation in sport and active recreation in a sustainable way that is; new participants will stay playing sport and being physically active for the long term.

Priority will be given to those projects that:

i Take on the challenge of dealing with inequalities in sport and significantly narrow the participation gap for priority groups. (Note: the target is to close the participation gap between these groups and the regional average by 25% by 2008).

ii Will have a significant amount of partnership money to deliver the project. (Note: it is anticipated that the Community Investment Fund will help secure funding rather than being the main funder of projects.)

iii Focus on those sports and organisations that offer the best return on investment; that is projects that get more people involved in sport for each £1 invested from the Community Investment Fund

iv Are part of a strategic approach to delivering sport and active recreation at a local level.

Project types

Types of projects that we would support are:

- Projects that encourage a partnership approach between sport, education, health and the community to plan and deliver more and better opportunities for people to start, stay and succeed in sport and active recreation.
- Projects that will significantly increase and extend the use of community facilities, green spaces and recreation routes for sport and active recreation.
- Projects that create new multi-activity clubs at the heart of local communities that provide a range of opportunities to play sport and become physically active.

Timescales

Applications will be considered in rounds with a maximum of £200,000 being allocated to each round. Rounds 1 and 2 are closed but applications are still open for Round 3. Applications for Round 3 will be accepted during February 2005 (closing date 28th February 2005). The Regional Sports Board will make their decisions on this round by 23rd May 2005

Advice and information

You can find out more about the funding process [here](#), or you can call the funding information line on 08458 508 508.

Every region will have been allocated funds from the Community Investment Scheme and it is recommended that you contact your local Sport England office to find out more information on how the money is being spent in your region.