



One-off Funding for Sports Facilities within Dual Use Agreements Information for Applicants May 2021

This one-off grant scheme has been made available as a result of our covid recovery plans. Making positive lifestyle choices such as increased physical activity can promote well-being and protect from diseases such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, cancer and coronavirus.

Applications invited from	South Cambridgeshire based leisure facilities (with dual use agreements with the District Council).
Total available	£50,000
Min/Max grant	£1,000 – £15,000
Grant scheme opens	Tuesday 8 June 2021
Application Deadline	Friday 16 July 2021
Officer Panel Review	W/C Monday 19 July 2021
Grant award notification	5pm Friday 30 July 2021

Aims of fund

The aim of this one-off grant is to provide funding for our local leisure facilities (as part of our dual use agreements) to improve and update their centres. The funding should be used to provide the centre operators the opportunity to refresh their facilities to provide an attractive and welcoming environment where members can use up-to-date exercise equipment, with the aim of enticing the return of existing centre users and encouraging new and diverse membership.

Desired Outcomes

- Bright and modern community-based leisure centres with up-to-date equipment and a thriving membership.
- Centre teams working in close partnership with the community and health providers to support the exercise on referral scheme “Active and Healthy 4Life” and to give support to projects such as rehab and pre-hab offered at local GP practices.
- An innovative range of programmes post covid i.e outdoor programmes or programmes to target the frail and elderly.
- A range of programmes which target the barriers to the engagement of minority groups in exercise.

Who can apply?

- Leisure facilities, which are signed up to the District Council's Dual Use Agreements.
- All applicants must be willing to keep their facility open and operational as per the terms of their dual use agreement.

How much can be applied for?

- Organisations can apply for grants of up to £15,000.
- Please note: If the total sum of applications received is greater than the budget allocation, applicants may only be awarded part-funding (if appropriate to do so).

What can be funded?

- Improvements to enhance the existing offer (e.g. equipment for outdoor exercise)
- Equipment and capital purchase
- Room hire (e.g. for additional / off-site activities) or equipment hire
- Small works and maintenance costs

Criteria for awards

Your application will be scored out of 100 and reviewed against the following criteria:

1. Plans to improve the facilities and previous investment. A project plan for how the facilities will be presented following investment and clear evidence that expenditure is planned within 6 months of receipt of the grant. Assessment will take into account the level of investment in the past 5 **years**. (25%)
2. Clear plans for how the facility will continue to offer itself as a venue for 'Active and Healthy4Life', the District's Exercise on Referral Scheme for the term of the dual use agreement and beyond. (25%)
3. Promotional activity: Clear evidence of how you plan to extend membership and promote to a wide range of new users to engage those people who wouldn't normally attend formal physical activity programmes or who haven't left their homes in a long time. (25%)
4. Innovation: Creative ways to increase membership, e.g. plans to offer a flexible approach to membership and a range of different activities such as outdoor, chair-based or women only sessions. (25%)

Additional notes

A 6-month report will be required to demonstrate expenditure in line with the grant award terms and conditions. In the event that progress towards the outcomes of the project is considered unsatisfactory by South Cambridgeshire District Council, other than in circumstances beyond the control of the parties, SCDC may provide notice to reclaim part or all of any funding advanced.

The following Section will appear in the application form only.

What supporting information is required?

1. Have you received other sources of funding in the past 5 years to improve your facilities and/or upgrade your equipment?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. If yes, please outline the following:
 - a. Source of funding, e.g. S106
 - b. Amount(s) received
 - c. Describe how the money was used
3. Please describe approximate age and condition of existing equipment?
4. Is the equipment owned or rented?
5. Please state the last time the interior was refurbished and its current condition?
6. Please state the length of the term of your dual use agreement and end date.
7. Please provide outline costings for small works.
8. Please provide outline costings for new equipment.
9. If planning to enter a rental agreement for equipment, how would you service the rental fees from year 2 onwards?
10. Please describe how will you promote the facility to increase membership