

Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant

Scheme Introduction Basildon Council – April 2024/25

The Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Scheme is in place to enable the development of individual talent and to give local people the opportunity to enhance the sport and physical activity provision in the borough by developing events and projects, with the overall aim to meet the relevant Council's Leisure and Cultural Policy priorities and increase participation in sport and physical activity.

The Leisure and Cultural Policy Priorities

- Work with partners to tackle obesity within the borough through leisure and cultural activities with particular focus on the areas with higher instances.
- Seek to maximise opportunities for residents to engage in financially accessible leisure and cultural activities.
- Work with partners to tackle barriers that prevent regular participation in leisure and cultural activities and to promote activity as an effective preventative measure for various health conditions to influence good health and wellbeing.
- Promote initiatives to encourage the least active residents to participate in physical or cultural activities.
- Promote and encourage events and activities in our town centres and public realm.
- Promote and encourage volunteering opportunities within the borough e.g. "Friends of" groups.
- Enable and support culture-led development in our town centres.
- Seek opportunities to raise Basildon's prestige as a cultural centre and to use art and culture to help foster a sense of community identity by supporting staff, residents and partners to utilise expertise and skills available to contribute to Basildon's cultural and creative future.

The Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Scheme Aims and Objectives

- To enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Borough, by providing a range of sports events and activities for residents to participate in and/or attend.
- To contribute to the social cohesion within communities, by promoting activities which will also counteract the isolation of individuals.
- To provide opportunities for the personal development of individuals through the increasing of education, professional skills and creative abilities.
- To enhance the Borough's image and reputation for quality, innovation and enterprise at a local, regional and national level, thereby creating a positive image of the Borough and engendering local pride.

What is meant by sport and physical activity?

The scheme recognises over 100 sports in line with the 'Recognised Sports' listing produced by Sport England.

<http://www.sportengland.org/our-work/national-work/national-governing-bodies/sports-that-werecognise/>

The scheme also recognises any type of physical activity which is defined as any bodily movement that requires energy expenditure and includes all forms of activity, such as dancing, gardening, working out in the gym, indoor and outdoor play as well as active travel (e.g. walking, cycling, rollerblading, scooting).

Who Can Apply for Grants?

- Individuals living in the Basildon Borough.
- Non-profit making clubs, societies and organisations based in the Basildon Borough, whose membership is open to residents of the Basildon Borough.

Please refer to the Criteria for Individuals and Criteria for Groups depending on your requirements for further information on how to apply.

How Should You Apply?

Please apply in advance of the event, project or scheme for which you are applying.

There are 3 rounds of assessment in each financial year (April to January).

Please refer to the Application Timetable for details of when to submit your application.

Please complete the Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Application Form with the required evidence and return to: <https://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/3904/Contact-the-Voluntary-Sector-Development-Officer> including 'Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Application' in the subject line.

Alternatively, you can post your application to: Voluntary Sector Development Officer, Basildon Borough Council, Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square Basildon SS14 1DL

Important Information

Information supplied as part of an application to the Voluntary Sector Development Officer will be shared with third parties for assessment and for the detection of fraud. Information and photographs supplied as part of an application to the Sports Development Grant may also be used to publicise the grant scheme. Further Help and Assistance If you have any queries about the Basildon Borough Council Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Scheme please email communitiesteam@basildon.gov.uk including 'Sport and Physical Activity Development Grant Enquiry' in the subject line.

If you would like information on other funding streams available, please visit:

- The Active Essex Website at sportsuite.activeessex.org/funding
- The Sport England Website at www.sportengland.org/funding/

Information on funding opportunities for voluntary community groups is also available on the following Council websites: • www.basildon.gov.uk/grants