

Active Communities Grants

About the Grants:

Active people contribute to a healthy and vibrant community, and a thriving community supports more people to be active. We want to hear about how we can create the right conditions for people to 'get out and about more' and be active where they live, reducing inequalities in our communities. By doing so, the grants aim to support communities to:

- Support one or more of the target audiences to get out and about more
 - Inactive people
 - People on low incomes
 - Families with children
- Help to create or inspire sustainable, long-lasting changes in a community
- Involve local people in developing ideas which strengthen community asset of people, skills, places and groups
- Deliver value for money and quality outcomes for the community, while making good use of resources in the community
- Provide opportunities for creativity and for communities to try new things

How much funding is available?

Up to £500 and there is no minimum amount.

Who can apply:

- Not-for profit voluntary or community organisations
- Registered charities
- Faith-based organisations
- Not-for profit companies, community interest companies or social enterprises
- Schools
- Individuals or informal groups

Individuals and Un-constituted groups

Monies from the fund will not be paid directly to individuals or un-constituted groups. Individuals or groups who are un-constituted and/or do not have a bank account are advised to contact your local Well Doncaster Officer, in the first instance, before completing the application form. They will discuss your idea with you and provide support to access the grant.

We are unable to fund ideas that are:

- Activities promoting religious beliefs.
- Political activities.
- Goods or services that have already been purchased or ordered.
- Activities outside of the Borough of Doncaster.
- On-going organisational running costs.
- Trips and holidays.
- Costs that are already included within and funded by an existing grant or contract.
- School activities that are included within the curriculum (activities led by schools that engage the community will be eligible/considered).
- Endowments / loan repayments.
- Items that can only benefit an individual.

Evaluation and celebrating success

We want to help raise the profile of the great work that taking place in Doncaster's communities. To help us do that, all successful applicants must be willing to share a case study and a short questionnaire with Doncaster Council, within 6 months of receipt of funding.

When is the deadline to submit applications?

You can submit your application at any time, there is no deadline.

What happens when you submit your application?

- You will receive an acknowledgement letter or email which will have your unique reference number on it.
- You **may** be contacted by a Well Doncaster Officer to discuss your application in more detail.
- Applications will be assessed by a small panel of local representatives, colleagues of Get Doncaster Moving and Sport England. Decisions will be based on the strength of the application according to the aims of the Active Communities Grants. Sport England retains the final decision for funding.
- When a decision has been made, you will be notified in writing or via email.
- You will be contacted to arrange receipt of the grant.
- Your local Well Doncaster Officer can provide support – keep in touch with them to let them know how you are doing.
- The grant must be used and a case study submitted within 6 months of receipt of the grant.

Unsuccessful applications

The decision is final and there is no right of appeal. However, unsuccessful applicants will be referred to their local Well Doncaster Officer for support, and they are able to re-apply based on the support and advice they are given.

How to find out more:

For more information and for support to develop your idea, please contact the Well Doncaster Officer in your area:

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