



FAQS for applicants to Made by Sport Clubs in Crisis Fund (Revised September 2021)

1. The Clubs in Crisis Fund

1.1. What is the Clubs in Crisis Fund?

Made by Sport (MBS) is a national charity which seeks to raise awareness of and provides funding for sport for development.

The MBS Clubs in Crisis Fund has been designed to support sports clubs or community organisations which deliver defined social outcomes (see 1.4 below) for children and young people, by using sport for development (this includes any physical activity). Applicants must *also* show in their application that the Covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected their club or organisation, either operationally or financially, and therefore require funding to save, resume or adapt their activities.

1.2 Who can apply?

The fund is open to UK-based:

- charities
- social enterprises and community interest companies (please see section 2.3 below)
- other not-for profit organisations e.g. sports club, unincorporated community groups etc.

The fund is now able to accept applications from clubs or organisations with an annual income (or turnover) that does not exceed £1,000,000

1.3 Who is the Clubs in Crisis Fund intended to support?

Children and young people (aged between 5 and 25). Priority will be given to organisations where the relevant club or project (within the club or organisation) has a majority youth focus.

1.4 What are the outcomes that the fund is looking to achieve?

Specifically, the funding is intended to support clubs and organisations demonstrating that they are using sport to work towards one or more of the following outcomes (there's more information about these outcomes in the Appendix 1):

- developing life skills
- improving mental health
- reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- developing employability skills
- building stronger communities.

1.5 Please see the following project examples

1.5.1 Developing life skills

Greenhouse Sports uses inspirational sports coaching and mentoring to engage young people and improve their life chances. They partner with schools to provide opportunities for young people who may be disengaged, vulnerable or facing disadvantage to develop the social, thinking, emotional and physical skills that help them thrive.



1.5.2 Improving mental health

Westport is a charity in the West of England which runs various projects using sport to improve mental health. Bristol Active Life Project works in partnership with people who experience Severe and Enduring Mental illness (SMI) by enabling them to improve their own health and wellbeing through taking part in sport and exercise opportunities in the local community.

1.5.3 Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour – TSA Projects

TSA Projects, based in Birmingham, deliver programmes in partnership with charities to engage with hard-to-reach young people. They provide a positive space for young people to communicate safely about potentially dangerous situations, and encourage a range of activities, including sport-based programmes, to support their personal development, safety, confidence to ensure they stay away from criminal activity.

1.5.4 Developing employability skills - The Blair Project

A karting project in Manchester that develops employability opportunities and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills for young people aged 15-18 by designing and 3D printing karts they then race.

1.5.5 Building stronger communities - Boots & Beards

A Glasgow-based organisation that started life aiming to get young people off their screens and exercising through hiking. Now the project focuses on bringing together people from all parts of the BME community to go on likeminded adventures, exploring and promoting Scotland's natural landscape.



1.6 How much can I apply for?

You may apply for a grant of up to £2,021

1.7 What is the duration of any grant awarded?

Grants will last for up to 12 months from date of award

1.8 What can the funding be used for?

Funding is **unrestricted** and therefore may be used for core costs (or running costs), as well as for programme or capital expenditure. This fund may be used towards match-funding, if you wish.

Normally, MBS funding may not be used for either debt repayment or for costs incurred before the funding was agreed (that is to say, retrospectively). However, Sussex Community Foundation will consider and assess any applications for such costs, in light of the Covid pandemic, provided the need to cover these costs meets the aims of the Fund.

2. The application process

2.1 When can I apply?

We are now open for applications to the Made By Sport Clubs in Crisis Fund. It will close for applications at 17:00 on Friday 29th October. We expect to announce decisions on applications towards the end of November 2021.

2.2 How do I apply?

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There is an online application for this fund which you can access [here](#).

2.3 What supporting documents will I need to submit with my application?

Please ensure that you provide copies of the following, at the same time as your application form. We will not be able to take your application forward without them.

- Your constitution or set of governing rules (with a minimum of three trustees/committee members)
- Your latest audited accounts or records of expenditure
- A recent bank statement, giving clear details of your organisation's bank account, sort code and address. There must be at least two named authorised signatories for the account
- Any relevant policies (e.g. health and safety, children/young people at risk etc.) and a copy of your Equal Opportunities policy

We are able to accept applications from social enterprises, CICs and Companies Limited by Guarantee carrying out activities which are charitable. However, these organisations must have:

- Demonstrable public benefit and clear protection against private benefit
- A minimum of three unrelated directors, the majority of whom are not paid either as directors or for delivering the activities of the organisation (if some are related there must be at least three who are not)
- A majority of non-executive directors approving the salaries and benefits of any paid directors, which should be reasonable and proportionate to the work they do and the financial position of the organisation
- An asset lock body (in the case of CICs) with objectives which are charitable and similar to the CIC. Such organisations must confirm that they meet these conditions at the time of applying and, in any case, no later than the closing date.

2.4 Are there any special monitoring or reporting requirements for this funding?

Yes, MBS is interested in the funding being used for two aspects and will ask you about these at the end of any grant awarded:

- as the funding is unrestricted, MBS would like to see it used as match funding to leverage other funds for your club or organisation.
- they'd also like to see how it can be used to ensure the sustainability of your club or organisation.

MBS is keen to ensure that any reporting is proportionate and reasonable but wishes to collect some qualitative and quantitative data. MBS will collect quantitative data via a survey that Sussex Community Foundation will share with grantees. In order that MBS can gather qualitative information, Sussex Community Foundation may be asked to signpost and grant MBS access to clubs and organisations.

2.5 What if I have further queries about the MBS Fund?



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Please contact the Grants Team at Sussex Community Foundation on 01273 409440, or email grants@sussexgiving.org.uk

Appendix 1 -

What is the difference between sport for development and community sport?

Sport for development is defined as ‘...the intentional use of sport to achieve other social outcomes’ and is a powerful tool to help young people deal with these issues. Operating mainly in disadvantaged communities, these organisations often work collaboratively with other partners to meet local need and may offer cross-sector activities.

Community sport focuses on developing and widening opportunities to participate, traditionally within voluntary sports clubs and organisations overseen by governing bodies.

Community sports clubs and organisations deliver better mental health, less crime and anti-social behaviour, pathways to employment, life-skills and community cohesion.

Can you provide some details around the five outcomes on which funding decisions will be assessed?

Yes, the MBS fund will only fund sport for development projects and organisations which work towards one or more of those outcomes:

Developing life skills

The fund will support projects and organisations which develop the ‘soft’ skills that will ultimately improve the life chances of young people, specifically projects which work towards any of the six key areas of life skills development identified by the World Health Organisation:

- 1) communication and interpersonal skills
- 2) decision-making and problem solving
- 3) creative thinking and critical thinking
- 4) self-awareness and empathy
- 5) assertiveness and self-control
- 6) resilience

Improving mental health.

The fund will support projects and organisations which promote positive mental health through physical activity, which:

- achieve increased confidence and resilience
- encourage positive social interaction
- specifically address mental health issues such as depression, anxiety or ADHD
- focus on general wellbeing and wellness

Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour

The fund will support projects and organisations which reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, either through providing diversionary activities at key times, or through modifying and promoting positive behaviour.

Developing employability skills

The fund will support projects and organisations which either develop employability skills or those which provide actual pathways to employment.

To differentiate projects working towards this outcome from projects working towards the



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general soft skills outcome, MBS will prioritise projects working towards one of the following three outcomes, for young people aged 16 and above:

- 1) communication and interpersonal skills, including working well with others
- 2) reliability and dependability, including meeting deadlines and turning up on time
- 3) the ability and willingness to learn new skills, whether job-specific or more general

In terms of specific pathways to employment, the fund will include funding for volunteer pathways and qualifications in sport.

Building stronger communities

The fund will support projects and organisations which build and rebuild communities, for example:

- those which encourage integration or bridge divides between groups of people
- those providing opportunities for vulnerable or marginalised groups

Of course, many projects and organisations may work towards more than one of these outcomes. The application process will enable you to demonstrate this, as necessary.