

## **ICES System Development Small Grant Programme Announced**

UK Sport is seeking expressions of interest from agencies linked to ICES, aiming to develop their community coach education systems.

The International community Coach Education Systems (ICES) initiative, led by UK Sport, is focused on supporting agencies to develop and improve the education of community sport coaches. In line with this commitment, UK Sport is pleased announce the launch of a small grant programme aimed at supporting system development initiatives for selected agencies linked to ICES.

System development includes areas such as training and development strategy; workforce development planning; targeted recruitment; resource development; assessment and certification as well as post-training support, mentoring and tracking. These components are highlighted in the ICES System Framework.

Applicants for the ICES System Development Small Grants programme should focus on initiatives covering a period of up to two years and consider the following:

- All proposals must be aimed at developing a 'gap' area within education systems with explicit regard to the education of community sport coaches.
- Applications will need to show how they align to the ICES core values (participant centered, context specific, collaboratively developed)
- Applications will be judged against a simple selection criterion and based on their perceived ability to affect sustainable development.
- Agencies are encouraged to highlight how they would match the grant and/or the level of in-kind support provided
- Areas for development would ideally be referenced to the ICES Systems Framework

ICES system development grants are targeting agencies currently linked to the ICES initiative. Applicants should have undergone, or build into their application, a baseline mapping using ICES mapping tools. Organisations who have not undertaken baseline mapping are encouraged to apply, with mapping to be undertaken as the first phase of system development planning.

Further information on ICES System Development Small Grants will be shared during Webinar 5 on 23 June 2011. Organisations interested in applying for the grant will be asked to contact Clare Barrell via the ICES web address [ICES@uksport.gov.uk](mailto:ICES@uksport.gov.uk). From the 23 June 2011, interested parties will receive an application form, selection criteria guide and a copy of the ICES Systems Framework to support their application. The deadline for application is July 25th 2011.