

Small Grants Annual Report 2012-13



Introduction

It has been another successful year for Small Grants in which we have supported organisations all over the country to get more people involved in sport. While the number of applications has reduced slightly we have still received 1681 applications from across the Country and made our 4,000th award since the programme opened for applications in April 2009.

We made 1101 awards this year involving 69 different sports and reaching every region of England, from archery in Northumberland to gig rowing in Devon. We were particularly encouraged to see an increase in applications from less 'mainstream' sports, including roller derby, korfball and stoolball, and we were also pleased to see a high number of awards for multi-sports programmes, reflecting the growing interest in providing access to a wider range of physical activity.

We continue to work with our partners to help connect organisations to funding opportunities, in particular through the national governing bodies for each sport and the county sports partnerships and we would like to thank those who have helped promote Small Grants in their communities.

The following report gives a bit more detail about the impact Small Grants has had this year.

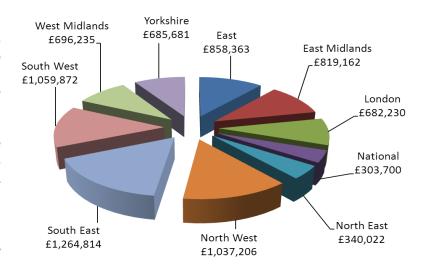




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Small Grants uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more young people (aged 14+) and adults take part and keep a sporting habit for life.

We have invested £7.7m in 1101 projects across the country.



Although there was no specific geographic targeting, funding was generally distributed to regions in-line with population figures as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Region	% of UK Population	No. of awards
East	10.8	118
East Midlands	8.4	113
London	15.1	94
North East	5.1	52
North West	13.8	145
South East	16.1	175
South West	9.9	148
West Midlands	10.6	106
Yorkshire	10.3	108
National	100	42
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This year we received 1681 applications from across the country and have now made awards in 324 of the 326 local authority areas in England.

68% of Small Grants applications were successful this year, the highest success rate in the programme's history.

The majority of our awards (67%) went to community clubs, 13% to charities and the remaining 20 per cent split between trusts, community interest companies, national governing bodies of sport and statutory bodies such as local authorities and education establishments.





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This year's funded projects are targeted to get approximately 409,000 people, across the country involved in sport. The table below shows the sports we have funded this year, 69 in total. 27 of the sports supported this year are recognised by Sport England but sit outside of our direct investment into national governing bodies of sport.

Awards by Sport

Sport	No. Awards	Award Value	Sport	No. Awards	Award Value
American Football	16	£128,359	Lawn Tennis	19	£109,300
Angling	5	£41,881	Mountaineering	3	£23,407
Archery	22	£118,510	Movement & Dance	8	£49,058
Association Football	103	£568,714	Multi Sports	113	£854,879
Athletics	12	£58,607	Multi-Skill Coaching	1	£10,000
Aussie Rules	1	£2,600	Netball	16	£100,021
Badminton	12	£69,772	Octopush	1	£5,296
Baseball	3	£16,072	Orienteering	1	£9,121
Basketball	43	£309,355	Roller Derby	1	£4,800
Boccia	2	£19,997	Rowing	51	£464,203
Bowls	52	£278,400	Rugby League	22	£124,459
Boxing	28	£244,329	Rugby Union	18	£101,242
Canoeing	30	£237,992	Sailing & Yachting	116	£1,092,632
Cricket	130	£803,799	Shooting	3	£26,168
Croquet	3	£18,660	Skateboarding	1	£4,325
Curling	1	£8,000	Sombo Wrestling	2	£10,362
Cycling	27	£232,513	Sport participation	4	£27,887
Dodgeball	2	£19,612	Sports development	2	£6,723
Dragon Boat Racing	1	£9,055	Squash	4	£24,030
Equestrian	8	£60,248	Stoolball	1	£9,840
Exercise & Fitness	11	£66,322	Sub-Aqua	19	£149,662
Fencing	7	£47,686	Surf Life Saving	3	£19,999
Floorball	2	£17,586	Swimming & Diving	13	£93,356
Flying	1	£8,361	Table Tennis	53	£252,639
Gaelic Football	1	£10,000	Taekwondo	1	£8,200
Gliding	1	£10,000	Trampolining	15	£136,348
Goalball	1	£10,000	Triathlon	4	£24,923
Golf	7	£53,477	Volleyball	7	£52,364
Gymnastics	20	£148,722	Water Polo	2	£10,845
Handball	5	£45,336	Water Skiing	1	£9,850
Hockey	9	£70,446	Weightlifting	1	£9,959
Ice Hockey	5	£43,466	Windsurfing	6	£46,036
Ice Skating	2	£17,250	Wrestling	2	£19,251
Judo	14	£107,452	Yoga	1	£375
Korfball	1	£9,990	Total	1101	£7,758,747



Success Story

Tyne Valley Canoe Club Small Grant award £9,800

Tyne Valley Canoe Club's project is a good example of how the purchasing of extra equipment can make a real difference.

Based in Prudhoe, the Club were awarded £9,800 in June 2012 to buy new equipment to run 'come and try' events that coincided with the Olympic torch relay passing through town.

They have used the new equipment and extra interest to help the club grow, running a full winter training programme and increasing the number of people they can get out on the water at any time.



The Club have gone from strength to strength since their award and their coach, John Dean was recognised for his work on this and other projects at the Club with an 'Outstanding contribution' award at Canoe England's annual volunteer awards.

The year ahead for Small Grants

Sport England 2012-17 strategy is focused on creating a lasting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Small Grants has a role to play in this. Small Grants funding criteria will continue to echo the priorities in the strategy and will seek to target the 14-25 age range, a growth in adult participation and a growth in participation by people who have disabilities.

To help achieve this Small Grants will have a budget of £7m for 2013-14 and it is anticipated that competition for funding will continue to be high.

At the end of February 2013 we launched our new application form, guidance and an updated webpage. We are always looking for ways to make applying for a Small Grant easier and to ensure that applicants have all the information needed to write a good application. We will use these new tools to continue to offer the best possible service to our applicants.

Contact us

If you are interested in applying for a Small Grant, have any views about the guidance and support we provide, or have any Small Grants successes you wish to share we want to hear from you.

Please contact the Small Grants team on 0845 508 508 or email funding@sportengland.org