

Sport Strategy Funding – Year 1

Grants are awarded subject to the following Standard Terms & Conditions:

1. The 2026 grant is of a fixed term and should be spent and projects complete by **31st December 2026**. If the funding has not been spent, or the project has not been completed by this date, you will be required to return the underspend to Tendring District Council.
2. Grants must only be used to fund approved activities and projects. Any deviations to the original plan submitted for approval must be sent to the Council for further consideration. Grant award will not be increased but may be reduced if costs change.
3. Staff and freelancer costs can be supported as included in the original application, however these should be for project-specific tasks only; the grant cannot be used to pay existing salary costs or other existing overheads which are not in direct relation to this project.
4. Any grant funded activities must conform to any relevant licensing or permit restrictions, and these must be in place prior to the activity being carried out.
5. As a successful recipient of funds, you will be required to provide evidence of the project's progress upon request, and furthermore a final report and receipts and/or proof of spend, once the project is complete/the funding period ends (**31st December 2026**), whichever is earliest. TDC has a responsibility to report on each project's progress, expenditure, and contribution to the agreed outputs/outcomes as outlined in the above Grant Offer Letter.
6. Project funding will be paid in full to your organisation in the amount outlined in the above Grant Offer Letter, within 28 days of Appendix A (below) being completed and returned to Communitysportandactivity@tendringdc.gov.uk
7. Any project must not involve or in any way be connected with activity that TDC has indicated that it does not regard as suitable for support from public funds.
8. The recipient shall keep separate, accurate and up-to-date accounts and records of the receipt and expenditure of the Grant monies received by it including all invoices and receipts relating to the expenditure of the Grant for a period of at least three (3) years following receipt of any Grant monies to which they relate and shall permit the Council upon request to review and take copies of such accounts and records.
9. By accepting the funds provided, the recipient agrees to provide the Council with updates on progress upon request. The Council would also welcome, where possible, anonymised case studies and photographs. The Council will report the spend and impact of its funding allocation, so any request for information must be met in a timely manner. By arrangement, the Council reserves the right to visit the project to see the work first hand in order to gain a more full understanding of the work taking place and its impact.

10. Tendring District Council reserves the right to publicise and promote these grants in any way; this could include press releases, photography, printed material, website, social media, or any other appropriate means, and/or to process any requests for information which the council has a legal obligation to comply with.
11. If, at any stage, funding is found to have been misspent, deviated from the original application without agreement in writing as per (2), or otherwise misused, the grant in part or in full will be subject to repayment/clawback arrangements.

For further information or any other assistance, please e-mail:

Communitysportandactivity@tendringdc.gov.uk

Outcomes

Use the below outcomes as a guide when completing the monitoring and reporting.

Addressing health inequalities through physical activity
Improved accessibility of local physical activity services
Increased opportunities for affordable physical activity & health programmes
Physically inactive groups engaging with funded programmes
Greater participation and outreach in physical activity services
Rehabilitation and recovery through physical health & activity initiatives
Targeted interventions to reach marginalised groups
Local amenities created or improved

Guidance

Submission Deadline: 8th March

Tendring District Council has released the first year of strategic funding to support projects that deliver outcomes across the council's Sport & Activity Strategy. The Tendring Sport and Activity strategy focuses on supporting a higher proportion of residents to be active, improve quality of life, increase accessibility for residents to be active and ensure the foundations for those priorities are sustainable. The work of local groups, sports clubs and organisations play a vital role in delivering provision and branching into the community and the funding associated to this cause will support the council's active partnerships.

Tendring District Council is seeking locally trusted sports and activity providers to encourage greater participation in sport and activity and to support local organisations with new projects and local delivery.

Eligibility

The available funding opportunities are eligible to the following groups.

- Voluntary, community and grassroots organisations
- Charitable incorporated organisations (CIO)
- Not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee
- Community Interest Companies (CIC)
- Educational settings
- Statutory bodies (including NHS Integrated Care Systems, local authorities, town, parish, or community council)

Requirements

Successful submissions will have:

- Good knowledge and understanding of the gap in particular provision within the Tendring area they have proposed for delivery and identify this need within their application.
- Understand and be able to demonstrate the importance of physical activity for improved wellbeing, physical and mental health.
- Experience delivering physical activity sessions with demonstrated positive outcomes.
- Knowledge of working within the local area of delivery whether on a physical activity projects or other community project within that local area.

- Demonstrated previous partnership working with other organisations in that local area is preferred but not essential.
- Capture and keep an accurate record of attendance figures and retention, record of participants experiences and feedback from participants, and other requested data captured that may be required for the purposes of evaluation as agreed.