

In association with Postcode Community Trust, Localgiving is delighted to offer charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of £500.

The Magic Little Grants Fund provides local charities and community groups the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities, which help to overcome barriers to participation.

The aim of the fund is supporting the work of organisations that are engaging hard to reach individuals, encouraging them to take part in some form of physical activity to help improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Both Postcode Community Trust and Localgiving recognise the role that sports and physical activity can play in bringing communities together, as well as promoting holistic wellbeing amongst groups and individuals.

To benefit from funding, projects need to meet either of the following themes:

- Overcoming barriers to participation in physical activities in creative ways
- Increasing social cohesion through developing access to sports and other recreational activities

Grants can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. For example, this could include: facilities hire, kit & equipment, coaching qualifications, other volunteer expenses etc.

Applications which will predominantly cover the costs of one-off events or trips must provide details of how they intend to deliver a longer-term impact.

Please note that as applications are reviewed on a monthly basis, your organisation could wait up to two months to receive an update on the status of your application. Successful applicants will receive the grant payment within a fortnight of being notified they have been successful.

How to apply

To access The Magic Little Grants Fund you must meet the eligibility criteria for membership with Localgiving.

To register your group with Localgiving and apply for a grant click [here](#). Please use the promocode MLG2018 within the membership payment section to access your free annual membership funded by the Postcode Community Trust.

This should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete. Please note that as applications are reviewed on a monthly basis, your organisation could wait up to two months to receive an update on the status of your application.

If you are already a Localgiving member, then you can complete the simple online grant application form by [logging into](#) your account.

If you have any questions about the registration process please get in touch with our help desk by calling 0300 111 2340 or emailing help@localgiving.org.

Eligibility

To be eligible to benefit from a grant and Localgiving membership, organisations must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- “We operate on local / regional community initiatives and are not a national charity”
- “We have a UK bank account in the name of the group”
- “Our charitable aims are not solely for the advancement of religion”

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The following organisations can apply:

- Registered charities with either the Charity Commission for England & Wales or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)
- Community Interest Companies (CICs)
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs, SCIOs)
- Social enterprises
- Other not-for-profit community organisations

Please note that funding is not available to deliver activities in Northern Ireland.*

The fund is open to organisations with an annual income of under £50,000, however priority will be given to organisations with an annual income of under £20,000 or who are in their first year of operation and are engaging with hard to reach groups in society and those that struggle to take part in physical activity.

* Owing to differing regulations governing gambling and lotteries across the United Kingdom, we are unable to distribute funds in Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and other overseas territories

Evaluation & reporting

All successful applicants will be required to complete a brief monitoring form within 12 weeks of receiving their award. A link will be sent out to all awardees 6 weeks after the payment of the funds.

The monitoring form will provide applicants with the opportunity to provide feedback on how the grant was spent, the beneficiaries supported and any successes or challenges along the way.

Acknowledgement

All applicants must acknowledge the support of and the players of People's Postcode Lottery through Postcode Community Trust. Further details of how to do so will be provided to successful applicants.

Please note that whilst groups are encouraged to acknowledge this support through logos on sports kits, no individuals under the age of 25 years are permitted to wear clothing containing reference to either Postcode Community Trust or People's Postcode Lottery.

Postcode Community Trust is a charity registered in Scotland, No. SC044772 and is a company limited by guarantee (SC472798). Postcode Community Trust is regulated by the Gambling Commission under certificate 000-037612-N-318384-005 and 000-037612-R-318383-005, and achieves its objectives through funds it receives from People's Postcode Lottery. Players must be 16 or over. Not available in Northern Ireland.

Further Information

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Localgiving Help Desk on 0300 111 2340 or via help@localgiving.org.