

Tackling Inequalities Fund – Phase 3 FAQs

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Can organisations outside of Birmingham apply?

We need to support local people through this fund therefore eligible organisations that apply should be based in Birmingham and / or their programme should target Birmingham based participants, with activity delivered in Birmingham. If you fall outside of these criteria, you should contact your local Active Partnership about their own Tackling Inequalities Funding.

We received funding in phase 1 or phase 2, can we apply for phase 3 funding?

Yes, we will be accepting applications from organisations that have received Tackling Inequalities Funding previously, from Sport Birmingham or another organisation that is distributing the funding. Please state this in your application.

Do you have to include a Secondary target audience?

No. It is not a requirement to have a Secondary audience, your application will not be inhibited if this section is not completed, as long as you have stated the Primary audience.

Is there a specific list / breakdown of Long-Term Health Conditions (LTHCs) which are being considered?

No. All conditions will be eligible; however, if you wish to discuss this further, we would encourage you to contact the team via grants@sportbirmingham.org

Where would we specify the types of disabilities or LTHCs participants have?

When specifying disability and LTHC, you can include these when describing your audience, in the same section as your organisation description.

Are there any sports & activities that are not eligible?

We are unable to fund football only activity. The Football Foundation and The FA received a large amount of investment from Sport England during the lockdown period and have repurposed some of their existing funds to support football organisations. Therefore, organisations that deliver football as their sole activity should contact The FA or The Football Foundation directly.

We will accept applications where football is part of a multi-sports offer.

We are in receipt of other Sport England funding, can we still apply?

Yes, as long as it doesn't duplicate the purpose of the funding i.e. double funding for the same project and participants. Please include this information in your application so that we are aware of other investment received.

Can the fund be used as match funding?

Yes, the focus should be on tackling inequalities and the involvement of audiences from one or more of the specified demographics. We must consider those who need it most. If the match funding is from another source, that is great! However, if it is from your own reserves, consider this as this would likely flag that you are not in the most need for the Tackling Inequalities Fund and are likely not to be funded.

Will you fund capital projects?

Tackling Inequalities Fund monies cannot be used to support projects involving construction or refurbishment of property, putting up temporary buildings or land improvement. Also, we can't fund fixed items of equipment including goals and nets that cannot be easily moved, as well as fixed equipment which may require planning permission or may impact on any lease.

See Sport England funding for more information and support.

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds>

Can we apply for on-costs, management fees and administration?

We want as much of the funding as possible to reach the organisations and their audiences / participants / beneficiaries at this time. TIF will only support funding for direct project costs and for an appropriate and proportionate share of an organisation's overheads in delivering this project.

Direct projects costs are ones that clearly relate to a project i.e. coaching costs, volunteer expenses, a tablet to loan to self-isolating participants. Overheads are costs that partly support a project such as rent or utility costs.

The inclusion of on-costs and other organisation overheads which are not related to direct delivery will not be supported. Additional management and administration fees in addition to direct delivery costs will not be supported.

Can we apply for retrospective costs?

Retrospective costs should not be included for projects funded through the Tackling Inequalities Fund. This is particularly important for purchase of equipment and direct delivery where organisations have already chosen to undertake this activity before funding approval.

When providing details of a recovery / sustainability plan is this for the organisation or specifically for the project?

This would ideally be for your organisation or department. This is to provide us with as much information as possible when considering the stability of your project and work, but also shows us that the organisation is thinking ahead and beyond immediate funding. Please do contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Do we have to complete any monitoring / evaluation?

We will require organisations in receipt of the funding to complete an end of project monitoring, evaluation and learning form. We will require you to keep participant information for the project and report back on these through the completion of the form as well as provide any case studies, including where possible, any images, video footage or voice notes / quotes.