

Updates on Public, Legacies, Corporate, Trusts and Public Sector Funding

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Welcome to the June funding bulletin. This edition includes a reminder of the new funding round for Age UK's Warm Homes programme, together with ongoing grant funding opportunities for physical activity projects in local communities.

Please do remind your colleagues that they can receive this bulletin on Signpost - you can sign up [here](#).

The Fundraising Team

1. New grant funding opportunities for local Age UKs

Age UK Warm Homes Programme - new funding round [Area of coverage: England and Wales]

Just a reminder that the new funding round for Age UK's Warm Homes programme remains open for applications from local Age UKs but the deadline is fast approaching.

As with previous years, the Warm Homes Programme aims to address the main causes of fuel poverty and cold-related ill health through the delivery of benefit entitlement sessions and home energy checks. We expect the delivery period for this latest funding round to run from September 2022.

Applications for this programme must be submitted via GIFTS by noon on **Tuesday 5 July 2022**.

Further details can be found [here](#).

2. Ongoing grant funding opportunities for local Age UKs

The following grant programmes have featured in previous bulletins but remain open for grant applications.

Alpkit [Area of coverage: UK]

The Alpkit foundation is accepting applications for grants of £500 from individuals or organisations supporting those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Examples of support include:

- Being active in your local community to help elderly or vulnerable people
- Minimising the impact of self-isolation for those in quarantine and needing access to food, medicines, or social care
- Supporting food banks and increasing the number of meals on wheels deliveries to support the elderly

- Supporting those who are homeless or in temporary accommodation
- Bringing adventure indoors and overcoming the obstacles that prevent us from benefiting from going outdoors.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Sport England and Crowdfunder - Active Together

[Area of coverage: England]

Get up to £10,000 to keep your community physically active

Sport England and Crowdfunder UK have teamed up to make £7.5 million of match funding available to help the sport and physical activity sector through the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and safely return to play.

They are encouraging not-for-profit organisations who play a key role in keeping their community physically active to get involved. Applicants must set up a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds that can then be matched by Sport England with funding of up to £10,000.

Active Together is aimed at organisations that have a role in supporting the nation to be active but are experiencing short-term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the ongoing crisis.

Further details can be found [here](#).

Physical activity grants programmes - Update on Tackling Inequalities Fund (TIF), Together Fund and Let's Mover Together Fund

This is an update on the grant funding available over the coming year to support local Age UKs to run physical activity projects in their communities.

Tackling Inequalities Fund (TIF)

Over the past 12-18 months, funding from Sport England's [Tackling Inequalities Fund](#) (TIF) has been available to encourage older people to get active as they recover from the worst of the pandemic.

During 2021, as one of Sport England's National Partners, the **Age UK TIF programme** made 41 grant awards of up to £6,000 to 38 local Age UKs for physical activity projects ranging from Tai Chi sessions to walking groups, with around 3,500 older people benefitting overall. Many other local Age UKs have also delivered physical activity projects funded through other Sport England National Partners such as their local Active Partnership and Versus Arthritis since the launch of TIF in summer 2020. It has been a tremendous effort and achievement by all those delivering these projects.

The TIF programme has since transformed into the [Together Fund](#) grants programme with a further major investment from Sport England. The Together Fund's purpose, however, remains unchanged in aiming to provide a range of physical activity opportunities for local communities, based on local need, and specifically targeting people with long-term health conditions, those living with disabilities, from culturally diverse communities, and from lower socio-economic groups.

Age UK will not be awarding grants through the Together Fund (TF), but all local Age UKs will instead be able to access Together Fund grants of up to £10,000 for new physical activity projects through other TF National Partners, in particular Active Partnerships and Versus Arthritis.

Local Active Partnership

All local Age UKs can approach their local Active Partnership about Together Fund grant support, and those with an existing relationship with their local Active Partnership are especially encouraged to do so.

To discuss your project idea with your local Active Partnership, please contact them at www.activepartnerships.org/active-partnerships.

Versus Arthritis

The **Versus Arthritis Together Fund grants programme** is now open for applications for new activities in England that specifically support people living with long-term health conditions to get active. The fund is providing grants between £1,000 and £5,000 (although grants of more than £5,000 may be available) and is open for applications until **31 July 2022**.

Versus Arthritis also has a new grants fund - **Let's Move Together Fund** - open to local organisations in **Northern Ireland, Wales** and **Scotland** - supporting people with arthritis and other long-term health conditions to get active.

Further details of the Versus Arthritis Together Fund and Let's Move Together Fund are available [here](#) and by contacting physicalactivityVA@versusarthritis.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at TIF@ageuk.org.uk.

Sport England - Places and Spaces fund goes nationwide

[Area of coverage: England / West Midlands]

The [Places and Spaces fund](#) set up by Sport England to help communities benefit from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games has been expanded nationwide across England.

[Originally launched in November 2021](#) to cater for organisations in the West Midlands, Sport England has committed extra National Lottery funding to extend the fund. Its purpose is to help community organisations make small-scale facility improvements that will help to develop places and spaces wanting to use Birmingham 2022 as a catalyst to improve community sport and physical activity.

While the fund is now available to applicants nationwide, four areas will receive targeted investment to support people to get active. These areas are **Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Tyne and Wear** and **Tees Valley**, with this work forming part of Sport England's and the government's Levelling Up

agenda to tackle inequalities across the country, including health inequalities, which have been worsened by the pandemic.

Places and Spaces has been developed in partnership with [Crowdfunder](#) and will see Sport England award match funding of up to £10,000 to eligible applicants who run a successful community crowdfunding campaign.

The fund is expected to be open until December 2022. Further details can be found [here](#).

Sport England is also making a further £600,000 available to benefit community organisations in the **West Midlands** as part of its investment into the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, with this funding to be distributed to organisations across six local Active Partnerships, who are working to support individuals - particularly inactive people from under-represented groups - to find ways to be active.

Further details about this additional funding for the West Midlands can be found [here](#).

3. Other resources

Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust - The Veterans' Places, Pathways & People Programme

This is not a funding opportunity, but you may be interested in this veteran's focused programme as a resource for your work. The Veterans' Places, Pathways & People programme has funded 10 portfolio projects throughout the UK and four national strategic projects which work alongside the portfolios. The programme aims to:

- Give veterans safe, welcoming places to go to in their local area
- Supports veterans to access mental health support and treatment pathways that meet their needs
- Ensures that the people who support veterans (staff and particularly volunteers) can access good quality training and can have better access to connect veterans into wider pathways.

The portfolio projects and national strategic projects are working to deliver the following outcomes:

- Veterans can find the support they need and access mental health and wellbeing services activities that are interesting and relevant to them
- When accessing activities, veterans are safe and can be supported to recover. They can be referred seamlessly to NHS or other services
- Veterans at higher risk of suicide or other risk relating to mental ill health can receive better cross-sector support
- Effective veteran-led projects are embedded in local care pathways supported by good partnerships.

Further details can be found [here](#).