



Summer of Sport - Step into Hockey Fund

Off the back of a successful Summer of Sport application, Scottish Hockey is delighted to launch a Step into Hockey Fund for clubs across Scotland to access. The aim of this fund is to create and develop opportunities in line with the Summer of Sport funding parameters to get new members involved playing Hockey. Clubs can apply for funding up to £500.00. The contribution should be used for projects to achieve the following outcomes:

Opportunities: Deliver a range of safe, welcoming and inclusive opportunities that reduce barriers to participation	Growth: Grow the number of people playing hockey and diversity, particularly during the summer period and beyond.
Pathways: Provide accessible pathways from short term activity into sustained participation in school, club and community sport	Targeted: Introduce targeted initiatives where gaps exist, with a focus on long term engagement beyond the funding period
Workforce: Recruit, train and retain coaches, officials, volunteers and leaders, with the aim to increase diversity	Profile: Contribute to raising the profile of hockey within your community

Please note the project must provide a universal offer to all children and young people, aged 3-26 years.

Eligible projects can start anytime from July but must be concluded by March 2027.

What success could look like:

- More children and young people accessing local sport
- More inclusive provision
- Stronger and more effective partnerships
- A more diverse and skilled workforce
- Accelerated local plans
- Engagement of a wide range of partners
- Enhanced culture of co-creation of local services for sport
- More children and young people in poverty accessing local sport

How we will capture the impact

Information such as, but not limited to will be captured:

- Number and range of delivery partners
- Number and range of sessions delivered
- Number of children/young people and families engaged (including % from target groups)
- Number of new coaches and volunteers engaged.





Criteria For Application:

- Projects must meet a minimum of 3 of the above outcomes
- Clubs should clearly outline a spending plan for the project
- Clubs agree to complete monitoring and case study of the project
- Projects can be part funded by the club or other partners
- Projects must include a letter of support/email confirmation from any other partners
- Only one application per club will be considered
- Projects to run between July 2026 & March 2027
- The project is sustainable beyond funding period

The closing date for applications 5th July. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be informed mid July 2026. Investment will be paid in two installments: 50% on approval and 50% on completion of project and evidence of costs, along with a monitoring form. Please note that the deadline for the second payment is April 1st 2027.

Please see below examples of elements which are eligible for funding

Eligible for Funding

- Free holiday time activities which are active, fun and creates social connections
- Current holiday programmes at a subsidised rate
- Expansion of current holiday provision into communities
- Post summer sessions leading to club and community opportunities
- Maximizing use of outdoor space
- Multi-sport camps, festivals and taster events with explicit transition into clubs
- Connecting schools and community provision such as buddy sessions, join-in weeks
- An inclusion uplift for activity targeting families at a higher risk of poverty
- Travel costs for those on low incomes and / or in rural communities
- Family activation grants for partners to remove immediate barriers (e.g. transport, childcare, family taster sessions, kit)
- Purchase of equipment and facility hire (any specific equipment to support inclusion of people with disabilities)
- Training and development for young leaders and volunteers
- Approaches to recruit / retain volunteers and young leaders
- Provision of additional training around inclusion, trauma-informed practice, disability inclusion for example
- Workforce costs including coaches, sessional staff and volunteer expenses
- Supporting local clubs to ensure children and young people can access local sport (e.g. days, club fees)
- Administration and / or coordination costs



- Targeted outreach and engagement activity
- Residential opportunities for staff and deliverer training
- Reducing barriers to longer term participation for target groups
- Supporting PVG applications for volunteers and deliverers

For more info on the Summer of Sport please click [here](#)

If your club would like to apply to this fund, please use the link below to do so. Please note that applications will only be considered if submitted in this format.

A copy of the application questions can be found on the following page. Please consider your answers before starting your application as you can only submit the form once.

[LINK](#)

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Application Form Questions

1. What Scottish Hockey district is your club in?

- North
- Midland
- West
- East

2. Name of club

3. Name of key club contact for this fund

4. Email address of key club contact for this fund

5. I can confirm I have engaged with my Regional Manager before submitting this application

6. Project Title

7. Summary of Proposed Project

8. Which of the following outcomes does this project meet? (a minimum of 3 require





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- **Targeted:** Introduce targeted initiatives where gaps exist, with a focus on long term engagement beyond the funding period
- **Workforce:** Recruit, train and retain coaches, officials, volunteers and leaders to grow local workforce capacity
- **Profile:** Contribute to raising the profile of and celebrate sport

9. **Proposed Start Date of Project**

10. **Proposed End Date of Project**

11. **Location of Project Delivered in**

12. **Local Authority Area(s) Project Delivered In**

13. **Please outline the total costs related to this project (kit, coaching, training costs etc) including any club/partner contribution**

14. **How much is the club applying for from Scottish Hockey?**

15. **By ticking this box you are agreeing to all of the terms and conditions outlined and this will be accepted as a formal signature on behalf of the club.**

