

Please see some frequently asked questions lifted from the Sport England national guidance for the Tackling Inequalities Fund below.

Please refer to the guiding list of questions to determine if a project you are proposing is eligible for the fund.

### **Can we fund on-costs, administration, coordination and management fees through Tackling Inequalities?**

We want as much money 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. AP's should be confident that submitted costs for Sport England approval meet this definition.

### **What costs are ineligible for lottery funding and therefore cannot be included in Tackling Inequalities?**

There are certain items that are not eligible for lottery funding as follows:

1. Activities or costs which are already covered by other government funding including rates
2. Capital works
3. Activities promoting religious or political beliefs
4. Where there is personal benefit to an individual
5. Any private business or profit making organisations unless they are a Social Enterprise or Community Interest Company
6. Sole Traders/ Partnerships and freelancers
7. Loss of Sponsorship or loan repayments.
8. Replacement of equipment (its broken, tired, torn etc).
9. Contingency costs and VAT organisations are seeking to recover.

This list is not exhaustive; if you are unsure please do get in touch.

**What kinds of costs are eligible for inclusion in awards we make to community organisations?**

In supporting community organisations in your localities, you might receive requests to support the following which are eligible items of expenditure for this fund at this time:

- a. Staff costs
- b. Training costs
- c. Rent / Facility hire
- d. Utility costs
- e. IT costs
- f. Insurance

**Can the funding be used to offset membership fees at a club / organisation in anLSEG areas for people facing financial hardship as a result of covid-19?**

Providing lower or no cost activities for people on low incomes is an acceptable use of TIF funding. It would be preferable to support the actual costs which any membership fee relates to e.g. coaching, equipment or facility hire fees, rather than the encompassing membership fee itself. In any event this funding should not be used to distribute funds to individuals to meet their costs.

**Can TIF funding support capital requests for funding?**

Tackling Inequalities Fund monies should not 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.

**Can we fund one-off events through tackling inequalities?**

This fund will not support one-off events unless they have a clear purpose to engage or re-engage with an audience and can demonstrate that they are either at the beginning or end of a wider piece of activity for those involved.