

South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture – Hubs, Clubs and Communities Support Grant – Summer of Sport

Application Form – 2026/27

Guidance

Following the recent confirmation of the Scottish Government Budget on 25 February 2026, **sportscotland** will be allocating Local Authority partners a one-off, single-year investment for the ‘*Summer of Sport*’. £12 million will be distributed across all 32 local authorities to celebrate and capitalise on a spectacular Summer of Sport, providing accessible and inclusive sporting opportunities for children and young people.

Sout Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture are inviting Club and Community groups to apply for an Activation Grant to support their plans for programme delivery. Maximum grant awards will be £4000 per applicant.

What the funding is for

Opportunities	Pathways	Enhancement	Targeted	Workforce	Profile
Deliver a range of safe, welcoming and inclusive opportunities that reduce barriers to participation	Provide clear pathways from short term activity into sustained participation in school, club and community sport	Build on existing provision , particularly during the summer period and beyond, avoiding duplication and strengthening what already works	Introduce targeted initiatives where gaps exist, with a focus on long term engagement beyond the funding period	Recruit, train and retain coaches, volunteers and leaders to grow local workforce capacity	Contribute to raising the profile of sport

Positive, fun, inclusive, inspiring experiences for children and young people
FREE/TARGETED OR AT A REDUCED COST

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 the national agency for sport

Examples of what the grant **can** fund:

- Free holiday time activities which are active, fun and creates social connections.
- Current holiday programmes at a subsidised rate.
- Supporting transitions and accessibility of local clubs.
- Expansion of current holiday provision into communities who currently do not access your programme.
- Term time sessions leading to club and community opportunities.
- Maximising use of outdoor space.
- Multi-sport camps, festivals and taster events with explicit transition into clubs.

- Must be for people aged 3 – 26 years of age.

What the grant **can't** fund:

- Covering costs for existing activity only– evidence of reduced costs, free or targeted place offerings should be supplied if plans are to support existing activity.
- Capital investment.
- Benefiting professional sport or national senior squad members.
- Retrospective payments/costs.

Further Information:

- Summer of Sport funding is considered for one year. If you do not use the funds within the 26/27 financial year then your organisation will need to return the funds back to South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture.
- We will require a small impact assessment and data gathering and as such an update on the use of the funds may be requested and must be spent before March 2027. Otherwise, the grant will be required to be returned. Data gathering is likely to include but not limited to; Age, Sex, Postcode. Any additional asks will be communicated as part of the funding offer prior to project commencement.
- If you decide to change what you want to use the funds for then you must inform SLLC before spending the allocated funds.
- All invoices and receipts must be kept and copies passed on to SLLC.

Only one application is permitted from each club or community organisation. Successful organisations will be required to submit evidence of how the fund has had an impact as well as a short report on how the support has delivery on the principles of Summer of Sport.

Your application:

To apply for an Activation Grant please read the guidance and complete an application form using the link on our website.

Applications will be welcomed until our budget is depleted or at the close of 26/27 financial year and likelihood of project completion in time for programme reporting window in April 2027.