

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES

WHAT IS 'ACTIVE COMMUNITIES'?

Active Communities is an investment programme that seeks to employ, deploy and train a network of full time and part time sports coaches and leaders to deliver activities in community and club settings across Northern Ireland, with a view of increasing participation in sport and physical recreation.



WHAT WILL WE FUND?

4 types of posts:

- Sports Coaches;
- Multi Sports Coaches;
- Multi Skills Coaches; and,
- Sports Leaders

80% of time must be allocated to 'Contact Time', i.e. coaching, delivering, facilitating.

WHO CAN APPLY?

11 consortia of district councils based on model 11b of the RPA Consultation. One district council will be nominated as the **Lead Partner** for each consortium. The Lead Partner must demonstrate effective working partnerships with a range of **Key & Delivery Partners**.



HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Sport NI will provide applicants with an indicative funding award based on an **Allocation Model**. Applicants must complete a **Coaching & Leadership Implementation Plan**, demonstrating partners, consultation, need for Sports Coaches & Leaders, budget, and SMART Action Plans.

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PLACES FOR SPORT: SURFACES

Does your club or organisation want to develop new playing surface facilities? Are you committed to getting the facilities on the ground by 31 March 2010? Then this could be the programme for you!



Christian Brothers Grammar School
Lottery Funded project

A new capital programme will be launched in **September 2008** specifically to help address the perceived shortage in playing surfaces throughout Northern Ireland, and to help increase participation in sport. The programme will focus particularly on providing pitches and sports surfaces.

Who can apply? This is an exciting opportunity for clubs, Local Authorities, Governing Bodies, community groups and education providers. All groups should be properly constituted and be not for profit.

What will be funded? A full range of pitches and sports surfaces will be funded. These pitch surface types include: grass, third generation, sand dressed/based, water based and polymeric surfaces as well as specialist sports hall floors. All pitches should be to appropriate Governing Body dimensions. In addition, changing accommodation may be provided if the group is making an application for a full size pitch.

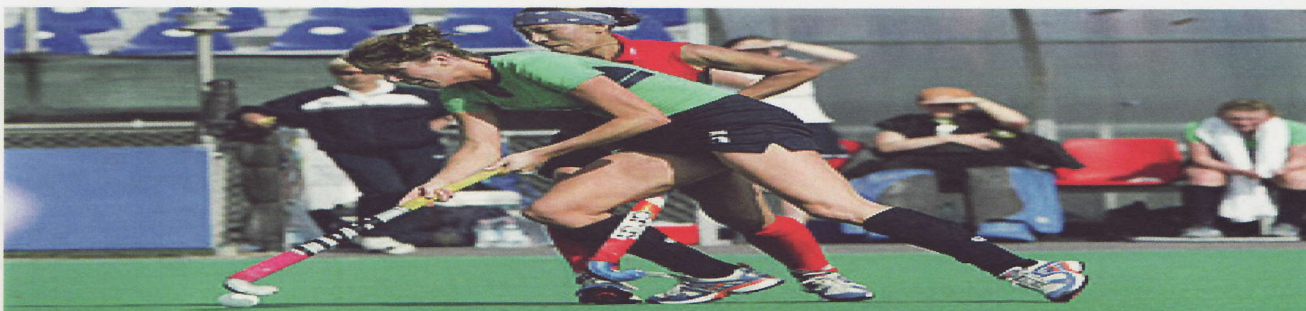
What's the process? The programme will be launched in early September 2008. An application must be completed, along with the attachments which will include a sports development plan, by the closing date of 31 October 2008. This will ask for information about your plans, and will expect you to have an idea of the sports benefits of any proposed facility. Templates are available for assistance including the sports development plan and the proposed timetable of usage form.

When does the project have to be completed? Applicants will be aware of the outcome of their initial application by no later than December 2008. This will provide successful applicants with a list of project management requirements to assist with the development of their project. These conditions need to be fulfilled by 31st March 2009, as the award must be spent by no later than 31st March 2010. Therefore, ability to complete within the given timescale is essential.

Any further information? Once the project is launched information about the programme – application forms, information and guidance notes, templates – will all be available online at www.sportni.net. Alternatively, application packs can be obtained by phoning the **Participation Unit** on **028 9038 2222**.

Remember, timescale is vital so make sure your project is achievable by 31 March 2010!

INVESTING IN PERFORMANCE SPORT



WHAT IS THE 'INVESTING IN PERFORMANCE SPORT PROGRAMME'?

The "Investing in Performance Sport Programme" aims to build the performance sport system in Northern Ireland, ensuring that those with talent have the right conditions to reach their full potential and succeed at the highest levels in their sport.

WHAT WILL WE FUND?

The Programme aims to support Governing Bodies to build the performance systems within their sport. Investment will focus on the areas of modernisation, participation, talent identification and development, high performance sport and coaching. Through its investment, Sport NI will support governing bodies to establish the following posts:

- ◆ Business Development Manager
- ◆ Recruitment/Club Support Officer
- ◆ Coach Education Officer
- ◆ Talent ID/Development coach
- ◆ Strength and Conditioning/High Performance Coaches/Manager
- ◆ Administration

In addition, some funding towards associated programmes may be available.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Recognised Governing Bodies of Commonwealth and Olympic Games sports, as well as the recognised Governing Bodies of sports that are culturally significant in Northern Ireland, will be eligible to apply to the Programme.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Sport NI Performance Consultants will meet with eligible Governing Bodies to discuss their proposals. At that meeting, Governing Bodies will be provided with the guidance documentation and application pro forma.

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