

Welfare Training for Sports Volunteers

Fund for Sports Clubs

Information Booklet



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Funding introduction

We want sports clubs across Greater Manchester to be places where people feel welcome, supported and safe to take part and thrive.



This fund, made possible by Sport England with investment from The National Lottery, helps clubs invest in training and workshops for volunteers, coaches, parents and athletes.

The aim is to support positive experiences, strong relationships and inclusive club cultures.



We know that safeguarding and welfare are at the heart of positive sporting experiences. Strong, confident volunteers and coaches help create clubs where people feel safe, supported and able to thrive.

This fund is designed to support learning that works for your club, in ways that feel practical, accessible and meaningful. Whether you are taking first steps or building on existing good practice, we encourage you to apply.



Key information

We are seeking to provide funding for training and educational initiatives that enhance safeguarding and welfare within sports clubs.

This funding will support training opportunities for volunteers, coaches, parents, and athletes, which can be delivered either online or in person.

All activities must emphasise the development of confidence, knowledge, and understanding related to safeguarding and welfare.

Topics of focus will include mental health and well-being, inclusion, and the voices of youth and athletes.

Fund Available:

Up to £500

Applications are open sport clubs and groups that are:

- Based in Greater Manchester.
- Have a constitution or governing document.
- Have a committee or board.
- Have relevant insurance and safeguarding policies in place.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate how the activity will benefit their club and contribute to a positive, inclusive sporting environment.

Applications close:

12 April

Deadline for training to take place:

31 October

Funding details

What We Will Be Funding

Training & Workshops	<p>Online or in person training, workshops or courses for groups of club volunteers, coaches, parents and athletes.</p>
Safeguarding & Welfare Focused Learning	<p>Training that increases confidence, knowledge and understanding of safeguarding and welfare. This includes topics such as safeguarding, mental health and wellbeing, inclusion, and youth and athlete voice.</p>
Flexible Group Sizes	<p>Applications are welcome from groups of all sizes. For individuals or groups of fewer than five people, we may fund individual places on existing courses rather than arrange training exclusively for your club.</p>
Venue Hire & Refreshments	<p>Reasonable local venue hire costs and light refreshments needed to deliver in person training.</p>
Volunteer Travel Expenses	<p>Travel costs for volunteers attending in person training, where these are directly linked to the funded activity.</p>

Funding details

What We Will Not Fund

<p>Training Outside the Funding Themes</p>	<p>Training that is not related to safeguarding, welfare, inclusion, mental health and wellbeing, or youth and athlete voice. If you are unsure whether your idea fits, please contact us before applying.</p>
<p>Costs Not Linked to Delivery</p>	<p>Any costs that are not directly related to delivering the training or workshop activity.</p>

How Funding is Managed

GM Moving will purchase all training directly from training providers on your behalf through our own finance processes.

For smaller costs such as volunteer travel expenses and refreshments, you will need to keep a clear record of all spending and retain all receipts.

Further guidance and support will be provided to successful applicants.

Training menu

Examples of Training Provided

UK Coaching - Safeguarding and Protecting Children
UK Coaching - Safeguarding Adults
Mind - Youth Mental Health Awareness
Mind - Adult Mental Health Awareness
Access Sport - Neurodivergence in Sports
Working with Parents in Sports - Building a Positive Parent Culture
Play Their Way - Youth Voice in Coaching
Street Games - ACEs and Trauma Informed Approaches
Street Games - Keeping Young People Safe in Community Sport
NWG - Active Bystander Awareness Training

Examples of other topics might include: Having difficult conversations, bullying, parent culture, club culture and values, suicide prevention, child exploitation, social media, gaming and gambling, trauma informed sport coaching.

Drop us a message if you'd like a chat about what your club needs and what we can fund.

Application process

How to Apply

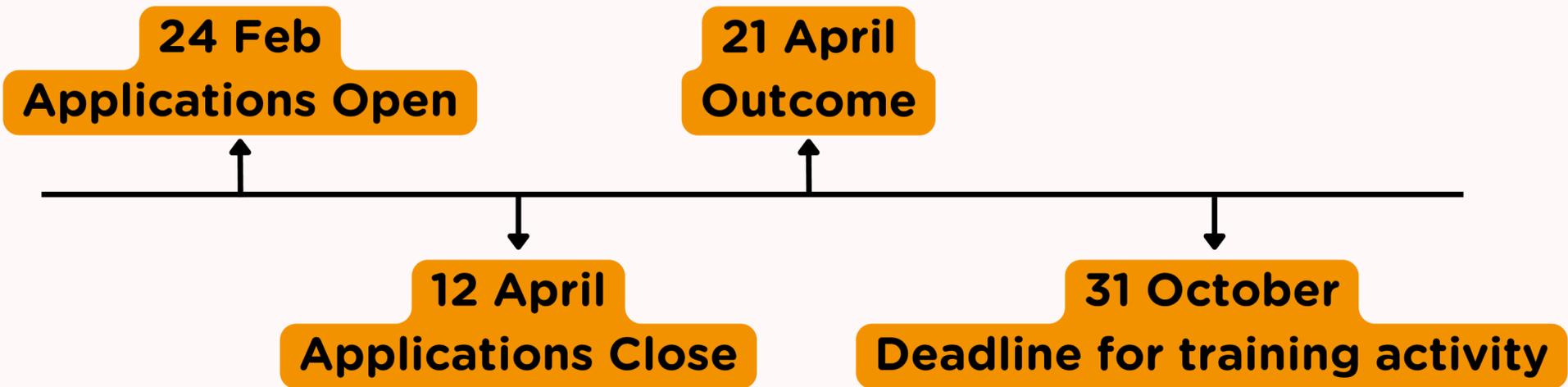


Form Link

Scan the QR code or click on the Form Link to apply for funding.

The application form asks for detailed information about the training you want to deliver, who it will support, and how it will strengthen safeguarding and welfare in your club.

Application Timeline



All applications will be reviewed by GM Moving staff against the funding criteria set out in this booklet. We aim to ensure the process is fair, transparent and consistent for all applicants.

We will notify all applicants of the outcome of their application by 21 April 2026.

If you are successful

We want to make reporting as easy and accessible as possible. You will not be asked to complete any written reports.

Instead, we will meet with you twice for check-ins to complete a short survey and talk through your experience. This will focus on your club's confidence around safeguarding and welfare, and the impact the training has had.

These two check-ins will take place:

**Before the Training
Session**

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**2-3 Months After the
Training Session**

This information helps us understand whether the funding is making a difference. It also helps us build evidence to support future investment in safeguarding and welfare across sport.





Thank you for your interest!

Safeguarding and welfare are essential for positive sporting experiences, with strong volunteers and coaches creating safe, supportive clubs.

This fund aims to support clubs in practical and meaningful learning. Whether starting new initiatives or improving current practices, we would welcome and encourage all types of relevant applications.

If you are unsure about eligibility or need some guidance, please contact us for help.

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