



Title: 'Awards for All' guidance notes

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### **'Awards for All' – an overview**

The National Lottery 'Awards for All' grant is still the most accessible way for clubs and other organisations with in BAFA to secure government funding. This grant is especially relevant to clubs experiencing an increase in participation that they are unable to accommodate due to a lack of available equipment (helmets, shoulder pads. etc.). The grant is also available for other activities – as you will see from the information detailed in this document.

Clubs are able to apply for a grant for each and all sections that make up their organisation if they apply in the correct way – this means you can maximise the potential benefits to all your participants.

Any club making an application or considering making an application can contact BAFA for assistance. We can help you with the application form, give advice on what you can and cannot apply for and help monitor you application once it's been submitted. You should contact BAFA regardless to be assigned a National Governing Body (NGB) reference number. This is required by the Lottery Commission should they wish to contact the NGB concerning your application. This will also help BAFA identify the application and answer any questions the Lottery Commission may have.

For more information on grant applications and assistance in completing your application form contact Simon Newnham at [grants@bafa.org.uk](mailto:grants@bafa.org.uk).

### **Who can apply?**

You can apply if you are a not-for-profit group or you are a parish or town council, school or health body. You must have a bank account that requires at least two people to sign each cheque or withdrawal. You must use the grant within one year. Grants cannot be awarded to profit-making companies and statutory bodies not mentioned above or individuals.

### **How much can you apply for?**

An organisation can apply for between £300 and £10,000 to fund a specific project or activity. Organisations can receive up to a maximum of £10,000 from 'Awards for All' in any two-year period. Groups can only make one application at a time.

Projects that could receive 'Awards for All' England support that are pertinent to American Football:

- Trying out a new way of recruiting volunteers
- Sharing the experiences of older people within the community with young people, explaining their history in the form of a book or mural
- Promoting healthy eating and more exercise
- Involving more people in a community event
- Increasing participation in sport and community activities.
- Staging one off events that support the community

Here are some of the things that a grant could be spent on:

- Publicity materials
- Venue hire
- IT equipment (computers etc.)
- Research costs
- Transport costs
- Volunteers' expenses
- Updating equipment for health and safety reasons
- Refurbishment
- Training
- Seasonal staff
- Fees to hire equipment

### **How to apply?**

To apply simply log onto the 'Awards for All' web site ([www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)), click on to the relevant country icon and go from there. The form can be completed electronically or call to receive a hard copy application form.

To have the up-most chance of success be sure to read the guidance notes to make sure your application meets the criteria set out by the 'Awards for All' Commission. It is also it is very important that you read and understand the regional focus for your particular region. The more your application relates to this, the more favourable the consideration of your application will be.

### **Important contact details**

**'Awards for All' website:** [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)

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