

Awards for All

Awards for All re-opened for applications on 4 August. There have been some changes made to the application form, the fund's priorities and some procedural changes. The biggest change is that the scheme is now a partnership between Sportscotland and the Big Lottery Fund so any projects with a focus on community, education, health, the environment or sport may still be funded - projects with a focus on heritage or the arts should look to the Heritage Lottery Fund or Creative Scotland for potential funding.

Changes to the application form are:

- The new application and guidance notes are combined
- You are required to complete the checklist in Part 3 before proceeding with your application
- You are not required to provide your banking details
- If your organisation is not a registered charity or a company, you should tick 'Other' and then 'Non-charitable unincorporated organisation' for question 6
- New outcomes are listed in question 18 – you are advised to tick one or two most relevant to your project
- You should address how your project meets these outcomes in questions 16 and 17
- The person named as the primary contact in question 12 will continue to be the one contacted for clarification etc. but the person named as the legally responsible person in question 13 is the person who signs the application.

There are also some procedural changes:

- All sports applicants must now contact Sportscotland before submitting their application – the general helpline should be used.
- The application process will now take 4 months
- An organisation can only make one application over a 12 month period regardless of the value of the application

There have been some changes to the priorities and you should note that meeting one or more of these priorities whilst not essential you are more likely to receive funding if:

- Your organisation has an annual income of less than £250,000 (This does not apply to schools)
- You have not received funding from Awards For All Scotland in the last three years
- Your project's beneficiaries are mainly black and minority ethnic people (including refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants; disabled people; lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people; older people; carers
- Funding will not be awarded for travel outside the UK
- Funding may be awarded for existing staff to carry out duties relating to a new project

Please note that no priority is given to SIMD areas or towns with a population of less than 10 000

The new scoring guidance will be available shortly.