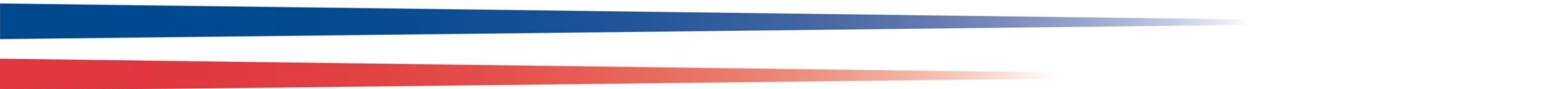


# Applying for Grant Funding – Top Tips!



# DO

- A search for funders on one of the search tools, then keep a list of all the relevant funders
- Find a funder interested in the same social objectives as your work- your project clearly meets the criteria of the fund.
- Only apply for funds that hit the criteria for your project and organisation.
- Read the guidelines thoroughly so you don't waste time

# DO

- Check that you have the right governance/legal structure in place to apply for the fund
- The majority of grant funders will be looking to fund not for profit organisations
- Here are some examples of legal structures for community groups and not for profit organisations:
  - Unincorporated association
  - Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
  - Community Interest Company (CIC)
- For further information on governance and structures go to the BEF training hub [Training hub - British Equestrian](#)

# DO

- Spend some time evidencing the need.
- Keep a one pager with all the National stats, local stats and your own consultations, it will make it easier to pick up sections for each future bid
- Inactivity levels, mental health stats, obesity, lack of local PA opportunities, Indices of multiple deprivation
  - National Data/statistics –e.g. Local data/statistics – Sport Wales
  - Anecdotal evidence
  - Case studies
  - Quotes
  - Consultation/survey with members – community engagement

# DO

- Be clear on who the audience is - a focus on those under represented in Equestrian sport or sport/activity in general
- Not just a sport/equestrian focused project – role of physical activity in health and wellbeing – what do you want to achieve?
- Demonstrate the impact you will have and how you know it will work – refer to the Together Fund impact report [TF Impact Report](#)
- Think through how you will measure and evaluate the project

# DO

- Keep your language simple
- Use some of the funders language and what that fund is looking to achieve? Improved mental health, improved physical health, confidence etc.
- Explain the project in precise detail, include locations, length of sessions, number of weeks of the year and make it very easy for the funder to understand exactly what they'll be funding
- Make sure the budget is accurate and directly links to your project detail

# DO

- Partnership working
- Reach and Engagement – show how you will reach your target audience
- Once you have done your 1<sup>st</sup> application, pull out the answers into one document to use in other applications

# DON'T

- Don't spend a lot of time applying for a pot where you don't meet the criteria
- Don't set up a project just to meet that funding priority!
- Don't apply if you don't have the right governance structure for that funder
- Apply if you don't meet the income thresholds or reserves policy for that funder
- Don't use lots of complex jargon and acronyms

# DON'T

- Don't get disheartened!!

# Funding Search Tools

# Grant Finders and Newsletters

## My Funding Central

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Geographic scope

Local  Regional  National  European

# Funding Finder



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Use the search bar on the right of the page or click on the different funding areas below to fund the funder that is right for you!



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# Charity Excellence Framework

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.charityexcellence.co.uk/Funder?id=0>. The page features a blue navigation bar with the following links: [FAQs](#), [Charity Terms](#), [CEF User Guide Video](#), [Funding Finder](#) (active), [Help Finder](#), and [Data Finder](#). The user is logged in as **Jemima Morris Admin**. A dark sidebar on the left contains links to [Dashboard](#), [Questionnaires](#), [Query System](#), [My Profile](#), [Additional Users](#), and [Troubleshooting](#).

The main content area is titled **Funding Finder** and includes a [Funding Finder Video](#) button. It contains several filter sections:

- Location**: Includes dropdowns for **UK/International** (set to 'All'), **Region/Country** (set to 'None selected'), and **England - City/County** (set to 'Please enter..').
- Category & Amount**: Includes dropdowns for **People & Groups** (set to 'None selected'), **Sector & Type** (set to 'None selected'), and **Amount** (set to 'None selected').
- Other Tools**: Includes dropdowns for **Recent Additions** (set to 'None selected') and **Any or All Categories** (set to 'Any selected category').
- Keyword Search**: A text input field with the placeholder 'Search here' and a search button.

At the bottom of the filters are **Search** and **Export** buttons. A speech bubble with the text **Ask me for help** is positioned over the **Amount** dropdown menu.

# Active Partnerships Websites



News & Events

Supporting  
Children &  
Young People

Supporting  
Organisations

Developing  
People

Helping  
Communities to  
be Active

Funding &  
Insight



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Step 1: What (or who) do you require funding for?

Learning Opportunities

Careers & Job Finder

Volunteering

Filter Question 1 of 4

Show All



Club, Group or Organisation



Coaching / Leadership /  
Officiating / Training



Disability Specific



# Funding Newsletters and Alerts

- Sign up to Newsletters:
  - Get Grants
  - Local Authority funding newsletters in the main areas you work
  - Active Partnerships
- Bid writing workshop
  - Recording Session 1 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/lko74dbxtmtwlkz/video1563519886.mp4?dl=0>
  - Recording Session 2 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9ks7pam69jcizo7/video1962442933.mp4?dl=0>