

SPORTS ACCESS Programme

Prospectus 2025

Purpose of the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

Jersey Sport are delighted to launch the new SPORTS ACCESS Programme, which will distribute up to £40,000 to local sport organisations to support equal access for young islanders to participate in sport in 2025. The initiative has been designed to reduce the known barriers to sport and physical activity by providing financial support to allow new or returning participants to access sport. Funding can be used to pay for membership, registration, subscription or participation fees, as well as necessary kit and equipment.

This initiative's seed funding has been gratefully provided by the Philip Gower Foundation and the Barry Burns Foundation. We are pleased to detail the eligibility, criteria, referral process and timescales for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme within this prospectus.

Participant Eligibility for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

To be eligible to receive funding from the SPORTS ACCESS Programme, participants must:

- be aged 0 to 17 years old, and
- resident in Jersey, and
- demonstrate financial barriers that prevent access to sport and physical activity, and
- be new to the sport, or returning after at least a twelve-month period*

**(first application only – reapplications will be considered where financial need can still be demonstrated)*

Special considerations may be accepted if a participant doesn't meet the eligibility criteria, at the discretion of Jersey Sport.

Organisation Eligibility for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

To be considered eligible to participate in the SPORTS ACCESS Programme, your sport organisation must meet the full requirements of Jersey Sport's new Safe and Sustainable Sport 'Health Check' by obtaining a **Green** status. This is applicable to Jersey-based sport organisations, including associations, clubs and groups, who are not-for-profit, charitable and profit-making and wish to benefit from the SPORTS ACCESS Programme.

Eligible sport organisations must confirm that they have capacity for new members before an application can be accepted. Jersey Sport will support the sport organisation to develop or enhance their inclusive offer in order to meet the need(s) of the individuals who are wishing to access their sport.

All funding will be distributed to the sport organisation directly. No funding will be provided to individuals or families/guardians, to keep in line with Jersey Sport's existing grant distribution.

Referral Eligibility for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

Any professional or volunteer working with a child, young person or their family can make an application to the SPORTS ACCESS Programme to financially support an islander to access a new sport or physical activity. Some examples could include:

- School Teacher
- Social Worker
- Social Security Case Worker
- Sport Organisation Committee Member
- Charity Representative

Criteria for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

Funding can be used to cover the associated costs for a participant to access a local sport or physical activity setting, for example membership, registration, subscription or participation fees. Funding can also be used for necessary kit and equipment to ensure appropriate accessibility to the sport setting.

Applications will be considered where the following four criteria are met:

1. The applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need that would prevent the participant from accessing sport and physical activity otherwise.
2. Sport organisations must meet the full requirements of Jersey Sport's Safe & Sustainable Sport Health Check and have capacity to accommodate new members.
3. All funding must be used solely for the purposes of funding membership, registration, subscription or participation fees, and/or necessary kit and equipment to access sport or physical activity.
4. The individual must be new to the sport or returning after at least a twelve-month period*

**first application only – reapplications will be considered where financial need can still be demonstrated.*

Application Process for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

All applications, award claims and reporting will be processed electronically through Jersey Sport's existing online grants management system, SmartSimple.

All applications will be responded to within two weeks of submission. We will aim to distribute funding and provide access to sport as soon as possible. Check-ins will be conducted to understand how the participant is engaging and support provided as necessary.

Fund Schedule

29 NOV 2024	Safe and Sustainable Sport Health Check open for applications
1 FEB – 30 NOV	SPORTS ACCESS Programme open for applications
NOVEMBER	Feedback from families/guardians in receipt of funding
DECEMBER	Review of the programme, ahead of 2026 delivery

Submitting an Application

Referrals should include all associated funding requests for each individual within **one application**. Multiple referrals for different children can be made by the same referrer.

If you are a first-time applicant:

1. Open the SmartSimple grants management portal at <https://jerseysport.smartsimpleuk.com>.
2. Under 'New to the System?', select the grey 'Register' button.
3. Select 'Individual' or 'Sport Organisation' relevant to your position.
4. Complete the form and click 'Submit'.
5. From your homepage select 'Funding Opportunities'.
6. Use the grey 'Apply Now' button for the 'SPORTS ACCESS Programme 2025'.
7. Complete the eligibility questionnaire and click 'Submit'.
8. Use the grey 'Confirm' button to verify your data.
9. Complete the 'APPLICATION FOR FUNDING' tab and use the 'Save Draft' button to save your progress or the 'Submit' button to complete your application.

For registered sport organisations:

1. Log into your account on www.jerseysport.smartsimpleuk.com and select 'Funding Opportunities'.
2. Use the grey 'Apply Now' button for the 'SPORTS ACCESS Programme 2025'.
3. Complete the eligibility questionnaire and click 'Submit'.
4. Use the grey 'Confirm' button to verify your data.
5. Complete the 'APPLICATION FOR FUNDING' tab and use the 'Save Draft' button to save your progress or the 'Submit' button to complete your application.

Reporting

As a condition of award for all successful applicants, sport organisations will be required to engage with the Jersey Sport Team throughout the project, providing informal progress updates and assurance of safe and sustainable delivery.

Families/guardians and/or the professional/volunteer referrers will be encouraged to provide feedback, in order to demonstrate the impact of the SPORTS ACCESS Programme.

Application Support for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

The Jersey Sport Team are here to support. If you would like to arrange an informal meeting with a member of the Jersey Sport Team, please contact sport@jerseysport.je.

Processes for the SPORTS ACCESS Programme

Assessment and Award

Applications will be assessed and reviewed by the Jersey Sport Team and responded to within two weeks of submission, with the aim to distribute funding and provide access to sport as soon as possible. Where necessary, support will be provided by Jersey Sport's voluntary Grants Advisory Committee. Applicants will be notified of the outcome via email through our online grants management system, SmartSimple. Payments will be made within two weeks of approved award.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an outcome notification via email. This will provide detail around the decision to decline the application. Should any applicants wish to discuss the outcome further, please contact grants@jerseysport.je.

Grant Assurance

By accepting an award from the SPORTS ACCESS Programme you are confirming;

1. All activities meet and agree to the requirements set out in this SPORTS ACCESS Programme Prospectus and Jersey Sport Grants Terms & Conditions. Submission of an application is considered acceptance of this.
2. The grant is provided on a restricted basis and must be used exclusively for the purpose of subsidising or funding costs of membership, registration, subscription or participation fees, and/or necessary kit and equipment to access a local sport or physical activity setting.
3. Any SPORTS ACCESS Programme funding allocation will not be used to double-fund associated costs or displace other funding. (*Note: this does not prevent other sources of funding being secured to help cover any remaining associated costs*).