

Is there a criteria that we have to meet?

Your project must satisfy one of the 3 aims of the programme as a minimum.

How many schools are you looking to work with?

We want to work with as many schools as possible on this programme, so that the learnings we gain give us a broad understanding of the issues faced when trying access school facilities. The number of schools that we can work with will depend on how much demand there is for the funding and the level of funding requested by each school. With this in mind, we have capped the funding request at £1,500 per school to ensure that we can support a good number of schools.

Which schools are eligible to apply for the funding?

Eligible to receive funding	Ineligible to receive funding.
Primary Schools Secondary Schools Further Education establishments Universities SEND Schools	Private Schools.

Will the funding be prioritised in any way?

Given the timescales of the funding, we will prioritise the funding towards schools who are ready to start opening their school facilities straight away.

Funding will prioritised schools in Croydon, Southwark and Newham, as these Boroughs formed part of our bid to secure the funding. We will however be in a position to consider funding requests from schools outside of these Boroughs.

Given the pressure that is likely to be faced in creating indoor space for activity during the current COVID 19 period, we will seek to prioritise funding to schools who are able to provide indoor space.

What can the funding be used for?

- Payment of staffing and/or staff training
- Payment for the cleaning of facilities and equipment
- Marketing of facilities/activities
- Employment of a facilities letting agent for out-of-hours operation
- Site security measures such as a remote key lock/security staff
- Delivery organisations and clubs
- New equipment to facilitate sessions
- Light-touch alterations to activity space

What can't the funding be used for?

- Large-scale building projects
- Any work that doesn't contribute to the 3 project aims outlined above

How much funding can we apply for?

So that we can support as many schools as possible, the funding for each school is capped at £1,500 per school.

If demand for the funding is high we may need you to provide a rough budget breakdown to justify your funding request. Therefore please start work on this breakdown now, but also please consider how much funding you actually require so that we can support as many schools as possible.

Is there an application process?

The application process involves London Sport receiving a completed Expression of Interest form before 01.10.2020. These forms will then be reviewed by the Children and Young People Team at London Sport, who will be in touch regarding the result of the application.

What facilities are you looking for us to open?

Sports Halls, Playing fields, Artificial Turf Pitches, Playgrounds, School Halls, Gyms; are likely to be the common facilities on offer. However, there will be other facilities that may be usable at your school so we are happy to hear what other options may be available.

When does the money have to be spent?

The Funding must be committed and ideally spent by the end of 2020. If this is likely to be an issue, please let us know asap and we can see what flexibility exists.

Are there other resources that we can access to help us open up our school facilities?

Yes, we will have a range of resources available to you that will make it easier for you to open up your facilities. This includes (and not restricted to) online booking platforms, resource packs including Risk Assessments, Covid Restrictions etc. We will also be able to provide case studies from other schools that have already gone through the process of opening up their facilities and some of the key lessons learned through this process.

We can also help connect you to local organisations who are seeking facilities to deliver their sport/club activities. If there are other items that you think you need support with please let us know and we can investigate what resources are available to help.

Do we have to fill in an application form?

No, EOI cover this

How do we claim the funding?

By completing the EOI and having it confirmed as successful by London Sport, and then signing an agreed Partnership Agreement. London Sport will then transfer your agreed funding.

Do we need to enter into a funding agreement?

Yes. All schools will need to sign an agreed Partnership Agreement, detailing what the funds can/can't be spent on, timelines and evaluation processes required.

What level of monitoring and evaluation do we need to do?

The school's central point of contact would be expected to keep London Sport up to date with, any additional project plans, learning that occurs along the way, strengths and any potential challenges faced.

At the end of the project, the central point of contact would be expected to meet with London Sport to discuss the final outcomes and learnings from the project.