

NOTES AND GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

Overview

The Airport Community Health and Wellbeing Fund ('the Fund') has been established to ensure that local communities and groups can share in the success of Southampton Airport. The Fund provides financial support to community organisations, charities and groups who are supporting initiatives that reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing.

Criteria

The Fund allows those who run projects/ programmes within the proximity of the airport, which are focused on the key areas identified below, to bid for funding. The allocation of funding will be dispersed in the areas which are most impacted by the airport itself, in terms of noise, which can be determined through [the contour map here](#). The contour may shift and change over time so the Board will regularly review criteria and boundaries.

Funds are paid to Eastleigh Borough Council, as the planning authority, by the airport and will be allocated by the Airport Health and Wellbeing Board (the Board).

The Fund is focused on three key areas:

1. Physical activity

We recognised the importance of increasing and sustaining regular participation in physical activity as this is extremely important to overall health. Therefore, the Fund supports those projects which promote physical activity.

2. Mental wellbeing

Improving good mental wellbeing is important at every stage of life. With continued challenges brought about by the pandemic and cost of living crisis, the Fund supports projects with a focus on protecting and enhancing people's mental health.

3. Access to open spaces (including green space)

The Fund supports projects which increase access to open space and green space. This could include projects to expand accessible active routes, inclusive green space etc.

How applications are assessed

The Fund is competitive, and each application is considered on its own merits. Those applications which align to the priorities above and can clearly demonstrate how they improve health outcomes for individuals, are most likely to succeed.

The Fund will be allocated by the Board which will have representatives from Southampton Airport, City and District Councils and relevant Public Health teams. Applications will be reviewed by the Board on a quarterly basis and funding awarded thereafter.

Currently, the cap on funding per application is £5000, and the funding will be awarded at the absolute discretion of the Board.

Who can apply?

Non-profit making community groups, voluntary organisations, trusts, friendly societies, social enterprises, parish councils and community interest companies can apply provided their objectives are charitable as defined by the Charity Act 2006.

The group will need to have a constitution, a bank account in its own name and a set of accounts. The group will also need to have adequate insurance and ensure that appropriate checks are carried out on staff and volunteers if they work with vulnerable groups.

Who can not apply?

The Fund will not support:

- Activities of a political or religious nature
- Activities which do not meet the desired outcomes of the fund
- Projects that have already taken place
- Loan against loss or debt
- Items that are purchased on behalf of another organisation
- Maintenance and/or repair of buildings
- Core service salary costs

What the grant will fund

The Fund can be applied for against any of the purposes outlined below:

- Purchase of equipment or materials;
- Contribution towards running costs;
- Funding specific projects; or
- Development of the organisation.

Other general conditions of funding

1. The funding can only be used for the purposes outlined in the application.
2. Funding awarded must be spent within 12 months from the date it was approved, unless stated otherwise. Initiatives which can demonstrate longevity may be granted a longer period than 12 months.
3. After the funding has been awarded, the Board may ask for your organisation to:
 - a. Provide updates on how the project is progressing and provide data and/or case studies

- b. Provide invoices/ receipts for equipment purchased
- c. Provide a statement of all expenditures for the project upon completion
- d. Consent to successful projects being promoted in newsletters etc

4. If you spend less than the amount awarded, this is to be repaid back to the Fund.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted using either the online application form which can be found here: [The Health and Wellbeing Fund | Southampton Airport](#) or by post:

Southampton Airport Spitfire Wellbeing Fund

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