

## **Fibrus Play it Forward Fund – Terms and Conditions**

### **1. What is the Fibrus Play it Forward Fund?**

The Fibrus Play it Forward Fund was established in Spring 2023 and is designed to give back to local communities.

The Fund exists to support non-profit voluntary and community groups, organisations, and charities in Northern Ireland and Cumbria to provide financial support for their children’s sports projects or initiatives. The Fund strives to encourage children to switch off from their devices more often, get active, and get outdoors – improving the health and wellbeing of the children.

Fibrus is pledging £30,000 in 2023 to the Fibrus Play it Forward Fund to support on-the-ground children’s sports projects in local communities served by Fibrus. Organisations can apply for up to £1000 of funding.

Our focus is on grassroots sports that support children. You can apply for funding for children’s sports projects or initiatives, for example to purchase new kits, playing or training equipment or improving club facilities. We ask that you add the Fibrus logo to new kit or equipment that you purchase.

The 2023 Play it Forward Fund will go live for Round 1 of funding on 30 May, closing on 27 June 2023. Round 2 will open in October 2023. (these dates are subject to change). By the end of the 2023, Fibrus will also review the Sports Fund position for 2024. If you are not successful in Round 1 please consider applying in Round 2.

### **2. Application form**

The application process is simple for funding applicants – just complete the online form and then submit it through the online link. We do not permit applications to be posted by hard copy or emailed.

If you do not answer the questions on the form as instructed, or if you fail to provide any further information or documents requested, your application may be ineligible for assessment or funding.

### **3. Eligibility & Restrictions**

We invite children’s sports project funding applications from local not-for-profit voluntary and community groups, organisations and charities involved with children’s sports.

The sports projects must be run in local communities only in which Fibrus already has a broadband service (see below for full details).

Projects and funding applications must be relevant to the particular location and community. This means that funding applications can only be accepted for funding in the community in which both the applicant organisation is based and also where the children’s sports project funding support is required.

You’ll first need to check if Fibrus broadband is available in your area and then whether you are eligible to apply for funding support. Broadband availability can be checked on the Fibrus website checker at [www.fibrus.com/](http://www.fibrus.com/). Alternatively, eligible postcodes are listed below. Please note postcodes will continue to be added as Fibrus grows its network in NI and GB.

You should check availability of fibre broadband at [www.fibrus.com](http://www.fibrus.com) in cases where broadband installation/connection is being requested. If your premises is not connectable/yet connectable, please consider applying for other support.

Eligible postcodes (Northern Ireland):

BT22, BT23, BT24, BT25, BT26, BT27, BT28, BT30, BT31, BT32, BT33, BT34, BT35, BT38, BT39, BT40, BT41, BT42, BT43, BT44, BT45, BT46, BT48, BT51, BT52, BT53, BT54, BT55, BT56, BT57, BT60, BT61, BT62, BT63, BT65, BT66, BT67, BT69, BT70, BT71, BT74, BT75, BT76, BT77, BT78, BT79, BT80, BT81, BT82, BT92, BT93, BT94

Eligible postcodes (GB):

CA1, CA10, CA11, CA12, CA13, CA14, CA15, CA16, CA17, CA18, CA19, CA2, CA20, CA21, CA22, CA23, CA24, CA25, CA26, CA27, CA28, CA3, CA4, CA5, CA6, CA7, CA8, CA9, LA9, LA10, LA11, LA12, LA13, LA16, LA17, LA18, LA19, LA20, LA21, LA22, LA23, LA7, LA8, NE49, TD9

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they are effectively organised and run.

Applicants must also provide an outline of the children's sports project or initiative, costs, and an outline of how the funding support will be spent. Any funding awarded must be applied to the project or initiatives within the agreed timeframes.

Funding support is not available for:

- Political parties, activities or candidates.
- Religious organisations or beliefs – however, we will consider projects led by religious organisations that provide benefits to the whole community.
- Applications for, or sponsorship of, individuals.
- Substitution of government, local authority or statutory funding.
- Solely for the purpose of paying for core staff salaries or the running costs of an organisation – however, direct and necessary project expenditure, such as volunteer expenses, project delivery staff costs are eligible.
- Onward funding or donations by the funding support recipient to other persons.
- The establishment of endowment of any school or institution providing further education within the meaning of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1972
- Anything which Fibrus believes is harmful to the reputation of Fibrus (or its affiliates) or is contrary to our values or policies.
- Organisations that have a written policy or a practice that discriminates against any individual protected in law - however, we will consider projects from organisations which take lawful positive action, to achieve more comprehensive and more effective equality outcomes for individuals sharing a particular protected characteristic who are socially or economically disadvantaged or excluded, or who otherwise face the consequences of past or present discrimination or disadvantage.

#### **4. Assessment and Awards of Funding Support**

All applications will be reviewed by an internal committee, for final shortlisting. Shortlisted organisations (prospective funding support recipients) may be required to complete a fuller due diligence process to confirm their formal eligibility to receive the funding. Once completed, the funding support will be confirmed in writing.

With your application form applicants should include supporting documentation including:

- A copy of your governing document, e.g. constitution – this must be signed and dated in the name of the applicant organisation unless governed through an umbrella organisation.
- A copy of your most recent accounts or up to date income and expenditure.
- A copy of your equality policy.
- A copy of your safeguarding policies including child protection and vulnerable adult policies.

However, if you do not have all the above information, please apply anyway and we may contact you to source further information.

Each funding application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We will look to ensure a fair spread of funding across our locations, the voluntary groups, organisations, and charities being supported, and the range and types of children sports projects. We may therefore only accept one application from a particular community from each organisation that applies, in order to meet our stated objectives.

The fund will be allocated in two tranches in 2023, in July and November and funding will be released within 6 weeks of applications opening, or as close to this as possible, subject to completion of any necessary due diligence and governance requirements.

Unfortunately, given that the Fund is limited, not all organisations that apply (and which meet the eligibility criteria) will be successful. Given the immediacy of the funding support, we are unable to run an appeal process or provide detailed feedback.

## **5. Personal Data**

Any personal data we receive directly from you or from a third party who we contact in connection with your application will only be used by us to consider, assess and process your application and for associated record keeping and governance purposes. For more details about how we hold, use and store personal data please see our Privacy Policy available on our [website](#). Data will be retained for up to 12 months.

## **6. Publicity**

Successful funding support applicants consent to taking part in publicity events to publicise the Play it Forward Fund and Fibrus. You agree that we may use names, images, descriptions, photographs video footage, and other information, which you've submitted on entry, in any media, without paying you and without any time restriction. Successful funding support applicants also agree that we may film, record or photograph you in connection with the Fund. We will own these films, recordings or photographs and we may use them publicly and/or for any promotional purposes.

## **7. Guidance**

If you require further guidance or have any questions, please contact us at [sponsorships@fibrus.com](mailto:sponsorships@fibrus.com).