



The Certificate in Sports Funding






Module 2 Sources of Sports Funding

How to Research Grants Information

Purpose: This lesson recognises that sports clubs and other organisations developing sports related projects need access to high quality, up to date information. The internet has many recreational and business uses but here we are interested in how it can be used to support fundraising efforts through sports statistics, funding information, grant applications, case studies and lists of grants awarded. Learn how to become a more astute, web savvy fundraiser!

Task: Read each the course materials for this lesson. Visit some of the funder websites and search on the grants they have already made to sports clubs in your geographical area. There are several online grants databases; some free and some by subscription (many with free trials on offer). Try subscribing to and searching on at least two databases to compare their usefulness and role in supporting your fundraising efforts.

Resources for fundraisers on the Internet

-  Lists of grants awarded
-  Sample proposals
-  Grants databases
-  Grant applications and guidance material
-  Statistics about your local area

Grants databases

Grant databases are computerised, web based records of grants schemes. There are several grants databases on the market, with paid staff whose job is to catalogue grants. Some of the services are provided free, such as free newsletters. Databases are very useful in searching for grants for specific projects.

NB. Full course materials contain the key features of all grants databases on the market, full contact details, and an independent review.