Enabling Sports Fund
Application Guide
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Section 1: Overview

This guide is intended to help applicants understand the Enabling Sports Fund (ESF)'s objectives and requirements.

It explains who can apply, what types of proposals may be supported, what funding support may be available, and how applications will be assessed.

Please read this guide before preparing your application, and ensure that the information submitted is clear, complete and accurate.

1.1. What is the Enabling Sports Fund (ESF)?

The Enabling Sports Fund (ESF) supports community-driven efforts to make sport more accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities. When persons with disabilities move, play and compete in sport alongside others, it contributes to a stronger and more inclusive society.

If you have an idea - big or small - that helps persons with disabilities move, play and belong, this is your opportunity to bring it to life.

1.2. What does the ESF support?

The ESF supports both new and existing (i.e. programmes that are currently ongoing but looking to expand) local community-initiated disability sport initiatives that:

1) Increase accessibility to disability sport activities and programmes;
2) Boost sports participation rate for persons with disabilities;
3) Promote inclusivity so people of all abilities can play sport together;
4) Allow persons with disabilities to discover and fulfil sporting aspirations;
5) Demonstrate clear outcomes that show real impact; and
6) Have potential to scale to reach more people and deepen impact over time

Applicants may use the Applicant Self-Assessment Checklist to check if they are eligible to apply for the ESF.

Section 2: Applicant Eligibility and Categories

2.1. Who can apply for the ESF?

The ESF is open to:

1) Individuals who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents (PR);
2) Organisations that are either registered with ACRA (including Non-Profit / Non-Government / Community-based organisations / sole proprietorship / limited liability partnership (LLP) / Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) / Private Limited Company), or a society with the Registry of Societies (ROS) at the time of application;
3) Informal groups or collectives of which the majority of members are Singapore Citizens or PR;
4) Schools (including SPED schools and Institutes of Higher Learning);
5) National Sports Associations (NSA);
6) For-profit entities, including social enterprises, may apply in partnership with a non-profit entity that serves primarily persons with disabilities, such as a Social Service Agencies or an organisation with Institution of a Public Character (IPC) status.

2.2. Eligible Proposal Categories

Eligible proposals can apply under one of three categories:

Category	Profile of Applicant
A (Non-Commercial Entities only)	Applicants with **experience** in organising sports and fitness activities for the target group of persons with disabilities.
B (Non-Commercial Entities only)	Applicants with **limited experience** in running disability sports programmes or fitness activities for persons with disabilities, but have either: a. Run a sport programme or fitness activity before; or b. Experience serving the disability profile. Other relevant experience may also be considered.
C (Commercial Entities)	Private entities and social enterprises with a **formalised partnership with organisations that primarily serve persons with disabilities**, such as Social Service Agencies. To be eligible, applicants under this category should provide proof of partnership with the said organisation, and documentation of non-financial contributions to the community, such as volunteer hours. Proposals that primarily repackage existing commercial activities will not be eligible for funding.

Section 3: Proposal Eligibility and Focus Areas

Proposals should involve sport, fitness, physical activity, or disability sport participation, and should clearly benefit persons with disabilities.

ESF supports both new and existing initiatives:

New initiatives	Applicants should demonstrate the need or opportunity being addressed, identify the target participants, and articulate how the proposal will support disability sport or inclusive sport participation.
Existing initiatives	Existing initiatives not previously funded by ESF must incorporate elements in line with ESF's objectives. Proposals should demonstrate how ESF's support will meaningfully expand the initiative's reach to more persons with disabilities, which could include enhancing accessibility, strengthening inclusive participation, building new partnerships, improving outcomes, or scaling the initiative to more locations or communities. Applications that primarily repackage existing programme will not be eligible.

3.1. Key Areas of Focus

Applicants should ensure that their proposal fulfil **at least one** of the following key areas of focus.

Key Areas of Focus	What Should Proposals Address
Programming	Enables more persons with disabilities to participate in sport or fitness activities. This can include expanding access to existing activities or reaching disability groups with few sporting opportunities.
Sport Inclusivity	Promotes meaningful shared sporting experiences between persons with disabilities and persons without disabilities. Proposals should encourage interaction, awareness, understanding and mutual respect among persons of all abilities.
Coaching	Increases coaching capacity for disability sport or inclusive sport. This can include training or upskilling coaches, instructors or facilitators, where the training is clearly linked to programme delivery.
Innovation and Technology	Introduces innovative, novel or technology-enabled approaches to address gaps in the disability sport landscape. This can include adaptive equipment, digital platforms, new delivery models, or novel ideas that can create measurable increase and impact in the physical and sporting activities of persons with disabilities.

Additional consideration may be given to proposals that clearly identify and address a gap within a specific disability segment, especially where there are currently few sport or fitness opportunities.

3.2. Examples of Supported Proposals

Supported proposals may include:

- Regular sport or fitness programmes for persons with disabilities;
- Inclusive sport activities involving persons with and without disabilities;
- Disability sport try-outs, introductory sessions, or outreach activities;
- Community-based sport or fitness initiatives for specific disability groups;
- Training or capability-building efforts that support inclusive sport participation, where the training is tied to programme delivery;
- Adaptations or expansion of existing sport or fitness programmes to make them more accessible; and
- Pilot initiatives that have potential to be sustained, scaled up, or replicated.

The examples listed are not exhaustive. Other relevant proposals may be considered if they are aligned with the ESF's objectives and assessment criteria.

Click here to learn more about previously supported proposals.

3.3. Ineligible Proposals

ESF does not support proposals that:

- Are for-profit or commercially driven;
- Are intended for fundraising or crowd funding;
- Are for overseas programmes;
- Have no clear link to sport, fitness, physical activity, or disability sport participation;
- Do not meaningfully benefit persons with disabilities;
- Do not address at least one ESF key area of focus;
- Are mainly for religious or political activities;
- Have already been completed before the application is approved;
- Have unclear activities, target participants, outputs, or outcomes;
- Are existing initiatives with no meaningful enhancement or added value;
- Are one-off activities with limited reach and no clear sustained benefit; or
- Receive funding from other sources for the same project/programme component.

Section 4: Funding Support and Eligible Costs

The funding quantum and duration varies depending on the proposal category.

Applicants should indicate the full funding duration requested in their application. The proposed duration should be realistic and aligned with the proposal's implementation plan, intended outcomes, and sustainability approach.

4.1. Funding Quantum and Duration

Category	Funding Quantum	Funding Duration
A (Non-Commercial Entities only)	Up to **90% of qualifying costs incurred** for the first three years, capped at **$100,000 per year**. Funding support would be tapered in the fourth and fifth years to encourage applicants to plan for longer-term sustainability.	Up to **5 years**
B (Non-Commercial Entities only)	Up to **90% of qualifying costs incurred** for up to three years, capped at **$50,000 per year**.	Up to **3 years**, on a 1-year renewable basis, subject to the outcome of the first year
C (Commercial Entities)	Up to **90% of qualifying costs incurred** for up to three years, capped at **$50,000 per year**. Funding will only cover direct disability sport costs that serve persons with disabilities, with clear justification of how each cost benefits the disability sport landscape.	Up to **3 years**, on a 1-year renewable basis, subject to the outcome of the first year

Funding support is subject to evaluation and approval. Applicants may be asked to provide further justification, especially for larger funding requests or multi-year proposals.

4.2. Qualifying Costs

The ESF supports items that are necessary and reasonable for the planning and delivery of programmes/activities. These may include:

- Purchase or rental of sport or adaptive sport equipment;
- Venue rental;
- Transport support for persons with disabilities and, where relevant, caregivers;
- Coaching, instructor or training fees;
- Risk management costs, such as programme insurance, first aid support, protective equipment, medics or ambulance support;
- Other programme-related expenses that are necessary and reasonable.

Applicants should ensure that all proposed costs should directly support the running of programmes/activities and contribute to their intended outcomes.

4.3. Non-Qualifying Costs

The ESF does not support:

- Start-up costs or general capital expenditure, such as office equipment or business assets;
- General operating costs that are not directly related to the project;
- Marketing or publicity costs that are not clearly linked to programme participation or outreach;
- Manpower costs that are not directly tied to programme delivery;
- Expenses related to fundraising and crowdfunding events;
- Cash prizes, vouchers, honorariums and their equivalent;
- Expenses incurred for religious or political activities; and
- Expenses incurred outside of Singapore, overseas travel and all associated costs (e.g. overseas trips, including trips to study or procure items overseas).

Applicants should declare any other sources of funding received or applied for (and the corresponding amount). Funding from multiple sources is allowed, but these should not be for the same project/programme component.

If it is discovered that applicants are receiving undisclosed funding from other sources for the same component, they will be required to return the funding received from the ESF.

4.4. Co-Funding and Sustainability

Applicants are expected to co-fund or seek other funding sources to cover the remaining expenses not supported by the ESF.

Applicants should consider how the project can continue or sustain its impact beyond the ESF funding period. This can include building partnerships, developing volunteer or coaching capacity, securing other funding sources, or designing an operating model that remains sustainable after the ESF funding period.

4.5. Important Notes

The evaluation panel reserves the right to decide the level of funding support for each component of the proposal based on the relevance, necessity, reasonableness, and expected impact of the proposal, which may differ from the amount requested.

Applicants should not make financial commitments or begin incurring costs on the assumption that funding will be approved.

Section 5: Evaluation of Proposal

A strong ESF application should clearly show how the proposal is aligned with ESF's objectives, how it will benefit persons with disabilities, and how it can be implemented effectively.

5.1. Mandatory Requirements (Qualifying Criteria)

To be considered, proposals should meet both of the following mandatory requirements:

Requirement	What Proposals Should Meet
Fulfils at least one key area of focus	The proposal should fulfil at least one key area of focus: Programming, Coaching, Sport Inclusivity, and/or Innovation/Technology.
New or expanded reach	The proposal should reach or will be expanded to new groups of persons with disabilities.

5.2. Evaluation Criteria

Eligible proposals will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria which are weighted equally.

Applicant's Experience	Relevant experience or track record in serving the target group, running sport or fitness programmes, or delivering similar community initiatives.
Volunteer Activation	How volunteers will be involved and benefit from the initiative, what roles they will play, how they will contribute meaningfully to the project, and how many additional volunteers will be engaged.
Capability Development	How the project will build the capability of coaches, volunteers, staff, facilitators or partners to support disability sport or inclusive sport participation.
Project Sustainability	How the project will be sustainable beyond the ESF funding period, supported by a realistic plan.

Additional consideration may be given to projects that demonstrate other forms of merit.

5.2.1. Additional Considerations for Innovation and Technology Proposals

For proposals that focus mainly on innovation or technology, applicants should provide stronger justification on the intended impact, feasibility, and potential for broader application.

Applicants should explain:

- How the innovation or technology can benefit the disability sport ecosystem beyond the immediate project;

- Whether the idea can be replicated, adapted, or scaled to benefit more persons with disabilities over time; and
- Whether there is a credible implementation plan, that accounts for technical requirements, operational capacity, and delivery risks.

Innovation and technology proposals should clearly demonstrate the problem or gap being addressed, why the proposed approach is suitable, and how the impact will be measured.

5.3. Outputs and Outcomes

Applicants should propose clear and realistic outputs and outcomes for their project.

At minimum, applicants should be prepared to track:

- Number of unique participants;
- Number of sessions; and
- Whether the intended outputs and outcomes have been achieved.

Applicants should ensure that the proposed targets are realistic and aligned with the project scope, timeline and funding request.

Please refer to this guide when drafting the Key Performance Indicators for your project: KPI Setting Guide

5.4. Proposal Duration and Timelines

Applicants should ensure that their proposal timelines are realistic and account for all phases of the project, including procurement of necessary equipment and services, planning of sessions and/or events, marketing and participant recruitment.

Sufficient lead time should be built in for planning and procurement activities before any programme activities commence.

Section 6: Application Process

Applications should be submitted through the OurSG Grants Portal by the stated deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

6.1. Key Dates

Stage	Indicative Timeline
ESF Application opens	1 August
ESF Application closes	31 August
Evaluation period – Applicants may be contacted for clarifications if required	September – November
Notification of application outcome	End-November
Grant agreement signing for successful applicants	December
Project implementation period	From January 2027
Progress or final reporting deadline	Depending on project duration

After the application is submitted, applicants may be contacted for clarifications or additional information during the application and evaluation period. Applicants should respond promptly to avoid delays in the review process.

Applicants should not assume that funding has been approved until they receive formal notification of the application outcome.

6.2. Proposal Consultation

Applicants who wish to seek input and feedback on their proposal prior to final submission are welcome to email EnablingSportsFund@sport.gov.sg. Please note that any feedback provided is advisory in nature and does not constitute an endorsement of the proposal or a guarantee of success.

To ensure fairness and transparency, the Grant administrator will not entertain requests for consultation or amendment of proposals after the final proposal submission deadline.

6.3. Application Channel

All applications are to be submitted via **OurSG Grants Portal**. No exceptions will be granted unless an application is not possible due to accessibility limitations.

Applicants should ensure that they have access to the application channel and allow sufficient time to complete the form, upload supporting documents, and submit the application before the deadline.

6.4. What to Prepare Before Applying

Applicants should prepare the following information before starting the application:

Area	Information to Prepare
Applicant details	Applicant category, organisation profile, main contact person, relevant experience, team members, and partnership details where applicable.
Project details	Project title, summary, target group, objectives, key area(s) of focus, proposed activities, location or delivery mode, implementation timeline, expected number of sessions and participants.
Budget details	Total project cost, ESF funding requested, cost breakdown, basis of cost estimates, other funding sources, and co-funding or in-kind contributions, where applicable.
Outcomes and tracking	Proposed outputs, outcomes, KPIs, attendance tracking, feedback collection, and reporting approach.
Supporting documents	Organisation profile, budget breakdown, quotations or cost estimates, partnership confirmation, programme schedule, qualifications / credentials, risk management plan, or other relevant materials. Category C (Commercial Entities) applicants will need to provide proof of partnership with an organisation that primarily serves persons with disabilities.

Please prepare the following documents covering the above for submission through OurSG Grants Portal:

- Application form
- Budget template
- Risk management template
- Organisation chart showing how the project team and manpower will be structured
- CV and bios of applicant(s), key personnel involved in the project and Board Executive Committee members (if any)
- Other supporting materials, such as presentation decks, photos and videos of relevant past projects, etc.

Section 7: Disbursement and Reporting Framework

Before applying, applicants should review the following reporting and disbursement requirements to assess whether they have the capacity to meet these obligations throughout the project duration should their application be successful.

Reporting Framework

Grant recipients are required to produce the following:

1. Mid-term Progress Report
    a. No. of sessions conducted, no. of participants reached, challenges faced and how applicant plans to mitigate them.
    b. Photographs/videos and corresponding stories that could be used to profile disability sports.
2. Year-end Report for Multi-year Projects and Final Report at the end of the Project Duration
    a. Achievement of KPIs, with justifications provided where proposed KPIs were not met.
    b. Statement of accounts. Audited statement of accounts may be required on a case-by-case basis. If required, all audited statements of accounts must be audited by an external auditor.
    c. Photographs/videos and corresponding stories that could be used to profile disability sports.

SportSG will conduct site visits to further understand each programme and connect with the applicants.

Disbursement Framework

Projects to be completed within 12 months:

1. 60% of approved funding will be disbursed by SportSG to the applicant upon signing of agreement.
2. Remaining 40% of the approved funding will be reimbursed by SportSG at the end of the mutually agreed project end date based on actual expenditure after netting off any revenue or income when the applicant submits their final report.
3. Grant recipient is to refund surplus of grant disbursement, if any.

Multi-year Projects:

1. 60% of each year's (12-month period) approved funding will be disbursed by SportSG to the applicant upon signing of agreement.
2. Remaining 40% of the approved funding will be reimbursed by SportSG at the end of the project year upon receiving and approving the progress report, which must include proof of expenditure.
3. The disbursement pattern repeats for each year of the grant period.
4. Grant recipient is to refund surplus of grant disbursed, if any.

Should grant recipient not be able to meet its Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), SportSG will assess applicant's justification for not meeting the KPIs and reserves the right to withhold the approved funding, claw back any unutilised funding disbursed or terminate the agreement. Grant recipients may then be required to revise their plan to meet the KPIs.