

Outer West Community Committee

Small Grant - Project Summary



Project Name	Leeds Walking Football
Amount applied for	£500
Lead Organisation	Leeds Walking Football Club
Ward/Neighbourhood	Calverley & Farsley, Pudsey, Farnley & Wortley

Community Plan Objective	Best city for health & well-being, promote healthy lifestyles, improve access and engagement in sporting activities, and improve fitness and health of older citizens.
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Project Summary

The project is to organise walking football games and tournaments to encourage senior citizens of 50 plus to participate in physical activity and keeping fit.

Their aim is to allow people in their 50s, 60s, 70s & 80s to socialise with others from the Pudsey, Calverley, Farsley, Farnley and Wortley areas.

The football games, training and tournaments focuses players' minds and provides purpose to persevere with training.

LATEST PLAYING DATES

Round 2 • 15 July

Regional Finals • 31 August

Grand Finals - Over 60s • 23 September

Grand Finals - Over 50s • 30 September

Grand Finals - Over 65s • 30 September

They would like to obtain a grant to help fund towards the below items.

When will the project run?

July 2018 to 31 May 2019

Targets for the project and how success will be measured

Walking football players over 50 years of age - training to keep fit, play football, win medals and tournaments.

How the project will be promoted and/or participation encouraged

Facebook, word of mouth, youtube, local press, tv, promotions at local football clubs and sports venues.

Financial Information			
Revenue funding requested	£500		
Total cost of project	£4,000		
Match funding/Other funding sources	None		
Full Breakdown of Costs			
Item	Wellbeing	Other (with funding body)	Date of Decision
Hire of venue	£ 2800		
Purchase of Kits	400		
Purchase of what equipment (footballs)	£ 40		
Purchase of cups/ trophies, medals & prizes for tournaments	£ 200		
Transport	£ 430		
Printing	£ 100		
Stationery	£ 30		
Total:	£4,000		

Communities Team Comments
Councillor David Blackburn has asked the Communities Team to provide some background to this application and other walking football projects.
Previously another walking football application wasn't funded for a second year and was declined by the Committee. Therefore we have been asked to collate some background information in order for members to be consistent in the way walking football projects are funded now and in the future.
Please find information below regarding walking football projects previously funded by the Community Committee
The Leeds Walking football groups received a small grant in 2017/18 - £500 and in 2015/16 - £500. Hawthorn United Over 50's Walking Football Club in 2015/16 - £1,282.26
Project: Leeds Walking Football Tournament (Leeds Titans) - £500 funded 2017/18
Walking football is played by senior citizens enabling them to re-live their youth and stay fit and healthy. It is a relatively new sport gaining in popularity as older men find they now have an opportunity to keep fit and active by continuing to play football at a speed more suited to their abilities. The rules are similar to five-a-side football but players are not allowed to run or engage in hard tackles.
The funding supports a group of men aged 50 to 80 engaged in games of football, played Indoors all year round at Pudsey Leisure Centre. Pudsey walking Football club was formed to cater for these active men. Later the name changed to Leeds Walking Football Club to reflect their growing numbers which now expand out to Morley and Armley.
With the success of the project tournaments were arranged to enable the veterans to compete with like-minded players from all over the UK.

The funding of £500 boosted the club funds, enabling various tournaments to be organised which included events in Leeds which attracted competitors from towns and cities throughout the UK.

In 2016 Leeds Titans won the Farrah Rose cup and in 2017 they came runners up in the finals of an FA organised national walking football cup

One Leeds Titan player, Nick Morris, has been selected for the England walking football team.

Leeds walking football club has made significant strides forward and taken part in many tournaments including the FA national competition, the people's cup. Being the runners-up in the final in Birmingham. One player now selected to play for the national England team.

Below is an analysis of income and expenses

Pitch hire:	£3294.00
Kit:	£448.52
Referees:	£120.00
Coach Hire:	£430.00
Trophies, cupsn medals.	£227.13
WFA Fee:	£35
Print, stationery:	£98.33
Charity donations	£95.00
TOTAL:	£4749.08

Outer West Community Committee Wellbeing grant: £500
Player contributions £4249.08

Project: Pudsey Walking Football Tournament - £500 funded 2015/16

The walking football group centred at Pudsey Leisure Centre received a grant of £500 to promote the new sport of walking football combined with improving fitness to play competitive games.

Several fixtures were organised together with weekly sessions at Leisure Centres at Pudsey Armley and Morley. Players were encouraged to attend to practice and exercise.

As the activity gained popularity the number of participants increased and players from surrounding areas started to take part in the sessions at several Leisure Centres resulting in a rapid expansion. To cater for the expectations of these players they organised teams and tournaments and called ourselves Leeds Titans to encompass all players from Pudsey and surrounding areas. The players wishing to compete in tournaments were registered with the WFU while others who simply wanted to play and get fit were content to attend and play for fitness, fun and general well-being.

Project Hawthorn United Over 50's Walking Football Club - £1,282.26 funded 2015/16

The Community Committee funding contributed to the cost of renting an indoor '3G' football pitch for one hour every week for 42 weeks. (i.e. One year funding for pitch rental at £50 per week) and to pay for a volunteer referee @ £11.06 per hour for 1 hour per week for 42 weeks.

They had 20 regular team members and the age ranges were from 9 to 75. They were all either patients of Hawthorn Surgery, or relatives of patients who were in the Team.

This project was match funded by Housing Advisory Panel with a 50% split and the total cost of the project was £2,564.52.