



Sports Organisation Support
COVID-19 Fund

RESTARTING COMMUNITY SPORT

BACKGROUND

A nationwide lockdown curtailing community sport and restricting the movement of people in a bid to combat the ever-growing spread of COVID-19 was announced on 23 March 2020. No-one could have predicted the difficulty which community sport would face for the following year. Life changed beyond recognition and no single person or organisation was left unaffected.

Sports clubs stepped up for their communities; delivering activity online, organising outdoor challenges and taking a lead role in supporting vulnerable people. As restrictions eased in late 2020, sport and physical activity returned and a path to normality seemed likely.

However, a rise in cases and new variants through the UK led to a second nationwide lockdown on 26 December 2020 which would last until the 'Stay at Home' order ended on 2 April 2021.

Sports Clubs and Organisations have had different journeys, with many similar challenges, through the 375 days between the first lockdown commencing and the second concluding. There were many who managed to restart outdoor activity, some who were stop-start due to changing restrictions and those who had to wait until the second lockdown ended.

Glasgow Sport is delighted our Sports Organisation Support COVID-19 Fund has helped clubs survive an unprecedented year, restart activity as restrictions allow and plan for the future at the centre of their communities. We understand how challenging these times have been for our partners, and we are proud to see, and play a part in, the response from sports clubs in Glasgow.

Sports Organisation COVID-19 Fund – Why did we do it?

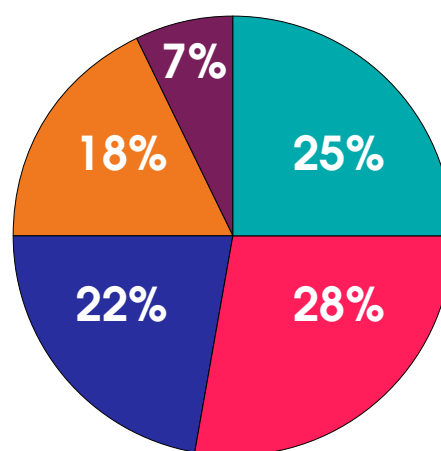
Glasgow Sport has long established partnerships with third sector and voluntary organisations. We work with our partners to create stronger, sustainable sports clubs which increase the number of Glaswegians being active. Lockdown and the restrictions imposed to stop the spread of COVID-19 led to unprecedented challenges for sport clubs and a change in our support was required.

[Glasgow Sport COVID-19 Club Survey](#)

The **Glasgow Sport COVID-19 Club Survey**, launched in June 2020, engaged with sports clubs to understand the support needed to survive COVID-19 and restart community activity safely. The survey received 65 responses from over 40 different sports and activities and directly informed the launch of Glasgow Sport's **#readysteadygoagain** campaign, which included:

- **Sports Organisation Support COVID-19 Fund**
- Regular **Newsletters** to communicate relevant information to all clubs
- **COVID-19 Support for Clubs website section**
- **#readysteadygoagain** Health Check for clubs
- Ongoing support from Sports Development Officer

What support would you like from Glasgow Sport?



- Provide up to date information on COVID-19 and Sport
- Sharing information and good practice
- Access to small grant funding
- Help identify other external funding streams
- Other

Impact Report

Glasgow's **Sport Organisation Support COVID-19** Fund has provided £70,000 across 67 sports organisations, including 12 Community Sport Hubs. The fund has directly supported the restart of 32 different sports and activities in Glasgow.

Fund Overview

£70,000 Awarded to 67 Sports Organisations
 32 Sports and Activities supported
 12 Community Sports Hubs supported

The aim of the fund is simple; to remove any barriers, whether those be financial or otherwise, which would hinder the restart of delivery from voluntary sports organisations. The reasons were various but quite simply put, the positive impact sport clubs have on Glasgow cannot be underestimated.

COVID-19 Fund Examples

Lockdown Losses	Restart Costs
Costs of rent or hire during lockdown	Equipment for distancing/sole use
Costs of insurance or utility bills	Sanitiser and cleaning products
Costs of online delivery/activities	Facility hire or solutions
Essential costs specific to a sport or club	Sport and venue specific safety needs

Not only do sport clubs provide opportunities for tens of thousands of Glaswegians to be active each week, they bring people together creating friendships and memories which last a lifetime. In these times, the importance of our clubs has never been greater. Sports Clubs provide a safe, organised environment to have fun and connect with others when social interaction is a risk factor in the spread of COVID-19.

Glasgow Sport is proud to have played our part to restart community sport and have been delighted to see the fantastic work of sports clubs across the city.



The funding allowed us to provide each team with the personal protective equipment necessary to restart formal training. To be able to provide this facility safely for all these kids whether they are members of our club or not is both humbling and exhilarating. Kids have gone without so much this year and we cannot ignore the effect this also has on families and parents knowing there is somewhere that their kids can go, exercise and safely enjoy themselves in these very strange times.

Hillwood Boys Club



We have had impact on the health and wellbeing of our community, in particular with our younger members the excitement and enthusiasm of being able to come to training is noticeable, just to be able to do something as close to normal as we can! Every week we are getting new members coming to the club.

Without the funding we may not have been able to restart sessions until further down the line or start club work in our community by delivering sessions to local schools.

Shettleston Harriers



Without exception, everyone looks forward to our sessions and they are the highlight of our week. Several members are single and so this social interaction cannot be underestimated or downplayed.

Scotstoun Pickleball Club



“Practically the funding and support has helped us survive and re-open. If we don’t have premises then we can’t deliver activities, so it is crucial we keep our doors open ... rent is an issue, one of the most important things is being able to welcome other clubs and organisations into our space ... it has been a massive contribution to keeping us open ... we would not have known where to start, it’s been great to welcome other clubs and children’s activities.”

Oana Stan, National Instructor Wing Tsjun Scotland.

I feel happy when am at the club ... I have fun and make friends ... it makes me feel really good ... I have so much fun – I like when we play tag ... happy – I like the kicks.”

Wing Tsjun Junior Members



The funding has allowed us to run Ultimate training sessions again in a safe environment thanks to the use of private grounds rather than using a public park. This means we can control distancing and other regulations which are crucial to us being able to train as a group. **COVID-19 funding has allowed us to resume some level of club activity following lockdown.** Our junior and adult sections are now active again and for many of our members, this is their main source of exercise and social interaction.

Glasgow Ultimate



For myself personally, I was shielding and being locked in the house had got to breaking point for my mental health and more than anything having the club open and the members in was amazing. The instant we were back my spirits lifted and motivation was back at 100%. **Without the funding from Glasgow Sport our club could have been in financial difficulties as well as not being able to provide the PPE to allow our members to train safely and that is my number one priority the safety of my students.**

Kensaki Iaido-Do





Since receiving the funding and due to the hard work laid down by our team over the summer we were able to start back fully operational on 31 August and were able to invite new members on 14 September to join. We have been able to bring our gymnasts back to full training using the new safety matting and our eight week return to training plan. **Huge thank you to Glasgow Sport for the grant - it has made our return to sessions more secure and allowed our gymnasts to return to training in a high risk sport safely.**

Sparta Trampoline Club

The funding from Glasgow Sport has been pivotal in ensuring we could reopen and deliver vital health and fitness services to our community. The funding helped us to deliver classes in our bespoke outdoor gym in full compliance with government restrictions that have impacted other gyms. It is impossible to state how grateful we are for this grant which facilitated our reopening and enabled us to provide vital services to the local community.

The Edge Gym (Boxing)



This money was a godsend to our club. It allowed the restart of the Academy. It was crucial in reforming the young bowlers who last played together on 21 March. Had the funding not been given, the club would have closed the green early to reduce green costs. **We also had family day on 3 October where parents and guardians could come and watch the kids and they were amazed just how good they were.**

Yoker Bowling Club

'This funding had a massive impact on our club, enabling us to help kids to get back to some kind of exercise, whilst looking after their welfare, safety, impacting on their mental health and even freeing parents up for an hour!'

Victoria Park Football



Without the funding and guidance from Glasgow Sport, our club would not have been able to reopen, jeopardising the future of Kugatsu Karate-Do completely.

The support allowed us to provide a safe environment for our members as we continue to rebuild following the lockdown period. It will take a few weeks for everyone to become familiar with the new operating procedures and restrictions brought in ensure the safest possible re-opening of our club for indoor classes.

Kugatsu Karate-Do

This funding has helped to save our club, it helped to pay our rent when no one was paying memberships fees. We also used the funding to put in place different health and safety measures... on arrival our members have their temperature checked and they need to clean their hands using the hand sanitiser, Glasgow Sport funding helped pay for this.

The funding has helped us to help lots of children and young people during the COVID pandemic.

Southside Boxing Academy

My mum works for the NHS, she goes to old folks homes to help them. I didn't want her to go out to work, it was scary, boxing was my focus ... it took my mind off it ... I spent time trying do the boxing challenges , I was able to do the ladder challenge – it felt good when I did it!

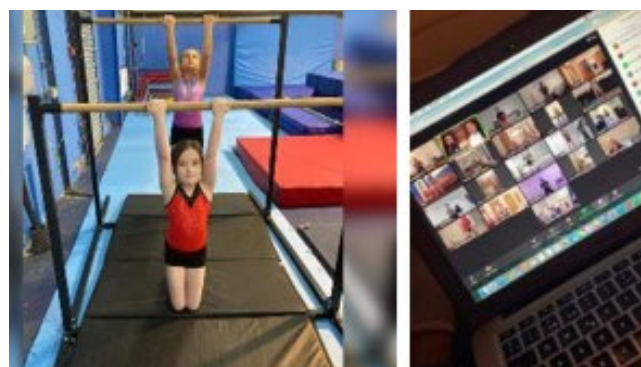
After the training the club did the 'place to talk'. I really enjoyed this bit as I got to chat with my friends ... It was good to just talk to each other – we could talk about anything... my mum also took part in some of the boxing sessions and she helped me with a couple of the patterns and skills.

Finn McHenry, 10 years old, Southside Boxing Academy



The funding helped our club massively when we returned from lockdown. We didn't have any of the PPE equipment, only basic cleaning items. With the club being forced to close for 6 months due to the Pandemic we had no ability to generate income through loss of membership fees and therefore the grant helped us to re-open safely without the financial pressure of trying to source funds to purchase these essential items.

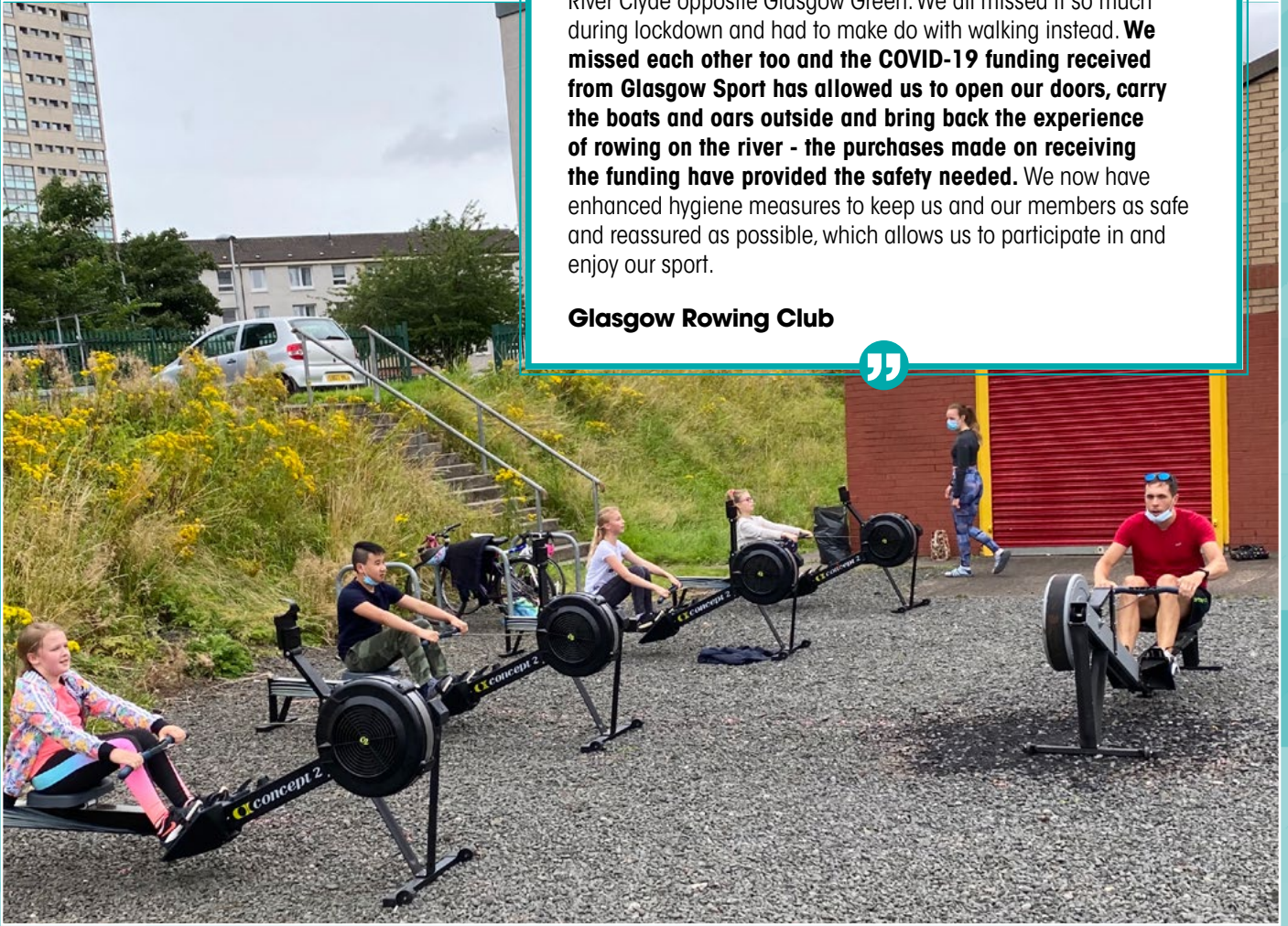
Sapphire Gymnastics Club





We are so lucky to have Glasgow Rowing Club right on the River Clyde opposite Glasgow Green. We all missed it so much during lockdown and had to make do with walking instead. **We missed each other too and the COVID-19 funding received from Glasgow Sport has allowed us to open our doors, carry the boats and oars outside and bring back the experience of rowing on the river - the purchases made on receiving the funding have provided the safety needed.** We now have enhanced hygiene measures to keep us and our members as safe and reassured as possible, which allows us to participate in and enjoy our sport.

Glasgow Rowing Club



Without the support of funding our community group of 23 years would have not survived this pandemic. We are a charity and based in a deprived area for us to continue our service we require the support of funding organisations especially at this most difficult time. Losing Park Villa would have lasting devastating impact on our children and families now and in the future. Many funding programmes closed and many more people were applying for funding. Park Villa would like to personally thank Glasgow Sport for their support at this time and helping us financially return to normal for our children and families.

Park Villa FDG



Sports Organisation Support COVID-19 Fund

The **Sports Organisation Support COVID-19 Fund** provided 67 sport organisations, including 12 Community Sport Hubs, with the required funding to restart sport in communities across Glasgow. This support directly benefited 32 sports and activities.

The feedback from sports clubs has been very positive, and we thank them for the impact of their delivery on community sport in Glasgow.

Glasgow Athletic Football Club
Finnart Football Academy
Belvidere Bowling Club
Easterhouse Football Academy
Kensaki Iaido Dojo
Easthall Star FC
Hillwood Football Club
Easterhouse Phoenix Boxing Club
Shettleston Harriers
Nitshill and Hurler Bowling Club
Scotstounhill Bowling Club
Ashfield Football Club
Southside Boxing Academy
Cartha Queen's Park RFC
Wing Tsjun Scotland
Park Villa Football Development
Easterhouse Phoenix Development
Kelvin ABC
Yoker Bowling Club
Senjokai Karate Academy
Glasgow Rowing Club
Southside Stars FC
Pollak Utd SCIO
Victoria Park Football Club
Kugatsu Karate-Do
Whitecraigs AFC
Sapphire Gymnastics Club
Glasgow City Boxing Club
Langside Sports Club
Govan Community Boxing Club
Hampden Football Club
Futsal First
Glasgow Ultimate
Glasgow Flames Netball Club

Glasgow Afghan United
Cranhill Utd
Glasgow West Pickleball Club
Summerston YFC
Trust Rugby International
GSB Judo
Clyde FC Community Foundation
Glasgow East Junior Rugby Club
The Edge Gym
Sparta Trampoline Club SCIO
Hillhead Jordanhill RFC
Hillhead Cricket Club
Hillhead Tennis Club
Ronin Karate Club
Glasgow Tigers Academy
Shettleston Junior Kids Academy
Southside Archery Club
Scotstoun Pickleball Club
Westercommon Star Football Club
McLaughlin School of Irish Dance
Glasgow Saltires Netball Club
Glasgow Mets Volleyball Club
Whitacres Community Sports Hub
SAPC Community Sports Hub
Shettleston Judo Club
Glasgow Kayak Club
Glasgow Phoenix Boxing Club
Bluevale Boxing Club
Special Olympics Scotland West Cycling
Glasgow City Basketball Club
Ceann Creige Hurling and Camogie Club
Bike For Good
Glasgow Fury Netball Club

