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people to live healthier
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Partners' Bulletin

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Funding Bulletin

Inequalities Funding

Sport England have launched an [Inequalities Fund](#) that [Wesport](#) are pleased to be managing for the West of England area. They are requesting expressions of interest from partners who can help reduce the negative impact of COVID-19 and the widening of the inequalities in sport and physical activity.

The Inequalities Fund is for use from now until October 2020 and is focussed on supporting partners who have direct access and established relationships with priority audiences, which are:

- People from Lower Socio-Economic Groups
- Black, Asian Minority Ethnic Communities
- Disabled People and People with Long Term Health Conditions

Funding will support projects that seek to enable these priority audiences to remain active in the COVID-19 lockdown and early recovery stages over the next 6 months. The initial Expression of Interest window is open from now until **Friday 26th June 2020**. Wesport will be reviewing these regularly, and where possible awarding funding before the initial deadline, so please **do not wait until the deadline to submit your Expression of Interest**. Please visit the website [here](#) to find more information and to complete your expression of interest form.

Crowdfunder

Crowdfunder and Sport England have teamed up to make £1 million of match funding available to help the sport and physical activity sector through the ongoing coronavirus crisis. To apply for this fund, sign up and start crowdfunding. Find out more [here](#)

[Step Up Funding](#)

Wesport have adapted this funding in hope of supporting partners to help communities maintain activity now. If you could do with financial support to enable you to provide a solution to motivate people to stay or become active then please let us know. Examples include – cost of a webcam so that you can record session tips, subscriptions to streaming platforms to help you reach participants online. Find more information [here](#) or contact richard.colman@wesport.org.uk to discuss your application.