



CISWO Funding

CISWO recognises that local miners' welfare charities provide essential facilities in local communities.

To support your charity, we offer financial assistance for miners' welfare charities through grants and loans, supporting the provision of recreational spaces and services for the future.

Who can apply?

Our funding is specifically for miners' welfare charities. Applications for funding must come from the trustees of the charity, although this may be in collaboration with a user group, for example a football club.

We cannot fund social clubs, non-mining charities, or sports clubs that may be delivering services from a welfare building, or wider groups in the community.

What will CISWO fund?

Grants and loans can be used for:

- Capital projects – e.g. building new changing rooms, development of MUGA
- Development costs – including surveys and feasibility studies
- Refurbishment, or repairs – e.g. refurbishing recreational space, upgrading floodlights

Funding must be used towards developing, sustaining, or increasing recreational activities, and must be charitable.



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Are there things that CISWO can't fund?

Our funding cannot be used towards staffing and overheads, revenue costs (sports equipment or kit), or to support social club or commercial activity.

Application process

Applications should be made through your regional development manager. They will help you put together the information needed to support the application.

Your application will need:

- A clear description of the project
- Clear outcomes from the project and funding
- Details of any other funding you have secured
- A detailed breakdown of all costs and quotes for services or works.

Your charity will need to be compliant with its statutory obligations, including being up to date with returns and records at the Charity Commission and with your annual accounts.

We want to make sure that the funding provided will support your charity to be sustainable – this might require a business plan or development of a cashflow or financial forecast. We can help with this if your charity does not already have this in place.

How much funding can be applied for?

There are no fixed minimum or maximum amounts that you can apply for, although most awards are under £25,000.

Loans are provided on an interest-free basis with a repayment term of up to five years. Funding may be offered in the form of a grant, a loan, or a combination of both.

CISWO welcomes applications for grants that are part of a larger project, where our funding can be used as a lever to match funding from another body.

Further information or to apply

For further information or to discuss your funding needs, contact your regional development manager or visit our website: **ciswo.org.uk**



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CISWO Small Grants Programme

What is it?

CISWO's Small Grants Programme provides grants of up to £2000 for miners' welfare charities to support new activities, or for immediate, practical improvements to facilities and services.

Projects should support one of CISWO's priority themes:

- Health & Safety compliance
- Increasing community access and usage
- Improving sustainability of facilities
- Supporting new activities or projects

Who is it for?

The Small Grants Programme is for registered miners' welfare charities. Priority will be given to those that have not previously received CISWO grant funding or financial support, and those that do not hold high levels of unrestricted reserves.

What can the funding be used for?

The Small Grants Programme can be used to support:

- Minor capital repairs and improvements
- Health and safety works
- Compliance-related works
- Equipment and resources required for charitable activity.



What is not eligible for funding?

The Small Grants Programme will not support:

- Ongoing operational and core costs (including utility bills)
- Salaries and staffing costs
- Items that are primarily for social club or commercial activities
- Repayment of loans, debt, or deficit recovery

Small grants cannot be used as match funding towards larger projects.

When will the funding need to be spent?

Funds must be spent within three months of the award being made.

How can I apply?

Miners' welfare charities wanting to apply for a grant should submit the Small Grants Application Form. This form will ask you for information on the purpose of the project, why funding is needed, and what the community benefit of the funding will be. You will also need to submit your recent accounts and a quote, estimate or supplier cost. You will also need to confirm that the charity is quorate and compliant with the Charity Commission or OSCR.

Completed applications should be emailed to your local Development Manager at:

North – northengland@ciswo.org.uk | **South** – southengland@ciswo.org.uk
Wales – wales@ciswo.org.uk | **Scotland** – scotland@ciswo.org.uk

A small grant can be applied for at any time. Decisions will be communicated to the welfare charity within six weeks of the application date. CISWO reserves the right to close applications to the Small Grants Programme at any time should demand exceed the funds available.