

Ambition Giving Frequently Asked Questions

Ambition Members

Can an Ambition member apply themselves for Ambition Giving, or is the fund only open to clubs, projects and young people?

Yes, a member of Ambition can apply for Ambition Giving, as long as the project fits the criteria.

Can Ambition members support applications from clubs, projects and young people who are not their affiliated members?

Yes, Ambition Giving is not just for clubs, projects or young people that are affiliated to an Ambition member. However, all applications must be supported by an Ambition member. Therefore, it is the discretion of the Ambition member as to whether they support the application.

If an Ambition member has been asked to support a club, project or young person that it does not feel able to support, what should it do?

It is up to the discretion of the Ambition member as to which applications they choose to support and we would expect support to only be provided to those clubs, projects or young people where there is an existing relationship. The Ambition member should inform the club, project or young person that it will not be able to support the application.

If an Ambition member has been asked to support a club, project or young person because the application does not have an Ambition Member in their local area, what should it do?

The grants are available for clubs, projects and young people supported by Ambition members. We are sorry but if there is no Ambition member in an applicant's local area, then they would not be eligible to apply for funding.

Once an Ambition member has agreed to support an application, will it be responsible for distributing the money?

If the club or project is a registered charity, recognised legal organisation or has its own bank account, the grant will be provided direct to the applicant. If not, the grant will be given to the Ambition member to distribute.

How much support will an Ambition member be expected to provide to a club, project or young person if its application is successful?

The level of support needed will be dependent on the grant amount that is awarded. It will also be dependent on the quality of the resources and policies that a club, project or young person already has in place. The member organisation will be required to ensure the project is on track, using the money appropriately and meeting the monitoring requirements.

If an Ambition member would like to apply for Ambition Giving itself, can it apply more than once?

Yes, you can apply as many times as you like. However, please note that we are looking to support

different projects and activities across the UK, so the possibility of receiving repeat funding will be lower.

If an application has been unsuccessful, can an Ambition member re-submit another application?

Yes, you are able to re-submit another application for the same project or activity. If you are planning to re-submit an application, we would encourage you to contact the Ambition office to request feedback on your unsuccessful application.

If an Ambition member has been successful in securing funding, can it apply to receive more funding for the same project?

Yes, you can apply as many times as you like. However, please note that we are looking to support different projects and activities across the UK, so the possibility of receiving repeat funding will be lower.

When will we find out if our application has been successful or not?

All applications will be acknowledged by e-mail. We will let you know in writing if your application is successful. Please allow four weeks from the closing dates highlighted above to process your application. If you have not heard from us within these four weeks please assume you have not been successful.

Non-Ambition Members

Can a young person apply for Ambition Giving?

Yes, but you must ensure that a youth worker from an Ambition member organisation is prepared to support your project by signing the application and providing help and guidance throughout to keep the project on track, should you be successful.

Does every application have to be supported by a member of Ambition?

Yes, every application must be supported by a member of Ambition. This involves an Ambition member agreeing to ensure that if successful, the project is on track, using the money appropriately and meeting the monitoring requirements. A full list of our current members can be found [here](#).

Does a club or project have to be affiliated to an Ambition member in order to be eligible for Ambition Giving?

No, Ambition Giving is not just for clubs or projects that are affiliated to an Ambition member. However, all applications must be supported by an Ambition member. It is up to the discretion of the Ambition member as to whether they support the application.

If a club, project or young person is not affiliated to an Ambition member, how does it choose an Ambition member to approach?

We would recommend that all clubs, projects and young people approach their closest geographical Ambition member. A full list of our current members can be found [here](#).

What happens if there is not an Ambition member in my local area?

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Can my club or project join as an Access Member of Ambition to apply for Ambition Giving?

No as we no longer offer access membership for new members.

What happens if the Ambition member in my local area is not willing to support a club, project or young person's application?

It is up to the discretion of the Ambition member as to which applications they choose to support. If they are unable to support your application, you will not be eligible to apply for a grant.

Our organisation has not achieved First Steps, can we still apply for Ambition Giving?

If you are an organisation, you must be prepared to work towards achieving First Steps, Ambition's quality assurance programme. This is so we can be confident that your programme is being delivered to a high standard. To apply, please contact Rachel Smith: Rachel@ambitionuk.org

Is a young person or a group of young people required to undertake First Steps?

No, if you are a young person (or a group of young people) applying you will not be expected to undertake First Steps.

Can a club, project or young person apply for funding for more than one project?

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Will our club or project receive the funding directly?

If you are a registered charity, legal organisation or have a bank account, your club or project will receive the funding directly. If you are not, the grant will be given to the Ambition member who supported your application and they will be responsible for distributing the funding.

Will the grant money be provided in one lump sum?

It is likely that if the grant is less than £500, it will be provided in one lump sum. If it is over £500, the money will be distributed in stages. All successful applicants will receive a grant agreement detailing payment terms.