

Scottish Curling Development Fund 2026/27 – Guidance

Thank you for your interest in applying for funding through the Scottish Curling Development Fund. The guidance will provide you with more information about the fund and outlines the details we require in your application.

We have **£12,000 in total** to distribute through the Scottish Curling Development Fund. **Development Groups or Development Staff** from **Scottish ice rinks** are welcome to apply. The aim of the fund is to increase participation in Curling across Scotland. We are eager to explore new ways to develop inclusion programmes for everyone, recruit new people and retain curlers. We want you to share your ideas to help us realise our vision of thriving curling communities across Scotland! We therefore anticipate funding requests submitted to be between £500 and £3000. Our primary focus is on the quality of the projects rather than the quantity of applications received, and they will be assessed by a panel that consists of the Scottish Curling Sport & Communities Team, a member of the Scottish Curling Board, and the Membership Development Committee Convenor.

Rinks and Development Groups that have received funding through the sportscotland Club Support Fund will not be eligible to apply to the Scottish Curling Development Fund 2026/27

A key objective of this fund is to learn from your projects. We want to understand what works and share the best ideas with rinks across the country.

Applications will be considered for any of the following areas:

- Inclusion, including projects for women and girls, people with disabilities, and minority groups
- Initiatives that recruit and retain newcomers within the sport
- Curler retention projects utilising new ideas specifically aimed at retaining existing curlers

Applications able to demonstrate the following will be viewed favourably:

- Evidence of innovative and progressive approaches
- Evidence of effective engagement and joint working with key partners in the development and delivery of the project
- Projects that can secure additional funding*

**With a limited pool of funds, we aim to maximise the impact on curling in Scotland. To stretch our resources and support more and larger projects, evidence of additional funding from the applicant and/or other sources will be required as part of the application process.*

In previous years of application of this fund coach education and equipment were not eligible. However, for this year there will be consideration for equipment in conjunction with your overall application to a maximum amount of 20% of your overall project budget.

Funding for successful bids:

On confirmation that your bid has been successful, a funding schedule will be agreed with you.

***Please note:**

- Applications not submitted via the online form **will not be accepted**.
- The panel may provide feedback on applications to assist in the shaping of initiatives to better meet the objectives of the fund.
- All successful applications will be required:
 - to share project progress, learning and successes through providing updates, photos, videos and success stories to help promote the project and highlight its impact.
 - to work in partnership with the sport & communities team to maximise project impact and record learning.
 - to produce a report evaluating the project.

*Failure to do so may impact future funding or remaining payments.

Key Dates	
Applications Open	21 August 2026
Applications will remain open until the funding has been allocated	
Follow up question period	2 weeks
Award Decision Notification by	2 -3 weeks
Funding must be distributed by	30 April 2027
Projects must be completed	30 April 2027
Reports must be submitted	1 June 2027

All applications should be submitted via the [online application form](#). You will also be asked to upload a completed Development Plan and Project Budget with your application.

Application Form Guidance

This document will run through each section of the application form step by step, providing further explanation of what you are required to submit.

“Contact Name:” – This should be the name of the lead contact for the project, such as a member of the Development Group submitting the application.

“Contact e-mail address:” – Please enter the email address of the above person, this is so that we can contact them regarding the application and project.

“Development Group/Ice Rink:” – We need to know the name of the group submitting the application, so please enter this here.

“Project Name:” – The name of your project should provide a simple summary of what it will involve, we need to know this so that we are able to discuss the project with you and publicize its successes. E.g. *Aviemore Schools Floor Curling Project*

“Venue of project:” – Please provide the name and address of the project venue, if you are using several venues, please list all of them here. Your project can take place outside of an ice rink in a non-traditional venue.

“Start date of project:” – After referring to the table of Key Dates above, please state when you think that your project will begin.

“End date of project:” – As with the start date, please use the table above to provide an estimated end date for your project.

“Which themes are most applicable to your project?” – Please select which of the listed themes best describe your project, you are welcome to select more than one.

“Please provide a brief description of your project, who it will benefit, what you aim to achieve and how (Maximum of 400 words):” – This should be your “elevator pitch”; a brief summary of the project which is succinct and provides a clear plan of how it will be delivered. Please provide information in direct response to the four key points listed within the question, as this is how your application will be assessed.

“Please explain how this project complements the objectives listed within your Development Plan (Please also attach your Development Plan to your application (template available)): – Your Development Plan should contain details of all development projects being undertaken at your rink or within your Development Group. In answer to this question, please explain how the project you’re applying for funding to support, will help you to achieve the goals set within the Development Plan, the Development Plan should also be attached.

“Outcomes expected from your project:” – Outcomes are qualitative markers of change that have been generated by your project e.g. Increased participation at our ice rink by wheelchair users. Please enter the three main anticipated outcomes of your project.

“Outputs/Key results expected from your project:” – Outputs are quantitative measures of changes that have occurred because of your project e.g. 20 new wheelchair curlers joined our wheelchair curling club. Please enter the three key anticipated outputs of your project.

“How many people will benefit from your project/how many participants will there be?” – Please provide a realistic estimation of how many people will take part in the project. This estimate may be based on the level of resources you have available and the number of curlers you currently work with.

“Have you discussed your project with your local rink/curling development group/club?” – select the most appropriate in relation to your application, you can select more than one. If yes, please state which organisations.

“Have you discussed your project with your Development Manager?” – select the most appropriate in relation to your application.

“Total cost of project:” – This amount should be the sum of the ‘Total amount of funding requested’ and ‘Total amount of funding from other sources’.

“Total amount of funding requested:” – Please tell us how much funding you would like from Scottish Curling; this may not be the same as the total cost of the project if you have other sources of funding.

“Total amount of funding from other sources. Please breakdown the sources and amounts:” – If you are applying for a percentage cost of a project for which you have received other funding, please provide us with details of where the other funding came from and the amounts. If you don’t have funding from other sources, please enter 0.

“Please upload your project budget (template available):” – Here you should include all project costs, not just those to be covered by Scottish Curling through this fund. The ‘description’ should tell us what the cost will be covering, the ‘supplier’ should state who will provide the goods or service and the ‘cost’ should include the unit price and quantity. The ‘total cost’ should be the unit price multiplied by the quantity and the ‘total project cost’ should cover all the expenses combined.

“Submitted by” – This section simply requires the person completing the form to agree to the declaration by typing their name.

Thank you for taking the time to read the guidance document.

If you have any further questions, please email development@scottishcurling.org