**Level the Table Grant Application – June 2022**

**Thank you for your interest in our Level the Table Grant Scheme.**

**The Level the Table Grant scheme enables us to financially support organisations that share our ambition to make table tennis more accessible.** Organisations can apply for between £250 - £2,500 to support with projects that create new opportunities for people to engage with table tennis.

The Commonwealth Games in Birmingham this summer presents a fantastic opportunity for table tennis to reach and engage new audiences, particularly women and girls due to the increased media coverage of female sport. We are therefore inviting applications from organisations who **can create opportunities for women and girls** to participate in table tennis either in the build-up to or during the Games, or, who can support a legacy of the home Games with ongoing activity. Here are some example projects that we would like to fund;

* Parent and daughter Commonwealth Games themed taster event at a club, leading into an 8-week programme of U11 girls TT Kidz sessions – funding to pay for the marketing and promotion, venue hire, coaching cost
* Bat and Chat for ladies at the Village Hall – funding to pay for a Ping in the Community equipment, resource and marketing pack and Activator Training for a local volunteer, plus venue hire for the first 8 weeks etc
* Family Fun events at the Ping Pong Parlour during the 10 days of the games – funding for local club coach/es to deliver fun activities for all the family, with a pathway into specific women and girls programmes at the club afterwards
* Educating and upskilling your existing workforce (i.e. coaches, marketing officers, volunteers) on how to deliver to and engage more diverse audiences etc
* Ping! Tables in more accessible (or safe spaces) to drive participation among female players

**Who is the Grant for?**
The below organisations can apply for a maximum of £2,500;

* Premier Clubs
* Leagues
* County Associations
* Associate Clubs
* Youth Clubs
* Colleges and Universities
* Local or National Partners of Table Tennis England
* Community Groups\*
* Licensed Coaches\*\*
* Schools\*\*\*

\*Community groups must have their own bank account and provide opportunities in a community space.
\*\*For a licensed coach to receive funding directly, they must have an appropriate mechanism for the grant to be paid, for example if self-employed, evidence will need to be provided of your self-employed status. You must also show how projects are sustainable and does not rely solely on just one person.
\*\*\*Schools must establish community activity, for example the grant will not pay for equipment or coaching solely for curriculum activity, but would support costs to establish new activity that would be of community benefit

The amount of funding awarded will be dependent on a number of factors, including:

* Quality of application
* Ability to demonstrate how the project aligns with TTE’s Level the Table strategy
* Ability to demonstrate how the project is inspired by or will use B2022 Commonwealth Games to grow the game
* If the number of projects that are received, exceed the total funding available, if a Table Tennis England affiliated club, preference would be given to ‘PremierClubs’ ([What is a Premier Club?](https://www.tabletennisengland.co.uk/membership/club-membership/)).

Please note that £2,500 is a maximum amount that you could be awarded. When reviewing applications, Table Tennis England will award what we feel is an appropriate amount based on your project and application. If you have a project that would exceed the maximum allowance at either level of funding and you can demonstrate how it would make a significantly strong impact, please contact diversity@tabletennisengland.co.uk to discuss your project. Table Tennis England will then advise if we would accept an application above the maximum allowance.

**What will the Grant fund?**
Projects must cover at least one of the following areas;

* Contribute towards the delivery of our [Level the Table Strategy](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/cMZ4CZWrNiQKKNHjl4Ko?domain=tabletennisengland.co.uk/), with a particular focus on engaging Women and Girls into Table Tennis,
* Support in establishing a new club or regular session/opportunity
* Establish sustained delivery of participation initiatives, such as [TT Kidz](https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/programs/tt-kidz/), [Ping in the Community](http://www.pinginthecommunity.co.uk/), [Bat & Chat](https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/clubs/clubs-guidance/be-tt/bat-and-chat/) or [Back to TT](https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/clubs/clubs-guidance/be-tt/back-to-table-tennis/)

Grant funding can be used for delivery costs, venue hire, equipment costs (as part of a wider project), support of coaching qualifications (as part of a wider project) and marketing costs. Funding cannot be used for a project that has been previously funded by Table Tennis England, a project that has already started, purchasing equipment that isn't part of a wider project, or upskilling of coaches if not required to deliver the project. Support for coaches looking to start or progress on their coaching journey may be eligible for our [Charlie Childs Coaching Grant](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/rfPuCYMqNtAVVxS0zQ79?domain=tabletennisengland.co.uk/).

To maintain a connection with the Commonwealth Games, successful projects should have started by **1st January 2023**.

**Q1) Your Details***Please enter the address details of where the project will take place*

Name: Click here to enter text.
Organisation: Click here to enter text.
Address Line 1: Click here to enter text.
Address Line 2: Click here to enter text.
Town/City: Click here to enter text.
County: Click here to enter text.
Postcode: Click here to enter text.
Email Address: Click here to enter text.
Phone Number: Click here to enter text.

**Q2) Please select your organisation type**

[ ]  Premier Club
[ ]  Table Tennis England Affiliated League
[ ]  Table Tennis County Association
[ ]  Associate Club
[ ]  Youth Club
[ ]  College or University
[ ]  Local or National Partner of Table Tennis England
[ ]  Community Group
[ ]  Licensed coach
[ ]  School
[ ]  Other (please specify below)

Click here to enter text.
 **Q3) What is the planned start date for your project?***Please enter DD/MM/YYYY. All projects must begin by 1st January 2023 and you must have approval from appropriate venues, facilitators and partners to deliver the project as planned.*

Click here to enter text.
 **Q4) Please tell us about your planned project in as much detail as possible***What do you want to deliver and why? Is there a demand for the project?*

Click here to enter text.

**Q5) Please detail the workforce you have to deliver this project**

*Please note, ‘coaching specific’ activity will require a licenced coach(es) to facilitate. Activation/social sessions, do not require a licenced coach and you may refer to your existing workforce or volunteers.*

Click here to enter text.

 **Your Audience
Q6) How many people do you expect to engage in your project?**

Click here to enter text.

**Q7) Will your project work with any of the below?**
*Your project’s primary focus will be to engage more females into Table Tennis, do you anticipate working with other specific audiences. Please tick all that apply*

[ ]  Lower Socio-Economic Communities [ ]  Disabled People [ ] Ethnically Diverse Communities [ ]  None of these*If you have selected a specific community, please continue with all questions. If you have answered ‘None of these’, please skip to question 11.*

**Q8) How do you plan to work with these communities?***Do you already have access to these communities? Will you need to target participants from the local area? Will your project be tailored to these communities in any way?*

Click here to enter text.

**Q9) Have you worked with this community/communities before?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

*If yes, please answer question 10
If no, please skip to question 11*

**Q10) Please detail the project that worked with these communities and its impact**

Click here to enter text.

**Sustainability**
**Q11) How will your project, and importantly the engagement you see be sustained. Will you be creating suitable long term opportunities for your new audience?**

Click here to enter text.
 **Equality Impact Assessment**Equality Impact Assessments help provide an understanding of the relevance and effects of decisions on people who have a protected characteristic. Protected characteristics are specific parts of a person’s identity that makes them who they are defined by the Equality Act 2010. The ‘protection’ aspect relates to protection from discrimination, as it is against the law to discriminate. More information about Protected Characteristics can be found [here](https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/equality-act/protected-characteristics).

Protected characteristics include;

* Age
* Disability
* Race and Ethnicity
* Gender reassignment
* Marriage and Civil Partnership
* Pregnancy and Maternity
* Religion and Belief
* Sex
* Sexual Orientation

 **Q12) How will your project positively impact the groups you plan to work with?**

Click here to enter text.
 **Q13) Do you know if there is a demand for the project amongst the groups you plan to work with?**

Click here to enter text.

**Funding**
**Q14) Have you previously received funding for this project?**

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

*If yes, please answer question 15
If no, please skip to question 16*

 **Q15) Please detail how much funding you received and from which organisation(s)?**

Click here to enter text.
 **Q16) How much funding are you requesting from this grant scheme?***Please enter a value between £250 - £2,500, depending on what your maximum allocation is. See first page for details.*

Click here to enter text.

**Q17) Please detail what you are requesting this funding for in as much detail as possible**

Click here to enter text.

**Q18) How will your planned project meet the aims and objectives of Table Tennis England’s Level the Table Strategy?**

Click here to enter text.

**Q19) How will your project plans align with and/or benefit from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games?**

*Will your project create opportunities for people to play table tennis, during and/or after the Games? Will you be linking with B2022 festivals and events in your area to aid promotion?*

Click here to enter text.

**Support**
**Q20) Will you need any support from Table Tennis England to make your project a success?**
*For example marketing support, support in working with key demographic groups, workforce support etc.*

Click here to enter text.

**If you have any documents to support your application, please submit them with your application.**

**If completing online, p*lease ensure you fully complete the application, as you will not be able to pause and come back to it at a later date.***

***Should you need to start, save and return at a later date please download this form and save a version of the application. Once completed you can return to*** diversity@tabletennisengland.co.uk

If you have any questions about this grant or the application form, please contact diversity@tabletennisengland.co.uk