

FIFA Foundation Community Programme 2025-2026

Guidelines

The FIFA Foundation

The FIFA Foundation is an independent foundation established within the meaning of articles 80 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code (SCC). As enshrined in article 2 of its charter, the FIFA Foundation aims to promote social change worldwide through the support of programmes, initiatives, projects and organisations, in particular those that use football as a tool for social development.

FIFA Foundation Community Programme

The aim of the FIFA Foundation Community Programme is to support well-established, non-profit organisations that use football to address the most pressing global challenges affecting underprivileged children and young people, contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To this end, the FIFA Foundation provides yearly financial support to cover a wide range of costs, including programme-related and institutional costs, as well as costs connected with projects, initiatives, events and workshops.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for the FIFA Foundation Community Programme, an organisation must meet the following criteria:

- Be a legal and registered entity with non-governmental status in the country where the proposed activities are to be implemented
- Be politically and religiously independent and not-for-profit
- Not be discriminatory in any way (on social, ethnic, racial, religious, financial, gender-based, talent-based grounds, etc.)
- Be a direct implementer of the proposed activities that use football as a tool to address social issues, target children or young people and provide development opportunities for vulnerable people
- Present a proposal featuring activities that are run regularly

- Be committed to transparent practices in the areas of accounting, administration and governance
- Be financially sustainable and have a long-term approach
- Be committed to child safeguarding and have a safeguarding policy in place
- Not be affiliated to competitors of [FIFA Commercial Affiliates](#)

Grants

Funding period

- 1 January 2025 – 31 December 2026

Funding amount

- Up to USD 30,000 per year
- Programme funding must not represent more than 50% of the organisation's annual turnover as per the last audited financial statements.

Scope of funding

- Social development support through ongoing, regular and well-established football programmes or projects
- Primary beneficiaries: children and young people
- Gender balance amongst beneficiaries must be achieved or valid justification must be provided as to why this was not met
- Activities must be run frequently: at least once a week and across a minimum of eight months per year

Outside the scope of the grant

- Support for player development initiatives or any projects linked to professional football
- Staff or team travel not clearly connected with the core project activities
- Projects lacking clear social development objectives related to football activities
- Proposals only featuring one-off events

Mandatory application documents

- Application form using the FIFA Foundation template.
- Budget using the FIFA Foundation template (please refer to the FIFA Foundation Community Programme Budget Guidelines).
- Audited financial statements for the last financial year (if not available, please provide audited financial statements from the previous year).
- Child safeguarding policy (please refer to the FIFA Foundation guidance note to NGOs on child safeguarding and protection requirements).
- Material relating to the proposed activities (e.g. curricula, manual or other resources), including an index*.
- Examples of monitoring and evaluation guidelines and tools presented in the proposal.*
- Last annual report or impact report.
- Organisation's valid legal registration document (or an excerpt thereof).

* Can be provided in the form of online links

Mandatory documents for preselected organisations (to be submitted once preselected)

- A bank-issued document containing the details of the bank account into which the funds will be transferred. Please note that the bank account must be located in the same country where the organisation is registered and where the activities will take place, with any extraordinary exceptions to be assessed by the FIFA Foundation on a case-by-case basis. The document issued by the bank must include the account holder (name of the organisation), the account number and the full name(s) of the signatories.
- Completion of a compliance questionnaire.
- Completion of questionnaire for communications purposes, including the organisation's logo.

General conditions

- Organisations that operate in more than one country can submit **only one proposal**. Please note that the information for the regional office/set-up with regard to organisational and financial capacity, monitoring and evaluation processes and impact will be requested and taken into consideration.
- The proposal must relate to the implementation of activities in **one** country.
- In accordance with the FIFA Foundation's overall strategy, organisations are asked to align their project proposal with the [United Nations SDGs](#) and to clearly outline how the project contributes to the achievement of **one** of the goals. This includes designing a monitoring and evaluation process to measure the project's contribution towards the relevant SDGs.
- Proposals featuring **train-the-trainer and/or peer-to-peer** elements will only be considered if the beneficiaries are participants of the applying organisation.
- The FIFA Foundation does not support any activities in which footballing ability is the deciding factor for participation.
- The organisation must have a bank account that is registered to the organisation and not to an individual.
- The granting of support is subject to the FIFA Foundation's compliance with any possible sanctions, export control policies and similar restrictions.
- **All** documents must be submitted in English, French, German, Portuguese or Spanish.

Reporting

If your organisation receives funding under the FIFA Foundation Community Programme, you will be required to submit an interim **descriptive activity report and a financial report for 2025, as well as a final descriptive activity report and a financial report certified by an external auditor/accountant for both 2025 and 2026** using the templates provided by the FIFA Foundation. The final financial report must be signed and stamped by the external auditor/accountant.

Relevant links

- [Application form template](#)
- [Budget template](#)
- [Budget guidelines](#)
- [FIFA Foundation guidance note to NGOs on child safeguarding and protection requirements](#)
- [Bank document template](#)
- [Online questionnaire for the submission of the full application](#)
- [Submit your questions](#)
- [FAQ – to be updated daily](#)

Applications

Only fully and accurately completed applications with all requested supporting documentation will be accepted.

Submit your application [here](#) by 23:59 CET on 26 July 2024

Contact us

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at CommunityProgramme@fifafoundation.org.