

Club: Medway Mariners
Sport: Roller Hockey
Local Authority: Medway
Funding: Sport England Small Grant
Success: Nov 2015

Background: Why were Medway Mariners looking for funding?

We were seeking funding to establish a new roller hockey club in Medway, Medway Mariners. The club was to be based at Medway Park and work towards raising awareness of roller hockey, seeking to offer training, guidance and support for people of all ages to take part.

What was the club looking for funding for?

The aim of the project was to utilise funding to continue our outreach work, take roller hockey into local schools and community organisations, promoting the benefits and advantages to taking part. This outreach and current identified demand for roller hockey helped establish a participation base and need to develop a sustainable community club.

How did the club find out about Kent Sport?

The Kent Sport Funding information email went to the Chairman of the NRHA who then forwarded it to the local Roller Hockey clubs. Herne Bay Roller Hockey Club, who we worked closely with in developing our Medway club, forwarded it onto to us. We then contacted Kent Sport who put us in contact with Sophie Ward who got back to us immediately offering her assistance in helping with funding applications.

How did Kent Sport support you with the process of applying for funding?

Kent Sport were a great help within our process, they were able to put us in touch with Medway Sport, who supported us with purchasing equipment to access schools as well as fund 12 weeks of hall hire for the juniors. Kent Sport guided and supported us step by step advising us on pots of money we could access and with wording our application. Kent Sport supported us through visits, and then via email, starting from scratch, helping us with the paperwork that we would need to set up a club, e.g. Forecasts, Policies, Equality and Diversity. As a result we have managed to secure nearly £10,000 of Sport England funding for the club helping towards coaches training costs and equipment for 2 new teams! This will go a long way to helping us develop Roller Hockey in the Medway area, enabling us to access more schools and develop the knowledge of the sport in this area.

How long did the process take?

First meeting with Kent Sport on 27th May, we received notification of funding on 13th November. So 6 months.

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