**Small Grants for Running/Walking Groups**

Active Together has a small grants scheme to support the set-up of new beginner running/walking groups or to grow the numbers within existing groups. Priority will be given to areas within Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland where there are:

* low numbers of beginner running/walking groups
* high levels of physical inactivity
* fewer opportunities available for underrepresented groups such as ethnically diverse communities, LGBTQ+, disabled people

**Things we’ll consider funding**

* New equipment such as Nordic walking poles, or essential health and safety items
* Transportation costs to and from local venues for service users
* Venue hire and refreshments
* Training courses such as First Aid
* Other resources such as marketing and promotional leaflets, booklets etc

**Things we won’t fund**

* Salaries
* Facility development
* Insurance
* Retrospective costs
* Groups outside of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
* Long term recurrent or indefinite costs

We are particularly interested in creative and innovative projects. These could include supporting people with long term health conditions, disabilities, or families.

Grants of up to £200 will be considered, however if your project meets the criteria and requires additional funding, please contact us for a discussion. The deadline for applications is **31st March 2022**, although please note this is subject to closing early if the fund is oversubscribed.

Local groups must be nominated by their Local Authority (via the Officer responsible for their walks/run programme) before applying. Contact details can be found below. We expect successful applicants to submit a case study demonstrating the impact the grant has made.

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| **Local Authority** | **Department** | **Telephone** | **Email** |
| Blaby | Active Blaby Physical Activity Team | 0116 272 7703 | info@activeblaby.org.uk  |
| Charnwood | Active Charnwood Physical Activity Team | 01509 634673 | active.together@charnwood.gov.uk  |
| Harborough | Active Harborough Physical Activity Team | 01858 828282 | activetogether@harborough.gov.uk  |
| Hinckley & Bosworth | Active Hinckley & Bosworth Physical Activity Team | 01455 255908 | culture@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk  |
| Melton | Melton Physical Activity Team | 01664 502502 | sportsandhealth@melton.gov.uk  |
| North West Leicestershire | North West Leicestershire Physical Activity Team  | 01530 454606 | activetogether@nwleicestershire.gov.uk  |
| Oadby & Wigston | Active Oadby & Wigston Physical Activity Team | 0116 288 8961 | active.together@oadby-wigston.gov.uk  |
| Rutland | Active Rutland Physical Activity Team | 01572 720936 | activerutland@rutland.gov.uk  |

**Application Form**

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| Nominating Local Authority  |  |
| Local authority officer supporting the application |  |
| Name of Applicant |  |
| Address |  |
| Telephone Number |  |
| Name of group/organisation |  |
| Amount of funding requested |  |
| Please outline what your funding will be used for |  |
| If successful, how will the funding benefit your group? |  |
| How do/will you promote your sessions to new participants? |  |
| Is your group aimed at a specific target audience? Are you aware of a demand? |  |
| Other useful information to support your application |  |

Applicant signature ………………………………………………………………… Date………………………………….

Supporting locality officer signature……………………………………… Date…………………………………..

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**Please email completed forms to Kim Angell, Active Together Running & Walking Activator -** **kimangell.running@yahoo.co.uk**

**or post to: Active Together, SportPark, 3 Oakwood Drive, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3QF**