

The Anita White Catalyst Grant and the Cath Sweet Award

The International Working Group (IWG) on Women & Sport is pleased to announce the introduction of two special grants as part of the Anita White Fund.

The **Anita White Catalyst Grant** is to enable women who have successfully completed leadership programmes to advance the women and sport movement in their countries/regions/organisations. For example, the grant could be used to implement initiatives promoting networking and coalition building or to develop action plans for the advancement of women and sport.

The **Cath Sweet Award** supports women who wish to deliver programmes that promote social inclusion through sport, and will prioritise activities with a focus on disability. This fund is supported by UK Sport in memory of Cath and her work to use sport to deliver positive social impact around the world.

Grant Amount:

Anita White Catalyst Grant: between £500 - £2000

Cath Sweet Award: between £500 - £2000

Criteria for support:

All initiatives must:

- Have a clear start and end date for activities funded through the grant (the earliest start date is May 1st 2024, the latest end date is December 31st 2025).
- Have other local support for the planned activities this can be financial (such as other grants or partnership funding) or in-kind (such as donated equipment, facilities, volunteers, etc)

Anita White Catalyst Grant

- Catalyst Grant initiatives must be led by a graduate of a women's sport leadership programme
- Initiatives must be implemented in countries where women face particular challenges
- Initiatives should benefit women in sport leadership roles, and contribute to the building or enhancement of the women and sport movement

Cath Sweet Award

- Cath Sweet Award projects must be led by a female sports leader located in a low- or middle-income country
- Project outcomes must have a clear focus on promoting social inclusion for marginalised groups in society (not just within sport), with priority for programmes focused on disability inclusion
- Projects must have the support of a local organisation that will help to ensure the impact of activities is sustainable

Items that will not be funded

- Conference participation costs for individuals (unless there is a clear strategy for how this achieves your aims)
- Purchase of personal equipment such as laptops, mobile phones or tablets
- Training course fees for individuals

Application Process:

- Applications must be received by February 1st 2024, midnight GMT.
- Applications should be submitted using the Application Form.
- Successful Applicants will be informed by email and announced on the IWG Website.
- Approved Grantees will be required to sign an Agreement with Sport and Recreation Alliance before receiving funds.

Reporting:

- Grantees will be required to submit updates including photos or video during the initiative
- All projects must be completed by December 31st 2025
- Grantees are required to submit a report no more than five weeks after the initiative has been completed
- Learning from the funded projects will be shared widely to encourage good practice, with some showcased at the IWG World Conference in July 2026.