

## 1. Sport England: The Movement Fund

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/our-funding>

In 2026, they are prioritising projects that tackle "deep-rooted inequalities."

- **Best Use:** Setting up new "Dementia-Friendly" sessions, hiring specialists, or buying adapted equipment (e.g., lighter balls or modified seating).
- **Tip:** When applying, specifically mention "**social prescribing**." Highlight how your sessions will reduce the isolation often felt by those with dementia.
- **Grant:** Up to £15,000 (Rolling deadline).

## 2. Dementia Aware Community Grants (Regional)

Many regional councils and "Dementia Friendly Communities" have specific pots for local groups. – for example the link to County Durham's community fund is here

<https://pointnorth.org.uk/thriving-together-county-durham/>

- **Example:** The **Dementia Aware 2025/2026** grants (often up to **£5,000**) are available for community-led projects that raise awareness and improve access.
- **Search for:** Your local council's name + "Dementia Friendly Community Grant." These are often smaller, easier-to-get pots of money designed for things like signage, volunteer training, or "dementia cafes" linked to your sports club.

## 4. Small Grants for Social Inclusion

Small trusts often favour dementia projects because of the high social impact.

- **The Caremark Community Care Fund:** Offers **£3,000** for projects that "bring people together." This is perfect for a sports-based social club for people with dementia. <https://www.caremark.co.uk/community-care-fund/>
- **The Screwfix Foundation:** They provide up to **£5,000** specifically for fixing, repairing, and maintaining buildings used by people in need—ideal if you need to make your clubhouse toilets or entrances more accessible. - <https://www.screwfix.com/landingpage/screwfix-foundation>

**TIP : Sensory/Social Equipment:** Funding isn't just for the sport; you can request money for "reminiscence kits" (sport-themed items from the past) to help spark conversation after the physical activity.