

REQUEST

I would like to know about the process of funding local sports projects (with a focus on Arsenal Kicks programme).

How is it decided that a project deserves funding and what data is used to support this decision?

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 April to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). I confirm that this has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see our response below.

Sport Unites is the Mayor's flagship community sports programme, led and coordinated by the Greater London Authority (GLA) Sports Team. Sports Unites provides funding to sporting and non-sporting organisations and individuals. You can make an FOI request to the GLA, here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

MOPAC does not have a process for funding local sports projects but provides match funding to the Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) to expand the Premier League Kicks Programme as part of the public health approach to tackling violence and providing young Londoners with positive opportunities in target areas. The Premier League are the lead and biggest funder. MOPAC's contribution enables improved targeting in terms of demography and geography of participants – with a renewed focus on stronger, safer communities. The PLCF manage and coordinate 15 Club Community Organisations, Including Arsenal in the Community, using the reach and appeal of the Premier League and network of professional clubs to engage children and young people.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information requests, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information>