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## Funding Guide (April 2019)

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We hope this guide for clubs around access to Grant Aid Funding is useful and going forward we will provide updates and further guidance as appropriate.

It should be noted from the outset that we are here to help but grant criteria and priorities change and this document is only as up to date as the day it was produced - your first port of call should always be your Club & Community Cricket Manager as below.

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We are also conscious that in addition to the below schemes we have had budgets from the ECB in terms of the ECB Small Grant Scheme and ECB Grant Aid Programme, again please log any enquiry with your Regional Club & Community Cricket Manager.

### **England & Wales Cricket Board** - [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk)

In addition the ECB also have the EWCT Interest Free Loan Scheme, which normally as a quick turnaround and the loan can be repayable over 5years. The application is very simple and in most cases is successful.

### **Lancashire Line** - [www.foundation.lancashirecricket.co.uk](http://www.foundation.lancashirecricket.co.uk)

Please also consider the Lancashire Line (Lottery) as a sustainable way to fund your club. All admin is done for the club and the money can be drawn down at your clubs convenience. The more members you have enlisted the quicker you will earn money for the club to spend as they so wish.

We would like to go on record in thanking Peter Robison who has been instrumental in undertaking much of the research and information included in this document.

Peter is a volunteer at Carnforth Cricket Club and over many years has been successful in accessing grant aid funding for his own club and we are grateful for his ongoing help and support



**Sport England 'Small Grants'** - [www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small-grants)

The Small Grant Scheme awards grants up to £10,000. The application process is relatively easy and involves filling in an online form and uploading documents, including accounts and bank statements, supporting letters, quotations, your constitution and safeguarding policies. You will receive a decision within 10 weeks.

Here, you will also find further details, including who can apply, what they will fund and what they won't fund, case studies etc. Sport England advisors are extremely helpful and are always available during office hours on 03458 508 508.

**Sport England 'Community Asset Fund'** - [www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund)

The Community Asset Fund provides funding of up to £150,000; however your chances of success diminish with applications exceeding £20,000. Community Asset typically provides funding for upgrades to pavilions and playing surfaces.

The application process is easy and initially you are only required to complete a relatively simple form. Successful applicants will receive an in principle offer, normally within 4 weeks. Only then are you required to submit your documents.

Here, you will also find further details, including who can apply, what they will fund and what they won't fund, case studies etc.

Sport England advisors are extremely helpful and are always available during office hours on 03458 508 508.

**Awards For All** - [www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding](http://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding)

Awards for All fund projects up to £10,000. It is a relatively simple procedure and you will receive a decision within 14 Weeks.

**Landfill Communities Fund**

The following 6 organisations provide grants under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund and all use similar qualifying criteria.

Typically, they will fund pavilion and ground projects but you will need to demonstrate that the facility is used by the wider community and the facility is available for a minimum of 104 days each year.

Your project needs to be within 10 miles of one of their sites and there is a Post Code Checker on these sites:

**Viridor Credits** (up to £100,000) - [www.viridor-credits.co.uk](http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk)

**Biffa** (up to £200,000) - [www.biffa-award.org](http://www.biffa-award.org)

**Veolia** (up to £75,000) - [www.veoliatrust.org](http://www.veoliatrust.org)

**Suez** (up to £50,000) - [www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk](http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk)

**Enovert** (up to £50,000) - [www.enovert.co.uk/Trusts](http://www.enovert.co.uk/Trusts)

**Wren** (up to £100,000) - [www.wren.org.uk](http://www.wren.org.uk)



**Bags of Help** - [www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk)

Bags of Help is Tesco's local community grant scheme, where the money raised by the sale of carrier bags is being used to fund local projects. Grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 are available.

Three of the applications are selected in each area and the Tesco customers then vote on which award each organisation receives.

**Aviva Community Fund** - [www.community-fund.aviva.co.uk](http://www.community-fund.aviva.co.uk)

Aviva Community Fund awards grants up to £25,000. Get enough votes from friends, family and supporters in your community and your project could make it to the Finals, where a judging panel will award the funds.

**Cricket World Cup Club Fund** - [www.clubs.cricketworldcup.com/club-fund](http://www.clubs.cricketworldcup.com/club-fund)

The Cricket World Cup Club Fund is replacing the ECB Small Grant Scheme for 2019 and aims to support clubs engaged in the Cricket World Cup Club Programme.

At least the first 2,000 affiliated clubs that are eligible will be allocated a £1,000 grant on a first come, first served basis.

**The Coalfields Regeneration Trust** - [www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding](http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding)

The Coalfields Regeneration trust awards grants to organisations within former coalmining areas. There are a number of qualifying areas in Lancashire and the awarding committee meet 4 times per year.

To find out if you are in a qualifying area, hover over "Get Help", then "England", then click on "funding" then click on "North West".

**Boost** - [www.boostct.org](http://www.boostct.org)

Boost Awards Grants to Sports organisations. The application process is relatively simple.

**Cash 4 Clubs** - [www.cash-4-clubs](http://www.cash-4-clubs)

Cash 4 Clubs awards grants of £500, £750 and £1,000 to Sports Organisations. The money available seems limited.

**Post Code Trust** - [www.postcodetrust.org.uk](http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk)

The Post Code Trust awards grants up to £2,000. Constituted Sports Groups can submit applicants and the process appears to be relatively simple.

**Easyfundraising** - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

This is an unlimited source of free funding as every time anyone associated with your club buys online at one of the listed companies, a small percentage is then donated back to your club.



## **Local Funding Bodies**

### **Local Authorities**

It is always worthwhile approaching your local Parish, Town or Borough Council for funding. Other local organisations such as Rotary Clubs are also often willing to support community projects.

If you can get support from local funders, this will improve your chances of success when applying to the larger National funders.

### **Forever Manchester** - [www.forevermanchester.com](http://www.forevermanchester.com)

Forever Manchester manages and administers a number of funds that Cricket clubs can apply to for grants. A list of funders can be found at:

### **Manchester Airport Community Trust** - [www.manchesterairport.co.uk](http://www.manchesterairport.co.uk)

Manchester Airport Community Trust awards small grants up to £3,000, covering an approximate 10-mile radius of the Airport, concentrating on the areas most exposed to aircraft noise. Awards are made 4 times each year.

### **Community Foundation for Lancashire** - [www.lancsfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lancsfoundation.org.uk)

Community foundation for Lancashire manages and administers a number of funds that may support cricket clubs.

### **Community Foundation for Merseyside** - [www.cfmerseyside.org.uk](http://www.cfmerseyside.org.uk)

Community foundation for Merseyside manages and administers a number of funds that may support cricket clubs.

### **Bolton CVS** - [www.boltoncvs.org.uk](http://www.boltoncvs.org.uk)

Bolton CVS Award Grants up to £1,500 to Community Groups within the Bolton local authority area

### **Chorley Council** - [www.chorley.gov.uk](http://www.chorley.gov.uk)

Chorley Council awards small grants of £500 to community groups within the Chorley area go to: The "Chorley 4 Community" portal, on the same page, provides comprehensive coverage of all available funding opportunities, including European Union, national Government programmes, regional schemes and local initiatives.

### **The Galbraith Trust** - [www.lancastercvs.org.uk](http://www.lancastercvs.org.uk)

The Galbraith Trust awards grants up to £5,000 to organisations within the boundaries of Lancaster City Council. Grants are awarded 4 times each year:

### **The Harold and Alice Bridges Charity** - [www.haroldandalicebridgescharity.co.uk](http://www.haroldandalicebridgescharity.co.uk)

Awards small grants, not normally exceeding £3,000 to clubs in the area north of the River Ribble, eastwards towards the Blackburn area and into South Lakes. Application is simple and involves filling in a short form, no other information is required. Grants are awarded 4 times per year.



**Merseyside Funding Information Portal (MFIP)** - [www.mfip.org.uk](http://www.mfip.org.uk)

Here you will find the latest local, regional and national funding information for Merseyside's Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) sector.

MFIP is supported by local voluntary sector infrastructure organisations across the region including Halton & St Helens, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral.

**Action Oldham Fund** - [www.actiontogether.org.uk](http://www.actiontogether.org.uk)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for projects which benefit Oldham residents.

Membership of Action Together is free of charge.

The Fund wants to support organisations carrying out new activities / projects / initiatives in Oldham or organisations that wish to experiment with new ideas and new approaches to familiar problems.

**Salford CVS** - [www.salfordcvs.co.uk](http://www.salfordcvs.co.uk)

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Fund 'Small Grants' of up to £10,000 are available to not for profit registered charities, community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations in Salford for the improvement of social, economic and environmental wellbeing of its residents.

**Cobalt Housing Community Fund** - [www.cobalthousing.org.uk](http://www.cobalthousing.org.uk)

Grants are available to community groups and organisations for projects or events that benefit the Cobalt Housing neighbourhood in North Liverpool.

**West Lancs CVS** - [www.wlcvs.org](http://www.wlcvs.org)

The Eric Wright Charitable Trust (the Trust) grant administered by West Lancs CVS (WLCVS) is aimed at helping small, mainly volunteer led, voluntary & community groups, small charities (with an income of less than £30,000 per year) and other not for profit organisations by providing grants of up to £500 for projects.



## Hints & Tips

- Discuss your plans at the outset with your Club & Community Cricket Manager and the respective funding body to determine their initial interest in your project.
- Establish a need for funding by consulting youngsters, children, parents and the local community. Include in your application to show the need.
- This will help establish interest and show how many will benefit.
- Make sure your plans are thorough, have been accurately costed and have an identified timescale. Assume the reader knows nothing about your organisation - when answering questions, be clear, specific and concise.
- Your application must meet the criteria of the respective funding body.
- Your application should request only the funds you require and demonstrate value for money. Include details of other confirmed funding, and where not confirmed, when you expect to receive a decision.
- Contributing 'Cash' or 'In Kind' resources will increase your chances of success.
- Your application should outline how your plans benefit the wider community (e.g. families, young people, women, people with disabilities, ethnic minority groups etc).
- Where relevant, demonstrate how your plans have strategic relevance (e.g. to County, Regional and/or National Cricket Development Plans).
- Ensure the timescale of your plan / project is in line with that of the funding body.
- Consider whether planning permission is required.
- There are ECB Approved Installers & Systems. Contact your Club & Community Cricket Manager for further information and help.
- Keep receipts, record the number of participants and any comments made by beneficiaries.
- Do not start a project before you receive official written notice of an award or permission to go ahead. Funding bodies will not fund retrospectively.
- Consider every possible funding option available (e.g. grants, sponsorship, donations and your own fundraising activities). Be willing to give the funding body(s) full recognition for any support and think how you could publicise your success.
- If your successful, make sure you say 'Thank You' so you create a strong relationship with the funder