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## Funding Guide (November 2020)

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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.

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## Funding Opportunities

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

The Lancashire Cricket Foundation works with the ECB around a funding and facility strategy linked to the ECB Grant Aid Programme, County Grant Scheme and other strands as they become available to us.

#### **Emergency Loan Scheme**

Aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs during the COVID-19 crisis by providing funding to help cover any shortfall in the preparation, essential day-to-day running and maintenance costs of facilities following the resumption of cricket.

Loans are available from £1,000-£50,000 for those clubs with a junior section and £1,000-£20,000 for those without.

#### **Return to Cricket Grant Scheme**

Aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs and Leagues within England and Wales, during the COVID-19 crisis, by providing emergency grant funding to help cover any shortfall in the preparation, essential day-to-day running and maintenance costs of facilities following the resumption of recreational cricket.

Each application will be based on an assessment of need up to £3,000.

#### **#Funds4Runs** – [Funds4Runs](#)

A £1million fund providing financial support across the grassroots cricket community, giving free cricket places for children in deprived areas.

The fund will be focused on recovering and rebuilding the lives of children across four key areas:

- Those from deprived backgrounds
- Those from diverse communities
- Those within disability groups
- Those taking part in women's and girls' programmes

Additionally, the fund ties into three core ECB objectives:

- Connecting communities and improving lives through cricket
- Increasing the relevance of cricket locally with non-cricket stakeholders
- Growing long-term engagement with cricket in communities

Financial support from #Funds4Runs will be accessible to affiliated clubs, All Stars Cricket centres, community organisations, County Cricket Boards and Cricket Wales.

Interested clubs can register their interest in #Funds4Runs funding by completing the form using the link above.

#### **League Emergency Loan Scheme**

The ECB League Emergency Loan Scheme aims to support affiliated cricket leagues (open-age and junior leagues) during the COVID-19 crisis through the provision of interest-free loans.

Loans of up to £50,000 are available to fund the cost of cricket balls, plus, unrecoverable costs above £2,000 in the 2020 season which may include the cost of block booking/hire of grounds; the cost associated with the production of league handbooks; the cost of purchase of kit and/or equipment; the cost of staging events



**Sport England** – [sportengland.org](https://sportengland.org)

### ***Return to Play: Small Grants***

Seeks to support projects addressing the challenges coronavirus (Covid-19) has posed to people taking part in sport and physical activity.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to help not-for-profit community organisations create coronavirus-secure settings for community sport and physical activity to resume this autumn.

The fund will have flexible priorities, to be able to best respond to the frequently changing challenges posed to community sport. Funding could be used for minor amendments to facilities, additional sports equipment, signage, sanitation and training courses to help you deliver your activities safely.

In response to the England-wide lockdown restrictions that came into force on 5<sup>th</sup> November, this fund can also make a contribution of £2,000 towards the running costs of organisations supporting the most deprived communities to support them through winter.

### ***Return to Play: Community Asset Fund***

This fund is for new applications focused solely on helping support clubs and community groups through the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic to return to play.

The focus is on responding to the immediate challenges of sports and physical activity returning to play this autumn and does not fund general capital works.

Projects must be about addressing the challenges you are now facing because of coronavirus and linked to a return to play.

Funding is available from £10,001 - £50,000.

### ***Return to Play: Active Together***

A crowdfunding initiative that can match fund up to £10,000.

This will help clubs and organisations raise money to cover losses of income due to coronavirus, and the partnership with Crowdfunder includes advice, guidance and training to help create a successful campaign.

## **On-going Funding**

### **Lancashire Line Club Scheme** – [foundation.lancashirecricket.co.uk/lotteries](https://foundation.lancashirecricket.co.uk/lotteries)

Please consider the Lancashire Line Club Scheme (Lottery) as a sustainable way to fund your club.

Tickets cost £1 and there is a £1,000 top prize every week. 50% of each £1 paid into the draw given back to your club. The more members you have enlisted, the quicker you will earn money for the club to spend as they so wish.

All administration is done for the club and the money can be drawn down at your club's convenience.

Sign up is now available online using the link above.



## **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** (£10,000 - £75,000) – [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** – [tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/](http://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/)

During October, November and December 2020 the grant scheme will provide grants of £1,000 to support projects focused on local children and young people e.g. outdoor activities – sport & green space provision for children & young people including use of green spaces support well-being through physical activities.

Bags of Help can fund 100% of your project costs so you do not have to have any match funding. However, if you secured additional funding, there is no limit to what this amount can be and any funding awarded by Bags of Help can form part of your wider project costs.

Your project can be a stand-alone project or discrete, self-contained part of a larger scheme or part of a phased project. You will need to complete your project within twelve months of receipt of the grant.

**Boost** – [boostct.org/get-involved](http://boostct.org/get-involved)

Boost Awards grants of up to £750 to sports organisations. The application process is 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 may improve your chances of success when applying to the larger National funders.

**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.

**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)

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**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.

**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.

**Davy Fund (Kirklees)** – [www.one-community.org.uk](http://www.one-community.org.uk)

This fund aims to support voluntary and community organisations across Kirklees, to encourage the participation of children and young people in sport, with an emphasis on team sports and activities; in order to encourage positive development of that activity, and for the long term health and social benefits that results from such participation.

You can apply for up to £1,000.

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

Awards small grants for capital projects to clubs in the Lancashire and South Cumbria areas.

Application is simple and involves filling in a short form, no other information is required. Grants are awarded 4 times per year.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The Sporting Capital Fund – [www.sportingcapital.org.uk](http://www.sportingcapital.org.uk)**

Provides unsecured loan funding of between £50,000 and £150,000 to a wide range of organisations to develop new projects, operations and revenue streams. Organisations eligible to apply include community sports clubs to social enterprises, charities and profit-with a purpose to deliver sport and physical activity.

Unsecured loans will be tailored to meet the needs of each organisation and will be repayable over 3 to 5 years. If needed, a repayment holiday of up to 24 months may be available, giving projects time to generate sustainable revenue before starting to repay the loan.

**West Lancs CVS – [www.wlcvvs.org](http://www.wlcvvs.org)**

Funding available for local groups in West Lancashire.

## **Hints & Tips**

- Discuss your plans at the outset with your Cricket Development Officer 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 Cricket Development



Officer 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

### **Capital projects – are you ready to look for funding?**

