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Raising the money to carry out your plans is without doubt the most challenging task faced by cricket club committees and members.

Through this publication the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has set out to help steer you through many of the grant aid and development funding agencies which exist and to give you an insight into their respective funding criteria. You will also find a number of ideas and issues to consider when preparing applications.

Your County Cricket Development Manager (CDM) can also offer you valuable advice on development planning and funding. The contact address for your CDM can be found on the internet www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers. All County Cricket Board Office contact telephone numbers are listed on page 35.

Also listed for your convenience are all the addresses of the Regional Offices of Sport England on page 20.

For further advice concerning grant aid or funding you may also contact Mike Turner, MBE, ECB Consultant, on (0116) 283 1615. There is no charge as this advisory service is provided by the England and Wales Cricket Board.

If you require information about technical guidance notes or wish to make a general enquiry about facility development, telephone the ECB on 0161 877 6643, email: facilities@ecb.co.uk or refer to the website www.ecb.co.uk/funding.
2.1 Planning

Careful planning to ensure your ambitions are realistic and right for your club is critical. ECB’s Club Development Planning Resource provides a format and procedure, approved by the main Grant Aid providers, to help you do this. For more information go to www.play-cricket.com

Your plan forms a statement of your future intentions and will demonstrate to funding agencies how your plan will satisfy their requirements adding to the cricket provision in your area.

It is also important at this stage to identify a timescale outlining when you intend to implement each element of your plan.

2.2 Costing Your Plan

Once you have assessed what you currently have, and decided upon your chosen future direction, it is vital you then put some detailed costing to your plan. These can be in the form of quotations from contractors and/or suppliers or costs in “man hours” (e.g. a contribution in kind).

This will help you assess what financial support you will need and allow you to chart your best possible route to obtain the funds your proposed developments require.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application:

• You should demonstrate how your project represents value for money.
• Emphasise your level of need for financial support (based on your annual accounts).
• Make sure your application is honest and you request only funds you require.
• Be prepared to undergo a process of monitoring by funding agencies. Some agencies reserve the right to reclaim funding if they are not satisfied with its use.
• Demonstrate a degree of “self help” – whether in cash or in kind (labour, expertise, etc.). Most funding agencies set a minimum portion as “self help”.
• Have a contingency plan in the event of a rejected application or a reduced award.

2.3 Approaching the Relevant Funding Organisations

It is important that you choose the correct funding agency(ies) for your respective plan or elements within your plan.

Each organisation has its own particular criteria and requirements. It is therefore vital that you make contact with the individual organisation and match your plan to its respective criteria before you compile an application.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application

• Your application must demonstrate a clear plan in accordance with the criteria or the respective funding agency.
• Where necessary forward any consultation forms as required by the funding agency.
• Submit your application ahead of deadlines set by respective funding agencies.
• Apply to the number of funding organisations you need to ensure the funding you require.
• Identify, where necessary in your application(s) other sources of partnership funding.
• Include details of other confirmed awards and, where not confirmed, when you expect to hear a decision.
• Check how much you are eligible for. Some funding agencies make provision in certain urban and rural areas for additional support.
• Ensure your chosen funding organisations are complimentary. Some agencies will not commit to funding if certain others have been applied to.
• Ensure the tenure of your ground is of sufficient length as set by respective funding agencies. Most funding agencies require a minimum of ten years lease, freehold, or other security of tenure.
• Do not start any project or plan before you receive official written notice of an award or permission to go ahead. Most funding agencies will not fund retrospectively.

• Consider every possible option available including sponsorship, Sportsmatch, donations, loans, fund raising activities etc.
• You should give the funding agency full recognition for any support – letters of thanks, plaques, local publicity etc., should be considered to recognise their generosity.

2.4 Prepare Your Application

• Make sure your plans are thorough, have been costed and have an identified timescale.
• Ensure you have, and can identify, the people and resources available to you to run the project after it has been built, installed or set up.
• Where relevant, your application should outline how your plans provide for: Women, People with Disabilities and other “minority” groups.
• Where relevant, demonstrate how your plans have strategic relevance – refer to the County, Regional and/or National Cricket/Sport Development Plan.
• Consult as widely as possible before submitting your application(s).
• Ensure the timescale of your plans are in line with that of your funding agency(s).
• Plan your cash flow thoroughly as some funding agencies will only release funds upon completion of works.
• Demonstrate the benefits of your plans to an identified and local community.
• Emphasise the benefit to the local community of your plans. Where necessary identify how many hours a week your facility or project will be available for community use.
• Make provisions for adult/junior usage, quality coaching and supervised activity of adults/juniors, if necessary make plans to start an adult/junior section.
• Ensure, where necessary, you have the relevant planning permission or written confirmation that it is not required.
Sources of Grant Aid and Funding for Cricket Clubs

3.1 Application Process / ECB Single Investment System

The ECB has developed a Single Investment System (SIS) to manage all funding applications which it administers:

• ECB Grant Aid Programme (page 7)
• England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Interest Free Loan Scheme (page 8)

The Single Investment System has been designed to capture all of the components which Clubs are required to fulfil when developing a funding application, using a simple step by step process, as follows:

Eligible Club undertakes a review of the proposed project with their local County Cricket Development Manager (CDM)

CDM puts forward a recommendation to their Regional Funding and Facilities Manager (RFFM) to review the proposed project

Proposed project is accepted by ECB Regional Funding and Facilities Manager

Project receives URN and is case managed by the Regional Funding and Facilities Manager

• Any equipment purchases or facilities you install should meet certain design and/or performance criteria. For guidance please refer to relevant Sport England and ECB technical guidance notes (www.ecb.co.uk/techspecs).

• Utilise all the help that is available from ECB, the respective funding agency, consultants and Sport England.

You should now be in a position to complete and submit a strong application for funding. The following pages offer details of the many agencies you may consider applying to. Your CDM is a vital source of information. Contact details are given online at www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers and on page 35 in this booklet is the list of telephone numbers for all County Boards.

Eligible Applicants for EGAP will be identified via the 39 County Cricket Boards and the ECB endorsed Development Plan and will be subject to screening, prioritisation, scoring and an application exercise. ECB has undertaken a comprehensive exercise to ensure the funding is, indicatively, allocated according to Cricket and social demographics. Clubs will only be funded where:

• They are identified locally as being of strategic importance
• They can demonstrate a recognised commitment to adult/junior development
• They commit to delivering activity to a baseline of quality
• They are the focus of revenue investment and professional development support
• Write and annually update a development plan online

ECB Grant Aid Programme (EGAP)

ECB works both nationally and locally to a tightly defined National Strategy for Cricket backed up by a fully integrated National Facilities Strategy. The EGAP is therefore seen as an exciting and timely resource to assist in the fulfilment of the strategic objectives of ECB.

Running in parallel to the core objectives of the ECB are those of Government and Sport England. Analysis has shown, and ECB are therefore confident that, the proposal for the use of EGAP monies will achieve many of the common objectives.

The proposal revolves around the key strategic grass roots strand of the ECB National Strategy: This strand of activity is best placed to deliver on the development outcomes required and will also be the focus for the ECB and third party revenue funding to add value to capital investment. Dovetailed into this key strand are 4 key areas of investment emanating from the National Facility Strategy:

• Non Turf Practice Net Areas
• Indoor Centre Upgrades/New Build
• Fine Turf Match Pitches
• Communal Changing Areas

A detailed desk top assessment of the completed application will be performed. The Club will be notified of the outcome.

The England and Wales Cricket Board Limited will endeavour to reach a decision on a fully complete application within 30 working days.

Successful Clubs will receive a contract offer letter which will include the Terms and Conditions of the grant / loan.

Clubs will be required to formally accept the contract offer letter and return the acceptance form within 30 days along with any attachments to secure the grant / loan.
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2. The Loan

2.1 Loans will be interest free. If a club defaults on a repayment or is in breach of any of the loan terms, the whole of the loan amount may become immediately repayable or become subject to interest until the outstanding amounts are paid.

2.2 The maximum amount of a loan shall be £50,000 and the maximum term shall be 5 years. Any applications for loans greater than £50,000 or for a loan with a repayment term of greater than 5 years may be considered by the England and Wales Cricket Trust and the England and Wales Cricket Trust shall have an absolute discretion to agree or reject such an application.

2.3 The loan shall be repaid in equal quarterly instalments over the period of the loan. The repayment schedule will be agreed during the application and acceptance process.

2.4 If a Club is seeking funding from the interest free loan scheme it cannot exceed 75% of the total costs of the project.

3. Eligible Clubs

3.1 Clubs must meet (or where relevant agree to meet) the mandatory requirements and any conditions imposed by the ECB within any offer made.

3.2 Clubs must be affiliated to the ECB via their County Cricket Board (CCB) to be eligible to apply for a loan from the England and Wales Cricket Trust:

3.3 Clubs must have an adult/junior section (A cricket club with an adult/junior section is defined as a cricket club that offers appropriate coaching and competition to cricketers under the age of 18 years old.)

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2.11 If a Club does not meet the mandatory requirements set out below at any stage during the life of the loan then this will be deemed an act of default and could lead to the immediate repayment of the loan or the payment by the Club of interest on any outstanding amounts.

2.12 The timescale of a decision on an application will be confirmed in writing by an appointed Regional Funding and Facilities Manager (RFFM) acting on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Trust. The England and Wales Cricket Trust will endeavour to reach a decision on a fully complete application within 30 working days.

2.5 Legal and professional fees will not be covered by the England and Wales Cricket Trust Loan Scheme. Loan applications are only applicable to the works planned. Fees not covered by the scheme are for example; Architects, Surveyors and third party consent even where required as a condition of the grant of an award under the ECB Grant Aid Programme. The loan provided by the England and Wales Cricket Trust may not be used for these costs but such costs may be considered as ‘in kind’ contributions and form part of the partnership funding when considering whether an award will be granted.

2.6 The England and Wales Cricket Trust may in its absolute discretion require that;

2.6.1 A Club provide a legal charge over property owned or leased by the Club.

2.6.2 Guarantor(s) are identified to guarantee the repayment of all monies due to England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited; and/or

2.6.3 Such other security for the loan as it considers appropriate.

2.7 The Trustees have discretionary powers over all loans.

2.8 Clubs must agree to the England and Wales Cricket Trust Terms and Conditions and sign a form of acceptance prior to a loan being released.

2.9 Repeat loan applications (i.e. an application every five years for the replacement of the same synthetic turf practice area) will be declined. A Club cannot apply for a second loan within 12 months of having the first loan accepted. The maximum total loan granted by the England and Wales Cricket Trust shall be £50,000.

2.10 An interest free loan will not be granted to cover or repay any existing loans or credit held by or advanced to a Club.

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4. Mandatory Requirements

An application will only proceed if the club can meet the mandatory requirements for the Club, the Project and the Club’s finances. These mandatory requirements are:

4.1 Club

4.1.1 The Club as a minimum is registered (and actively working towards) ECB Clubmark Accreditation. For further information go to www.ecb.co.uk/clubmark

4.1.2 The Club should ensure that there is appropriate tenure for the proposed site of the new facility by means of freehold (e.g. Club), leasehold (e.g. lease from landowner) or rental (e.g. an agreement to rent the land from another party). All loans will require a minimum of 5 years security of tenure. The England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited reserve the right to review 12 month rolling lease / rental agreements where the Club can evidence a minimum of 20 years on the site.

4.1.3 The Club has a constitution recognised by England and Wales Cricket Board over the total period of the loan

4.1.4 The Club has adopted and implements the ECB ‘Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children’ over the total period of the loan. For further information go to www.ecb.co.uk/safehands

4.2 The Project

4.2.1 The project is supported by detailed drawings/plans (where applicable)

4.2.2 The project complies with ECB / Sport England Technical Guidelines. For further information go to www.ecb.co.uk/techspecs

4.2.3 There is a Site Plan for the project.

4.2.4 The project’s application is accompanied by confirmation of planning consent and building regulation approval (where applicable).

4.2.5 The project provides a project plan detailing the timescales for completion.

4.2.6 The project has been fully developed and can evidence a detailed Programme of Works

4.2.7 The Club provides 2 competitive quotes for projects under £25,000 and 3 competitive quotes for projects over £25,000.

4.2.8 The project provides a maintenance programme for the site (if the project is greater than £5,000), whilst the project maybe an outright purchase of goods it will still be required to evidence warranties, service arrangements and management plan (where applicable).

4.3 Club Finances

4.3.1 The Club has a dedicated bank account

4.3.2 The Club has prepared a detailed budget breakdown of all the project costs including a sinking fund budget for reinvestment in the project area

4.3.3 The Club’s application includes a copy of the latest annual accounts together with the annual accounts for the last 3 years, the most recent being prepared to a date within the last 12 months

4.3.4 The Club provides confirmation in writing of all Partnership Funding in relation to the project, including all evidence of “in kind” contributions.

4.3.5 The Club provides an income and expenditure forecast for the next 5 years

4.3.6 The project’s direct debit mandate has been accepted and confirmed

4.3.7 The Club provides documentation of other charges over property as security

4.3.8 The Club provides details of all funding that the club has applied for in the last 3 years

4.3.9 The England and Wales Cricket Trust must be notified immediately of any intention by the Club to take out additional loans during the period covered by the interest free loan.

4.4 Types of Projects to Be Considered

4.4.1 Eligible Project themes – amongst others:

- Synthetic net bays / match play pitches (Non Turf Pitches - NTP)
- Fine Turf square and outfield
- Drainage / Irrigation
- Machinery (subject to suitable Health & Safety qualifications)
- Land Purchase for cricketing purposes
- Security (Perimeter fencing / Ball stop netting)
- Machinery storage (compliant with Health & Safety risk assessment)
- Changing room development / minor works to changing rooms
- Sighting screens, mobile covers and cages
- Scoreboards
- Clubhouse development and renovation

4.4.2 Not eligible – amongst others:

- Projects that are under criminal investigation (subject to insurance claim due to arson etc)
- General landscaping
- Commercial activities including bar areas
- Car Parks
- Outdoor Lighting
- CCTV
- Single plant equipment (not incorporated within a larger scheme of work)
- Coaching Items
- Video recorders
- Bowling Machines
- Indoor Facilities (such as indoor practice facilities or teaching classrooms etc)
4.5 Refurbishment / Replacement

4.5.1 Any project that seeks to refurbish existing facilities will also only be considered if compliant with current ECB / Sport England / Sports Council for Wales technical standards.

4.5.2 Reconditioned machinery is acceptable provided that a warranty of no less than 12 months can be supplied and the applicant can prove that they have the qualified staff to operate it.

5. Monitoring of Projects

In the interests of performance Clubs may be asked to provide yearly reports on the impact of the award and the new facility. 10% of clubs will be randomly monitored on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Trust, including site visits.

6. Warranty and Waivers

6.1 This guidance note sets out an outline of the process for application and requirements to be fulfilled by a Club prior to or as a condition of the grant of a loan by the England and Wales Cricket Trust. This guidance is correct on the date on which it was printed.

6.2 The England and Wales Cricket Trust reserves the right at any stage to change any or all of the requirements or any terms and conditions for the grant of any loans to any Club.

6.3 All loans will be granted by the England and Wales Cricket Trust in its absolute discretion. Not all applications will be successful even if all criteria set out above are met. In addition, the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited is not under any obligation to consider any proposal or application that it may receive.

6.4 Neither these guidance notes nor any other information supplied by the England and Wales Cricket Trust (or its officers or agents) constitute a contract or an offer which is capable of acceptance by any Club. These Guidelines do not contain any representation upon which any Club is entitled to rely at any time.

6.5 The England and Wales Cricket Trust (and its officers or agents) will not be responsible for any costs, losses or expenses which Clubs or any other parties incur in the preparation and submission of applications or in complying with any of the mandatory requirements [unless such costs have reasonably been incurred as a result of negligence on the part of the England and Wales Cricket Trust or its officers or agents].

Machinery Fund

1. Eligible Applicants

There are two types of organisation that are eligible to apply for a grant from the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited Machinery Fund.

- Focus Clubs who have achieved and are maintaining ECB Clubmark Accreditation and have an approved online development plan, or
- A properly constituted County Groundsmanship Association (CGA).

2. What can be applied for?

One item of relevant machinery is permitted per application. Relevant machinery may include:

- Scarifier
- Aerator
- Outfield Mower
- Wicket Mower
- Small tractor for mowing purposes
- Roller

This list is not exhaustive; however, please note that this fund is focusing on machinery and not small items of equipment.

All machines must have a minimum 12 month warranty.

Applications for reconditioned or second-hand machinery will be considered provided they are from a reputable supplier and include an acceptable warranty.

If there is any doubt regarding the machine which is to be applied for then an ECB Regional Funding and Facilities Manager should be consulted at the earliest opportunity.

3. How much can be applied for?

Applicants can apply for up to 75% of the cost of the machinery. The cost of the Pitch Adviser’s Report can be included as part of partnership contribution.

4. The application process – Focus Clubs

Focus Clubs must first obtain a basic ECB Pitch Adviser’s Report. Focus Clubs should contact their County Cricket Board to arrange this. This report will consist of:

- A Machinery Audit
- Details of groundsman competencies
- Machinery storage capacity and security
- A machinery ‘needs’ analysis

The ECB Pitch Adviser will also be able to offer advice on the most appropriate type of machine to apply for.

A minimum of two independent quotes will be required for each machine. Where a particular machine is only available from one supplier then a quote for a similar machine should be obtained.

Focus Clubs will then follow the ECB Single Investment System (SIS) process. This begins with County Boards presenting a submission for approval at regional level. Once approved by the ECB Regional Funding and Facilities Manager, the Focus Club will be granted access to the online application system.
It is only at this time that an application is classed as being ‘live’. At this point, the Focus Club will be required to submit the following information to their Regional Funding and Facilities Manager:

- Club Constitution.
- Evidence of tenure on the site.
- Evidence of adoption of the ECB Cricket Equity Policy.
- Evidence of adoption and implementation of ECB Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children.
- Evidence of valid Contents, Buildings and Public Liability Insurance.
- Copies of the last three years’ accounts.
- A copy of a bank statement (dated within three months).

5. The application process – County Groundsmanship Associations (CGAs)

County Groundsmanship Associations (CGAs) will need to complete a separate application form (contact your local Cricket Development Manager (CDM) for a copy) and submit this to their ECB Regional Funding and Facilities Manager, along with copies of two quotes.

6. What happens if the application is successful?

The applicant will receive an offer letter and agreement from ECB, on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited. The applicant will need to sign an acceptance form and return this to ECB within the required timescale for the agreement to be legally binding.

The applicant will then arrange the purchase of the Machine and draw down the grant from ECB by submission of the appropriate claim form and evidence, which can be in the form of an invoice or an official purchase order from the supplier.

It may take up to 28 days from receipt of the appropriate forms to transfer funds to the applicant.

7. Will all applications approved by Regional Funding and Facilities Managers be successful?

No. The England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited reserves the right to defer or reject a non-compliant applicant and the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited reserves the right to change or close the fund at its discretion.

CGAs should note that machinery must be available for use by all members and member clubs and may not be limited to single member club.

CGAs can apply in successive years but they would need to demonstrate a strong case for need and usage of such additional machinery.
The Cricket Foundation is an independent, registered charity (No. 1123385) fully endorsed by the England and Wales Cricket Board. It was established in 1982 and reconstituted in 1996 when the ECB assumed responsibility for managing all cricket in England and Wales.

It is answerable to a Board of Trustees and accountable to the Charity Commissioners.

Until 2005, the Cricket Foundation was responsible for allocating payments to the County Boards on an annual basis. Over the past ten years, some £30 million was invested in this way to create more and better opportunities for young people to play cricket and to learn to play it well.

The Foundation is now concentrating nearly all its efforts on Chance to Shine – the biggest ever school sport development initiative – which aims to bring the educational benefits of cricket to state schools.

Chance to Shine began with successful pilot schemes in 2005 involving 12 carefully chosen cricket clubs and 72 schools. Now, each season one hundred clubs and their coaches will deliver high quality programmes of coaching and competition to six hundred schools.

Over the next ten years, the aim is to reach about a third of state schools and at least two million children in England and Wales through 800 clubs. The focus is firmly on the part that cricket can play in the education and well-being of young people.

The Foundation is aiming to raise £25 million from private sources to finance the scheme. The government has given a commitment to match this figure pound by pound.

The Cricket Foundation will fund – through County Boards – Focus Clubs engaged to deliver Chance to Shine programmes to local schools. For more information on whether your club is eligible to take part please contact, in the first instance, your County Cricket Development Manager.

A list can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers

For other information, contact The Cricket Foundation, Lord’s Cricket Ground, London, NW8 8QZ. Tel: 020 7432 1200. Website: www.chancetoshine.org

Useful Contacts

**England and Wales Cricket Board**
Email: facilities@ecb.co.uk

**Daniel Musson**
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Sport England is committed to the creation of a world-leading community sport system. This means focusing investment on organisations and projects that address at least one of Sport England’s three strategic outcomes - growing and sustaining participation in grassroots sport and creating opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

In addition to significant investment in key partners, such as the ECB, to deliver specific objectives through the 2009/13 funding process, Sport England has a number of funding programmes open to a wide range of organisations. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities.

The funding programmes are as follows:

**Small Grants Programme**
Sport England’s Small Grants Programme offers a simple, speedy way for grassroots sports projects to access National Lottery grants of between £300 and £10,000. The benefits include:

- An online application form, with decisions made within six weeks
- No need for partnership funding
- Simple conditions and measurement requirements
- £7 million available in 2009/10.

**Themed funding rounds**
From April 2009, there will be several themed funding rounds each year, enabling Sport England to take a fresh look at specific areas that will benefit from new ideas and additional targeted investment.

The first theme is rural communities. The £10 million Rural Communities Themed Round will support projects that create new opportunities for people in rural areas to play and enjoy more sport. Rural communities have been chosen because they face particular barriers to participating in sport, such as a reduced choice of sports available to them and transport issues.

Applications for the Rural Theme have now closed but the next themed round(s) will be announced in mid September 2009.

**Sportsmatch**
This programme is continuing to build upon the exceptional success it has had since 1992 in levering private money into grassroots sport. £3 million of Exchequer funding is available in 2009/10, and improvements for this year include:

- Eligibility – the programme will match sponsorship from the private sector, trusts, charities and individuals
- The maximum grant is £100,000, with a maximum capital grant of £25,000 for equipment projects
- The maximum number of private investors per application has increased from three to five.

**The Innovation Fund**
£5 million of National Lottery funding is available in 2009/10 for investment through the Innovation Fund, which seeks to unearth new ideas and find breakthrough solutions for grassroots sport.

Given the aims of the fund, Sport England is targeting projects that offer potentially greater returns even where this means taking some considered risks. Sport England will then work with its partners to ensure that grassroots sport can learn from – and where appropriate adopt - successful innovations.

**Sustainable Facilities Fund**
Sport England will invest £10 million of capital funding in 2009/10 in projects that promote a sustainable approach to community facilities. The fund will support multi sport projects that are capable of generating enough revenue to maintain high standards, a varied programme of sporting opportunities and outreach work. The fund is designed to make a small number of large awards each year, focused on projects that will stimulate the market by demonstrating innovative approaches to facility provision that increase sports participation. This capital funding will be on top of the facilities funding awarded to national governing bodies of sport such as the ECB.

Further information on all the funding programmes, including details of how to apply can be found at www.sportengland.org/funding

If you have any queries about Sport England or our funding programmes please get in touch:

Telephone: 08458 508 508

Please use relevant email address:
General enquiries: info@sportengland.org
Sportsmatch: sportsmatch@sportengland.org

Address:
Sport England
2 Loughborough Park
Oakwood Drive
Loughborough
LE11 3QF

When sending post please indicate any particular funding programme on the front of your envelope.
Background
The Big Lottery Fund’s (BIG’s) mission is to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people in need. BIG is an outcomes funder and will fund sports projects where they fit in with its mission and outcomes.

BIG has recently carried out a consultation, which will help shape future funding priorities for the 2009 – 2015 period. This began in November 2008 and ran until 27th February 2009. It will help determine where BIG can add value and have the most impact. The consultation findings will be published on BIG’s website in summer 2009, and will help to shape future funding programmes.

Unfortunately because of where BIG is at the time of writing with regard to a new round of programmes, there are fewer programmes open for application than in the past. Potential applicants may wish to check BIG’s website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk to find out about any new programmes as they are announced.

What to do next
The Reaching Communities and Awards For All programmes will remain open during 2009 – 2010.

For funding and general information about Sport England please get in touch with Sport England at the following address:

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2 Loughborough Park
Oakwood Drive
Loughborough
Leicestershire
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Tel: 08454 508 508
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General enquiries: info@sportengland.org
Sportsmatch: sportsmatch@sportengland.org
Sources of Grant Aid and Funding for Cricket Clubs

The Lord’s Taverners is accredited by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as the official national charity for recreational cricket. The Lord’s Taverners commits 50% of the funds it raises each year to provide grants in support of youth cricket.

Aims

To encourage greater youth participation in cricket at the grass roots level, by providing:

- Cricket equipment bags
- Grants towards non-turf match pitches, batting ends and outdoor nets (mobile / fixed)
- Grants towards a variety of regional / national competitions and coaching projects
- Grants towards other projects designed primarily to assist in the furtherance of youth cricket

Cricket Equipment Scheme

An application can be made for one of the following cricket bags:

- Youth Hard Ball - (U16s) £25
- Girls Hard Ball - (15-18yrs) £25
- Colts Hard Ball - (U13s) £25
- Junior Hard Ball - (U11s) £25
- Kwik Cricket - (6-11yrs) Complimentary

Grant Aid for Non-Turf Pitches / Batting Ends / Nets

An application can be made for a grant towards the following items, up to a combined maximum of £6,000:

- Non-Turf Pitches (Practice Wicket / Match Play Pitch) up to £3,000
- Non-Turf Batting Ends up to £2,000
- Nets (Mobile / Fixed) up to £1,000

Youth Cricket Competitions and Coaching Grants

Applications will be considered for grants toward the cost of youth cricket festivals / tournaments / regional competitions and for youth special coaching schemes.

Other Projects

Grants may be awarded towards the cost of other projects directly benefiting the development of youth cricket.

Grants are not available for the building / renovation of grounds or pavilions, bowling machines or for ground equipment e.g. sight screens, mowers or rollers etc.

Guidelines

Applications will be considered from cricket clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body (i.e. ECB, Cricket Scotland, Northern Ireland Cricket Association [NICA]), individual schools or other organisations directly involved in the development of youth cricket and which have a genuine need for assistance.

Please note that applications will not be accepted from clubs or schools involved in the Chance to shine programme.

Applications to the Cricket Equipment Scheme and the Grant Aid Scheme for Non-Turf Pitches / Batting Ends / Nets are administered by the ECB. Application forms are available from the Cricket Development Manager at your local County Cricket Board or can be downloaded at www.lordstaverners.org under the ‘Charity’ - ‘Youth Cricket’ Section.
Local Authorities (including County, City, Borough, District and Parish Councils)

Nearly all Local Authorities have departments dealing with the development of recreation and leisure. Substantial grants can be available through County Councils or City Councils.

There are general guidelines for grant aid through Local Authority sources and the following types of grants are often available:

- Grants and loans to help capital projects such as developing buildings, pitches and land purchase.
- Revenue grants for improving or restoring existing property, purchasing equipment or running major sports development initiatives or participating in sports kite marking schemes.
- Grants for talented performers to help towards the cost of competition or training.
- Grants for Governing Bodies to help run major sporting events.

Sometimes, these grants are administered through a local agency such as the County Playing Fields Association and the general guidelines are:

- There should be no reasonable restriction on the use of a facility.
- The facility or project should meet a real and significant need and have the support of the County Cricket Board.
- If property is leasehold there has to be security of tenure and facilities should have long term usage.
- Applicants must demonstrate that financial support is needed and show that the rest of the cost of the project can be funded.

In all instances contact with the relevant authority is essential.

Most District and Borough Councils have grant funds for sports facilities and community centres and some will help with equipment and administrative costs. Details of schemes vary and contact with the relevant Council is essential to determine your grant aid procedures.

Parish Councils may give financial assistance under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; section 19.1 for recreation projects in their areas and may provide facilities at subsidised cost.

Details can be obtained from the relevant Parish/ District Council Clerk.

Applications for grants for **Youth Cricket Competitions** and Coaching Grants or Other Projects are administered by The Lord’s Taverners HQ. Applications are available from The Lord’s Taverners Head Office or can be downloaded at www.lordstaverners.org under the ‘Charity’ - ‘Youth Cricket’ Section.

For further information, please contact:
The Lord’s Taverners
10 Buckingham Place
London
SW1E 6H-X
Tel: 0207 821 2828
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Email: hq@lordstaverners.org
Web: www.lordstaverners.org

In April 2008 the Government allocated £220 million over a three year period for the benefit of young people and to improve youth facilities – especially in deprived areas. In addition to the funding for the Youth Capital Fund the Youth Opportunity Fund was also expanded. These two funds will continue until at least 2011.

These funds are managed through Local Authorities and the involvement of young people is important in the application process. Therefore, when grant applications are made junior members of the club need to be involved.

Your Local Authority will be able to advise which department of the relevant council is responsible for the allocation of these funds.

For more general information see www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/youhtmatters/youthfund

In September 2008 the Government allocated £130 million to a Grass Roots Grant Scheme which is available to community groups and clubs with an annual turnover of less than £20,000 per year.

The scheme is aimed to make a difference to small community and voluntary organisations such as clubs and the scheme is administered by the Community Development Foundation. Grants are offered between £250 to £5,000 to support activities which are at the heart of the local communities.

Local Authorities or the Local Playing Fields Association will be able to advise clubs which voluntary organisation is managing the scheme in each respective County. Alternatively, ring Mike Turner (ECB) on 0116 2831615 who will be able to advise.
Although not strictly grant aid or development funding, success in reducing the burden of non-domestic rates can be equally effective in easing a Club’s financial position.

13.1 Rating Assessment

Your annual rates bill is calculated by multiplying together the annual rate poundage (fixed in England and Wales by central government) and the rateable value for the property (fixed by the Inland Revenue Valuation Office). Whilst you can do nothing about the former, you can challenge the latter if you consider it to be excessive. Before you do so, compare your rateable value with those of other voluntary sports clubs in your local area. You can search for these on the Valuation Office Agency website. Remember that buildings are far more valuable pro rata than land, modern buildings (usually) more valuable than older ones, and permanent structures more valuable than temporary ones.

If you decide to appeal, this is easily initiated and this will be automatically applied to the rate bill in appropriate cases. Different schemes are likely to apply to England and Wales.

13.2 Rate Relief

Rate relief is available in a number of forms:

1. If the property qualifies as a small business, a lower rate poundage is applied and a percentage discount on a sliding scale is allowed (mandatory). Your billing authority can advise on whether the property qualifies and will usually have sent an enquiry letter to those occupiers who appear to have an entitlement. It should be noted that different schemes and criteria apply to England and Wales.

2. If your club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club, mandatory relief is available at 80%. There may also be other benefits to registration including tax exemption for fund raising income and tax relief on payroll giving, gift aid or other individual or corporate donations. More information on the CASC scheme can be found on the HM Revenue & Customs website www.hmrc.gov.uk/casc

3. The same amount of relief (80%) applies if the occupier is a registered charity (mandatory) although relief can only be obtained under one of these sections, not both. Information on obtaining charitable status can be obtained from the Charity Commission www.charity-commission.gov.uk

4. Billing authorities have discretion to allow relief of any amount to a property wholly or mainly used for the purposes of recreation providing all or part of it is occupied for the purposes of a club, society or other organisation not established or conducted for profit. This does not disqualify a club that shows a surplus although a billing authority might raise queries if large sums appeared to be generated on a regular basis. Discretionary relief can be allowed over and above any mandatory relief under this heading is entirely at the discretion of the billing authority and you may need to persuade the authority that yours is a meritorious case. Many authorities have information leaflets which give guidance on the criteria which apply to the consideration of these cases.

Approach the finance department of your local authority for details of how to make an approach and what supporting documentation and information will be needed (often audited accounts and membership statistics and profiles are requested). If you already receive relief but a low level (perhaps only 25%) consider whether to ask for an increase in allowance.

Relief of this nature is reviewable each year and applications cannot usually be backdated so do not delay lodging your claim. Once granted, check each year that it is to continue.

This section was written after consultation with Humberside Leisure Ltd., Chartered Surveyors, Pavilion View, 19 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF. Tel: 01273 325911

Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)

The Government acknowledges that local sports clubs play a vital role in our society and in particular in promoting health through regular exercise. This is the reason why the Government introduced the tax relief for Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) which provides an 80% reduction in the local authority business rates and offers tax rebates and other concessions. Since the introduction of the scheme over 5000 sports clubs have become registered CASC clubs and over £10 million of cash has been injected into amateur cricket clubs since 2002.

To register as a CASC a club must comply with the following conditions:

1. Membership must be open to all without discrimination.

2. The club’s facilities must be available to members without discrimination.

3. Any fees charged by the club must be reasonable.

4. The club’s constitution must provide that any surplus income or gains be re-invested in the club and not distributed to members or third parties. Donations to charities and other clubs registered as CASCs are permitted.

5. The club’s constitution must ensure that on dissolution of the club, any net assets are to be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes, i.e. donated to the sport’s governing body or to another club registered as a CASC or to a registered charity.
**Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)**

Benefits for clubs registered as CASCs:

1. **Non-domestic rates relief (business rates).** Clubs are entitled to mandatory rates relief at 80% in respect of their premises.

2. **Gift Aid:** Individual members who are UK taxpayers can make donations to their clubs using gift aid. Clubs can then reclaim basic rate tax from HMRC Charities. The donators can offset their donations against their liability income tax. Membership subscriptions cannot be treated as Gift Aid payments. Note: Legacies to clubs registered as CASCs are treated as exempt transfers for inheritance tax purposes.

3. Clubs are treated as companies for tax purposes and therefore their profits, including interest, may be chargeable to corporation tax. Under the CASC scheme, however, interest received and chargeable gains are exempt from corporation tax. There are also exemptions from corporation tax in respect of profits from trading and income from property.

4. **There are other tax benefits.**

   **Registration Applications to register as CASCs should be made to the HMRC Charities, Sports Club Unit, St. John’s House, Merton Road, Bootle, Mersyside, L75 1BB. Tel: 0845 3020203 or www.hmrc.gov.uk/casc**

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**The approved objects**

- The reclamation, remediation and restoration of land in a degraded state.

- The provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat.

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- The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or other structure which is a place of worship or of historical architectural interest.

- The reduction, or prevention of pollution of land which was caused by a previous activity.

- The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site (i.e. about a 10 mile radius).

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**The Landfill Communities Fund**

This is a source of grant aid which is available for community based recreational projects arising from Landfill Tax.

The aim is to ensure as far as practicable that the cost of landfill properly reflects the impact it has on the environment.

The Government has decided that some of the tax that is raised can be used to support environmental aims by allowing a credit on landfill tax to operators of landfill sites who make contributions to environmental bodies for spending on certain environmental objectives.

The environmental bodies will be existing or newly created non profit distributing organisations which register with ENTRUST, the Landfill Communities Fund regulator.

Once enrolled, such Environmental Bodies may spend the contributions they received from landfill operators on approved objectives.

**The Approved Objectives Are**

a) The reclamation, remediation and restoration of land in a degraded state.

b) The reduction, or prevention of pollution of land which was caused by a previous activity.

c) That there is an impact on the local area or community that results directly from aggregates extraction and its associated activities.

d) That the proposed project reduces that impact.

In some counties, information about aggregates funding may be obtained through the Local Authorities in each respective County. However, more information about Natural England and the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund can be obtained by writing to Natural England, Enquiry Service, Northminster House, Peterborough, PE1 1UJ. Tel: 0845 600 3078 Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk
Sources of Grant Aid and Funding for Cricket Clubs

The Football Foundation
The Football Foundation is a partnership between the Premier League, The FA and Government, who between them provide an annual investment of £40 million into the development of grass roots football and sport generally. The Foundation provides financial support and advice to grass roots football and sports clubs to develop their facilities and to community projects that seek to use the power of football and sport as a positive force for good in society. Cricket Clubs can benefit from this source of funding where the ground is shared with a football club or as part of a multi-sports site. Details about these grant aid schemes may be obtained from the Football Foundation, 30 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8FF, Tel: 0845 345 4555.

www.footballfoundation.org.uk

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme
The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) is a Government backed initiative which aims to support performance level athletes whilst allowing them to continue their academic development. The TASS programme currently offers support to women's cricket. Nominations are put forward by the ECB and cricketers on TASS will receive approximately £3,500 worth of services from their relevant Higher or Further Educational Institute in the form of strength & conditioning, lifestyle support, physiotherapy, mentoring, medical insurance and some contribution towards travel expenses. Those put forward must be competing at a high level, not part of a fully funded programme and studying at an English institution. To enquire about eligibility, please contact Claire Connor at the ECB on 020 7432 1200. For further information on TASS visit www.tass.gov.uk

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is an independent grant making body registered with the Charity Commissioners and dedicated to the regeneration of the coalfield communities. Since its launch in 1999 the Trust has become a key agency promoting and achieving social and economic regeneration and supports initiatives which help to restore healthy and prosperous communities.

The Trust wants to improve community facilities – including the upgrade of recreational facilities – and grants are available to voluntary organisations (including Clubs) and the normal maximum limit in England is £300,000. In Wales and Scotland the limit is £100,000.

Training/Coaching and Summer Camps are also eligible for grant aid.


SportsAid
SportsAid is the charity for sports people, helping the next generation of British sportsmen and women to succeed. By raising funding through commercial partnerships, events, donations and other sources it supports emerging talented athletes with individual cash awards.

Young cricketers may be nominated to SportsAid by the ECB if they fit the following criteria:

• Aged 12-18 (or above for disability disciplines)
• Member of a regional Academy with the potential to move on to National/International representation
• Are not part of a fully funded programme

The average SportsAid award for successful cricketers is between £500 - £1,000 and goes toward costs involved in training and competing at a high level such as travel, accommodation, coaching and equipment.

Anyone who would like to discuss criteria and eligibility for a SportsAid award should contact:

Men’s Cricket - David Graveney on david.graveney@ecb.co.uk
Women’s Cricket - Clare Connor on clare.connor@ecb.co.uk

For further information about SportsAid visit www.sportsaid.org.uk

SportsAid is a registered charity no. 1111612.

The Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation (WSFF)
The WSFF is the charity that works to make sport and physical activity an integral part of life for women and girls.

Today, 80% of women do not do enough physical activity to benefit their health. Half of young women think it is more important to be thin than healthy and only 2% of sports media coverage is dedicated to women’s sport.

WSFF are working to change this by;

• Enabling sport and fitness providers to give the customer what she wants
• Fostering a culture in which active is attractive
• Persuading senior stakeholders to use their influence and resources to help achieve our vision

For further information please visit www.wsff.org.uk or contact info@wsff.org.uk

WSFF, 3rd Floor Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1B 4SE.
T: 020 7273 1740, F: 020 7273 1981
Sources of Grant Aid and Funding for Cricket Clubs

In 1999 the Government established nine Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) in England, to bring a regional focus to economic development. Although RDAs may not be a likely source of funding for cricket clubs they have funded large scale sports projects where their investment can clearly demonstrate significant economic or regeneration benefits.

An example is the support given by East Midlands Development Agency to Nottinghamshire CCC for a £8.2 million redevelopment of Trent Bridge.

For further information on RDAs, please visit www.englandsrdas.com

24 County Sports Partnerships

County Sports Partnerships (CSPs) have been established throughout the country and they aim to be the deliverers of sport in each County. Although the CSPs themselves will not necessarily have funding streams, they will know what potential funding is available in their respective counties.

The CSPs are funded by Sport England to provide a network of organisations to work with Governing Bodies of Sport and to assist them in the delivery of the outcomes in relation to Sport England programmes.

The CSPs should be able to advise clubs about funding opportunities both national and local and your County Board CDM/CDO will be able to provide contact addresses and telephone numbers.

25 Charitable Trusts

There are many Charitable Trusts through the country, which have funds to allocate to worthy projects. There are a wide range of organisations from National Charities to local trusts each with their own specific criteria and budgets. Sport related applications may be considered by particular trusts or foundations if they also meet the organisations criteria for financial aid. For example, the Prince’s Trust funds projects that benefit young people.

Further information about Charitable Trusts in your area can usually be obtained from your Local Authority or County Sports Partnership. The Directory of Grant Making Trusts is also a recommended source of information.

26 Breweries

Many breweries are willing to give substantial loans or even grants towards the cost of improving social facilities in clubhouses and community centres.

If an existing supplier cannot help, it may well be worth trying rival companies. Contact the relevant Brewery or other supplier for details.

27 FunderFinder

FunderFinder does not make grants itself. It is a small national charity that produces software that helps groups identify charitable trusts that might give them a grant. You may be able to use it free at a library, resource centre or local development agency near you.

Ring FunderFinder on 0113 243 3008 to find out where.

FunderFinder also produces free “how to” software: Apply Yourselves helps groups write effective funding applications, and Budget Yourselves helps groups write effective budgets and provides lots of advice about the whole budgeting process.

You can download the programmes from FunderFinder’s website www.funderfinder.org.uk

The Free Resources section of their website contains a lot of information about fundraising, including leaflets that you can download and links trusts and other websites.

28 European Commission

Financial support possibilities for projects relating to sport are very limited at European level and at the present time the Commission does not have a specific budget for grant aid in relation to sports projects.

Nevertheless, sport can be incorporated into other programmes, for example, aimed at promoting social cohesion or in connection with regeneration areas of industrial or rural decline.

However, the European Union will become more active in the field of sport if the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty is ratified and support may be forthcoming in the following areas:

Promoting health – enhancing physical activity
Promoting education and training in sport
Promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for people with disabilities
Promoting gender equality in sport.

For further information contact the Government Office in your region, the telephone number of which can be found in your local Yellow Pages or refer to the following website for more detailed information: www.ec.europa.eu/sport/index_en.htm
Technical Guidance Notes

Each project’s design and specification should comply with, as a minimum, Sport England Technical Guidance Notes or ECB Technical Guidance Notes – whichever is the higher quality design specification.

www.sportengland.org
www.ecb.co.uk/ttechspecs

ECB technical guidance covers the full cricket project theme spectrum

- Test match and first class match staging
- Cricket Specific Indoor Centres
- Indoor cricket in multi use sports halls
- Fine turf construction and management
- Clubhouse and Pavilion design and construction
- Non Turf Pitch guide to purchasing and Non Turf Pitch Standards

Designers of projects should consult with the relevant organisations and technical specifications throughout the design stage.