

YCB Grant Aid Fact File

Planning

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

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. Please visit www.ecb.co.uk/clubdevelopmentplanning

Your plan forms a statement of your future intentions and will demonstrate to funding agencies how your plans will satisfy their requirements adding to 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 plans.

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 plans. These can be in the form of quotations from contractors and/or suppliers or costs in "man hours" (e.g. a contribution in kind)

- You should demonstrate how your project represents value for money
- Emphasise your level of need for financial support
- Make sure your application is honest and you request only funds you require
- Be prepared to undergo a process of monitoring by funding agencies.
- Demonstrate a degree of self-help – whether in cash or in kind. Most funding agencies set a minimum portion as "self help"
- Have contingency plans in the event of a rejected application or a reduced award

ECB – Single Investment System (SIS)

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

- ECB Grant Aid Programme
- ECB Cricket Trust Interest Free Loan Scheme

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:

ECB Grant Programme

This strand of activity is best placed to deliver on the development outcomes required by the National Strategy for Cricket 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

ECB Loan Scheme

The ECB Cricket Trust is a wholly owned charitable subsidiary of ECB and it has introduced an interest free loan scheme which aims to finance capital projects, including renovations, to improve facilities which contribute to increased participation in cricket. The maximum interest free loan is £50,000.

Please visit the ECB website for all details – www.ecb.co.uk

Sport England Lottery Funding

Sport England make investments into community sport through its two funding streams. The Community Investment Fund (CIF) is allocated through 9 Regional Sports Boards who are empowered to make funding decisions on local community sports projects. National Investment is distributed in conjunction with NGB's and a range of other national partners. National Award funding decisions are made by the National Investment Committee.

Whilst any club can make an application to the CIF fund, you are strongly recommended to contact your local Authority to discuss your proposal and they should be able to put you in contact with other agencies such as County Sport Partnerships and Community Sports Networks who will be able to assist you. Details can be found at www.sportengland.org/indec/get_funding.htm

Sport England Yorkshire:
4th Floor
Minerva House
East Parade
Leeds
LS1-5PS

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund was established in June 2004. The aim is to fund projects and organizations that make a difference. Instead of focusing on what an organisation is or does, the focus is particularly on what the organisation aims to achieve with the funding. The four outcomes are:

- People having better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle problems
- Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access
- Healthier and more active people and communities

The Big Lottery Fund aims to achieve these outcomes through a range of demand led and strategic programmes, some of which will support sport and physical activity which may benefit cricket.

The following are strands of funding from the Big Lottery:

- Reaching Communities
- Well Being
- Young People's Fund
- Parks for People

Details are available from:

Big Lottery Fund

1 Plough place

London

EC4A-1DE

0845-4102030

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Awards for All

From April 2006, this joint distributor programme will award grants of between £300 and £10,000 in a simple and straight forward way to help fund a specific project or activity. The programme aims to fund projects for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health in local communities.

Organisations can receive up to a maximum of £10,000 in any two year period.

The aims of Awards for All are to:

- Extend access and participation
- Increase skill and activity
- Improve quality of life

Applications are required to show how they will meet at least one of the above aims.

- Applications can be submitted at anytime
- Decisions made within 8 weeks
- Grant must be used within one year

Who can apply?

- Voluntary and Community Sector groups
- Schools, Parish Councils or Health Bodies

Applications are scored against a set of published criteria. This can be found in the Awards for All Guidance notes. Applicants should familiarize themselves with the guidance notes.

More information on Awards for All is available from:

Awards for All
2 St. James' Gate
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1-4BE
Tel: 0845-600 20 40
www.awardsforall.org.uk

Foundation for Sports and Arts

The Foundation for Sport and the Arts is an independent discretionary Trust funded by the Football Pools. It has provided significant funding for cricket and other sports in recent years.

The Foundation's basic objective is:

- To seek through encouragement and funding of sport and the arts at every level to enhance the quality of life for the community generally
- The pursuit of excellence is not ignored, however, priority is given to measures to increase participation in and enjoyment of sport and the arts by the whole community
- Grants made up to £40,000, however, the great majority are in the £1,000 to £20,000 range
- Of particular interest to cricket clubs will be the number of grants for sums of under £10,000 for projects such as pavilions and non-turf pitches/practice facilities
- Capital and revenue funding is available

For further details contact:

Foundation for Sports & Arts
PO Box 20
Liverpool
L13-1HB
0151-259-5505

The Lord's Taverners

The Lord's Taverners is accredited by the ECB as the official national charity for recreational cricket. The Lord's Taverner's commits 50% of the funds it raises each year to provide grants in support of youth cricket. In recent years this has amounted to about £1 million a year.

Aims

To encourage greater youth participation in cricket at the grass roots level, by providing cricket equipment bags; grants towards the installation of non-turf pitches and practice ends and netting; grants towards a variety of regional/national competitions and coaching projects; exceptionally, grants towards other major projects designed primarily to assist in the furtherance of youth cricket.

Cricket Equipment Bags

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

- ❑ Youth Hard Ball (U16's)
- ❑ Girls Hard Ball (15-18yrs)
- ❑ Colts Hard Ball (U13's)
- ❑ Junior Hard Ball (U11's)
- ❑ Inter Cricket (10-14yrs)
- ❑ Kwik Cricket (6-11yrs)

Non-turf Pitches/Practice Ends/Nets

Grants are available towards the installation of the following items, up to a maximum of £6,000 per application.

- ❑ Non-turf pitches up to £3,000
- ❑ Batting ends up to £2,000
- ❑ Netting (mobile/fixed/indoor) up to £1,000

Youth Cricket Competitions and Coaching Grants

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

Grants towards refreshments, trophies, overseas tours, clothing or individual/team sponsorship are **not** available.

Major 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 or renovation of pavilions or for ground equipment.

Applications

1. Applications will be considered from ECB affiliated clubs, individual schools or other organizations directly involved with the development of youth cricket.
2. Application for complimentary cricket equipment bags and grants towards non-turf pitches, batting ends and netting are administered by the ECB. Application forms are available from the Cricket Development Managers or can be downloaded from the The Lord's Taverners Website www.lordstaverners.org
3. Applications for grants for youth cricket competitions and coaching grants or major projects are administered by The Lord's Taverners. Applications are available from The Lord's Taverner's Head Office or can be downloaded.

Grants are **not** available for the building/renovation of pavilions or for ground equipment such as sight screens or rollers.

For further information please visit the website or contact:

The Lord's Taverners
10 Buckingham Place
London
SW1E-6HX

Sportsmatch

Sportsmatch is the government's business incentive scheme for sport. Through the sponsorship of grass roots sporting events and activities the scheme aims to encourage participation and the development of skills. By matching the sponsor's investment on a £ to £ basis it also offers businesses the chance to double the impact of investment in sports sponsorship.

If approved by the Awards Panel, Sportsmatch will match commercial sponsorship for a minimum of £1000 to a maximum of £50,000. For schools the minimum award is £500. For an application pack call 020-7273 1942

www.sportsmatch.co.uk

Dickie Bird Foundation

The Foundation aims to help disadvantaged young people, nationwide to participate in sport.

Its objective is:

To provide or assist the provision of facilities which enable young people in schools, universities and other educational establishments, local clubs and community groups to participate in sport activities in the interests of healthy recreation or advancement of physical education.

- Grants are for individuals or groups
- Individuals or group members must be under 18 at the time of application
- Grants will only be considered if the individual or group is unable to raise the necessary finance required as a result of impoverished circumstances.

Application forms and more details are available from:

The Dickie Bird Foundation
60 Swincar Avenue
Yeadon
Leeds
LS9-7PF
01943-875848

info@thedickiebirdfoundation.org

For more information on grant aid, please visit the YCB Website and the ECB website www.ecb.co.uk to access "Sources of Grant Aid and Funding for Cricket Clubs"

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