



Funding Summary

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Whilst we are unable to offer any grant funding directly, we are pleased to outline on the attached document just some of the help that is available from a wide range of sources.

We know how difficult the [new national restrictions](#) are making it for sports clubs and physical activity organisations.

Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors can now access one-off business support grants of up to £9,000 to help them survive the latest national lockdown in England.

The grants will be available to businesses that have been forced to close their doors as a result of the pandemic and the payments will be based on the rateable value of the premises.

- £4,000 for businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or under
- £6,000 for businesses with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000
- £9,000 for businesses with a rateable value over £51,000

The help is in addition to business rates relief and the furlough scheme, which has been extended until the end of April.

Find out more about the [government's financial support schemes](#) and use their [business support finder tool](#) to see what support you may be eligible for.

Don't forget, grassroots clubs, groups and organisations who have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions can also still apply to [Sport England's £16.5 million Return to Play Fund](#) to help sustain them through the pandemic.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation

[The Indices of Deprivation 2019](#) provide a set of relative measures of deprivation for small geographical areas (Lower-layer Super Output Areas) across England, based on seven different domains of deprivation:

- Income Deprivation
- Employment Deprivation
- Education, Skills and Training Deprivation
- Health Deprivation and Disability

- Crime
- Barriers to Housing and Services
- Living Environment Deprivation

Organisations based in Indices of Multiple Deprivation

Sport England have made some changes to the small grants programme. In essence, this means that the small grants are opened up to also cover running costs for clubs in IMD areas 4 and 5. Therefore the Sport England team will now be contacting the CDP clubs they work with in IMD areas 4 & 5 to make them aware of the funding pot available. (they've already been working with the clubs in IMD 1-3)

These have been made to reflect the new national lockdown measures and the impact on our sector. There have been no changes to criteria for RTP CAF or Active Together (Crowdfunding)

The changes to small grants are as follows:

- *Organisations based in Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 1-5 can now seek support towards ongoing running costs - for example rent, utilities and insurance. This is capped at a maximum of £3,000 and will only be considered with an eligible funding request. We won't solely support only running costs. Please see more details in the 'what we can fund' section of Sport England website.*
- *Eligible organisations/activities in IMD 6-10 locations can apply to Sport England crowdfunding option, Return to Play: Active Together, to seek support towards running costs.*
- *Flexibility over start date – Sport England ask that activity resumes within six weeks of national/local lockdown restrictions being lifted,*
- *Sport England increased the total budget by £5 million to support more organisations.*
- *Sport England is now extending the programme and it will remain open up to 30 June.*

This is just the summary points, further information on Sport England website for both potential and existing awardees regarding the programme and the changes:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/return-play-small-grants>

Crowdfunding – Match Funding

Crowdfunder and Sport England have teamed up to make £1 million of match funding available to help the sport and physical activity sector through the coronavirus crisis. They are encouraging not for profit organisations who play an important role in keeping their community physically active to get involved. A total of up to £10,000 per club is available.

[Click here for more information](#)

The latest Crowdfunding initiative, Active Together, also remains open for applications. Sport England will match up to £10,000 of a successful campaign from clubs and community organisations.

[Click here for examples of some of the successful campaigns.](#)

Check if your business is eligible for a coronavirus grant due to national restrictions (for closed businesses)

The Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB (Closed) Addendum)

Supports businesses that have been required to close due to the national restrictions

[Click here for further details.](#)

Local Restrictions Support Grants (Closed) Addendum: Tier 4 – guidance for Local Authorities

[Click here for further details](#)

Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply: [Local Council](#)

The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

The Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) provides local councils with grant funding to support closed businesses that do not directly pay business rates as well as businesses that do not have to close but which are impacted. In addition, larger grants can be given than those made through LRSB (Closed). [Click here for further details.](#)

Visit your local council's website to find out how to apply. [Find the website.](#)

The Government announced a range of cash grant payments to small businesses and to those businesses in the retail, leisure and hospitality sectors to support them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Local Authorities administered these cash grants. If your club was eligible, you should have received the payment by now.

Closed Funds

Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF)

This Grant was to support small and rural businesses in England with their business costs during coronavirus. [This fund has now closed.](#)

If you think your club was eligible for this payment and have not received it please contact your [Local Council](#) immediately.

Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund (RHLGF)

This Grant supported businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors with their business costs during coronavirus.

- If your business has a property with a rateable value of £15,000 or under, you may be eligible for a grant of £10,000
- If your business has a property that has a rateable value of over £15,000 but less than £51,000, you may be eligible for a grant of £25,000. [This fund has now closed.](#)

If you think your club was eligible for this payment and have not received it please contact your [Local Council](#) immediately.

[Community Emergency Fund](#)

This Fund was available for all sports clubs in England. Bowls clubs have secured £2.4million from this Fund. Please note, for the foreseeable future this fund is paused to new applications. Sport England are in the process of evaluating this fund and all updates in respect to its future will be [posted here](#).

Additional Support

Local Authorities often have small grants on offer to support sports clubs and community groups – we recommend that you speak to them to find out what help is available. A number of Local Authorities will assist you when making an application for funding. This is a very important service as many applications fail due to poor presentation – not because it is not a valid application.

ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Sport England invest in 43 Active Partnerships that, between them, cover every part of England.

Active Partnerships offer a number of services relevant to their local area, which are likely to include:

- Funding advice
- Volunteer workshops
- Recruitment and retention initiatives
- Health and wellbeing projects

Click on the link for more information about your [Active Partnership](#).

BOWLS ENGLAND

Funding Portal

- Bowls England have invested in “GRANTfinder’s” dedicated funding search service to support Clubs – the user-friendly funding tool carries in excess of 9,000 UK and EU funding programmes and 4,000 policy items, providing a reservoir of information that is constantly growing and continuously updated.
- More information can be found on our [Funding Portal](#).

Club Loans

Affiliated clubs are eligible to apply for a Loan of up to £20,000 repayable over a period of up to eight years. For more information e-mail [Moira Drost](#) or contact 07789 026288 and she will be pleased to assist you.

Additional Support

For more information on funding check out the [Bowls England Website](#)

Making donations to a CASC. [Claiming Gift Aid](#)

Individuals can make donations to CASCs through Gift Aid. You can claim back 25p every time an individual donates £1 to your charity or community amateur sports club (CASC). This is called Gift Aid. Gift Aid is only available on gifts and cannot be claimed on membership subscriptions or any other payments for goods or services.