



COVID-19

See below the link to the information page from Sport England to show what grant aid and support is available to community sports clubs and groups

Community Emergency Fund

This aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need and builds on the success of similar previous funds such as our Flood Relief Fund.

It's specifically targeted at organisations, including those not currently supported by us, who have a role in supporting the nation to be active but who are experiencing short-term financial hardship or the ceasing of operations due to the impact of coronavirus. Organisations can apply for grants between £300 and £10,000.

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/coronavirus-information-sector>

Other Financial support for clubs

With no confirmed date for the resumption of recreational sport many clubs are understandably nervous about the potential financial impact of Covid-19. Though there are some savings to be made during a period of inactivity, the lost revenue from membership subscriptions, match fees and social activity (practice and match days) is clearly a cause for concern. There are however, several 'live' funding streams available to clubs that officials should investigate without delay. Below we have attempted to summarise the schemes available at present:

Government Support

The first port of call for all clubs should be to explore the raft of measures put in place by Government to support businesses through Covid-19. Sports clubs/groups fall within the 'leisure' or (for some of our larger clubs) the 'hospitality' sector and as such you may be eligible for support under one or more of the following schemes:

1. Cash grants for retail/hospitality/leisure sector - The Small Business Grant Fund (SBGF) and the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant (RHLG) could provide clubs with grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 depending on the rateable value of your property and your current business rates arrangement with the local authority. <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/cash-grant-for-retail-hospitality-and-leisure/>
2. Business Interruption Loan Scheme - Supports small and medium-sized businesses to access loans, overdrafts and other financial support.

<https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-interruption-loan-scheme/> 3.

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme - If your club employ any staff, Government will cover 80% of the salary of retained workers up to a total of £2,500 a month. A system will be administered by HMRC and should be up and running by end of April, with any grants backdated to March 1st. For more information visit <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-job-retention-scheme/> 4. Business Rates Holiday - Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in England will not have to pay business rates for the 2020 to 2021 tax year. For more information and to check eligibility <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/business-rates-holiday-forretail-hospitality-and-leisure/> 5. Deferral of VAT payments – The government has announced temporary changes to the VAT payments due between March 20th and June 30th to help businesses manage their cash flow. See <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deferral-of-vat-payments-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

Clubs are strongly advised to contact their LA to determine the eligibility and timing of any grant:

Tameside MBC link for COVID-19 funding information and support

[https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Policy/Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\)-Servicechanges,-support-an/Coronavirus-Support-for-Businesses](https://www.tameside.gov.uk/Policy/Coronavirus-(COVID-19)-Servicechanges,-support-an/Coronavirus-Support-for-Businesses)