

Funding Opportunities 2019

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The organisations below are a source of potential funding for grants and loans. These exclude local charities and, for instance, football and rugby specific organisations such as the FA and the RFU which may provide separate and considerable funding to sports clubs rather than solely cricket clubs. Where cricket clubs do not own their ground and for instance if the club is a constituent part of a larger “sports club”, it is important to liaise with the overall organisation in charge before applying for funding. To qualify for funding for larger projects clubs will need to demonstrate security of tenure and the existence of a substantial lease (20 years or more), if the ground is not directly owned. This list is not exhaustive. Please contact Graham Jackson if as a club you are aware of other opportunities not mentioned below for future reference.

Sport England (www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund)

Is the principal funder of monies from the National Lottery and the Exchequer. Through the Community Asset Fund , priority is given to organisations who have not accessed Sport England funding before. There is a fund of £15 million per year with grants between £1,000 and £150,000. Sport England also support the “Get the Game On” scheme that it run by the ECB which has in recent years rolled out projects to provide cricket covers for many cricket grounds nationwide.

London Marathon Charitable Trust (www.lmct.org.com)

The London Marathon Charitable Trust is a major source of funding for sports projects within the London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Wandsworth, Richmond, Kingston, Merton, Sutton and Croydon and, since 2013, for the remainder of Surrey where the Trust have disbursed over £3 million to Surrey based organisations alone. The grants awarded can be quite substantial, and specific grants are detailed on their website potentially to an upper limit of £250,000. They also look at capital projects such as the purchase of grounds potentially at risk.

Biffa (www.biffa-award.org)

Provides funding for recreational projects between £10,000 and £75,000. There has to be a minimum of 104 days of public access. The project needs to be within 10 miles of a Biffa landfill site, or 15 miles if applying under the Main Grants Rebuilding Biodiversity theme. Application deadlines are in April, August and December.

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Suez (www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk)

The Suez Communities Trust, provides funding for “not for profit organisations” up to £50,000. Owing to the smaller qualification distance, of 2 ½ miles from a qualifying SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK waste processing site, coverage throughout South London and Surrey is more patchy, however it is possible that your club could still qualify for both a Biffa grant and a Suez grant simultaneously!!

Veolia (www.veoliatruck.org)

The Veolia Environmental Trust provides funding of £5,000 to £50,000 for projects of less than £250,000 for sports pavilions and changing. Again this is subject to your clubs proximity to a Veolia facility subject to your club's postcode. Clubs with a water supply by Veolia would appear to be best placed.

Viridor (www.viridor-credits.co.uk)

Provides grants for projects between £1,000 and £100,000, for facilities, subject to postcode, within 10 miles of an active Viridor Landfill or ERF site. From reference to their website cricket clubs do feature in their remit.

Asda (www.asdafoundation.org)

The Asda Foundation provides grants for up to £25,000 for community based projects through their “Green Token Scheme”. Particularly worth considering if the overall organisation that runs your ground is a charitable foundation.

W.H.Smith (www.blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/)

Introduced as a result of the “Carrier Bag Levy”, the W.H.Smith Trust distributes small grants to community based projects. Applications are considered on a bi annual basis.

Surrey Playing Fields (formally Surrey County Playing Fields Association)

Provides small grants up to a limit of £1,000, and also loans up to a limit of approximately £50,000 for larger projects. For more information refer to me at graham.jackson38@btinternet.com and I will be able to direct you towards your appropriate Borough Development Officer. The Surrey Playing Fields has been supporting cricket which is one of their biggest beneficiaries since its foundation in 1927.

ECB Interest Free Loan Scheme (www.ecb.co.uk/development/facilities-funding/grants-and-loans)

Loans are available for larger projects from the ECB of up to £50,000 repayable within five years. Duncan Jenkinson is the main contact for Surrey based clubs at the ECB although these schemes are normally run in conjunction with the SCF (see below). Grants are also available for smaller schemes.

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Surrey Cricket Foundation

The “Cricket Force Scheme” enables clubs to buy a limited amount of material (usually up to about £500) for a nominal amount, to be used towards the upkeep and improvement of ground facilities at the start of each season. This is a self help scheme with the work being principally undertaken by club members. Additionally, the Surrey Cricket Foundation give grants (typically up to £5,000) to clubs for other cricket related schemes. In the first instance apply to Simon Hards at the Surrey Cricket Foundation on 07824 866804.

Community Infrastructure Levy

(www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy)

The Community Infrastructure Levy was introduced as a planning charge and came into force in 2010. The above link provides extensive information on how to apply. Scroll down to “Spending the levy” for application forms. The scheme is run by local councils. As a result of collecting the charge, and whilst not exclusively a sports related fund, in order to spend it, local councils can provide grants amongst other things for “cultural and sports facilities”

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