Funding and Support – COVID 19

A number of funding and support opportunities are available. Please see the below for further information.

**Funding Opportunities**

Please remember to read the funding criteria carefully to ensure you will be eligible.

**Local Authority**
Please check with your local authority to see if they have any grants available.

If you have lease on your ground, please speak to the land owner regarding business rates and rent protection.

**Sport England – Community Emergency Fund**
This aims to deliver immediate funding to those most in need, 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.


**London Community Response Fund**
Wave 1 Small Grants: This first wave of funding from the collaboration of funders is for urgent needs so that you can cover costs that you are incurring right now to support communities affected by the Covid-19 outbreak and the move to social distancing, with a focus on food and essentials.

[https://www.londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/funding/](https://www.londoncommunityresponsefund.org.uk/funding/)

**Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund**
Tesco has created the new short-term Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund to support local communities across the UK in response to the coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis.

[https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/](https://tescobagsofhelp.org.uk/grant-schemes/tesco-cv-fund/)

**National Lottery Community Fund**
The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) has announced its priority over the next six months is to get funding to groups best placed to support their communities during the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak.

[https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/about/coronavirus-updates)

**London Sport**
Up to date funding information as when it is available - [https://londonsport.org/covid-19/funding-sources/](https://londonsport.org/covid-19/funding-sources/)

**Government Funding**
The Chancellor has set out a package of temporary, timely and targeted measures to support public services, people and businesses through this period of disruption caused by COVID-19.

Facility maintenance

**Ground Management Association**
The GMA have been working closely with various National Governing Bodies to offer advice and guidance on what works may be possible to be carried out throughout this period, and, what works may be required once sport resumes.

These ‘interim works’ documents are free to access and will be updated as and when the climate or current situation dictates.

[https://www.thegma.org.uk/guidance-interim-works-your-sports-turf](https://www.thegma.org.uk/guidance-interim-works-your-sports-turf)

Help for the sector

**The FA – support for clubs and leagues**


**Club Matters**
Club Matters workshops are short training sessions, funded by Sport England and will seek to develop your skills, improve your knowledge and develop your club. They are running a number of online workshops during COV-19.


**London Growth Hub**
Book an appointment with a London Growth Hub Adviser to help you find the right support for your business. London based businesses will be able to access free virtual support from our team of dedicated advisers.

[https://www.growthhub.london/](https://www.growthhub.london/)

**The Sport and Recreation Alliance**
Have just compiled and released a suite of resources covering many of the business operation, employment and financial issues facing the sector at the moment.


**Volunteering Matters**
Are developing a brokering service to link charities in need of support with businesses able to help through volunteering their skills, services and logistical support etc.

[https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/charityconnect/](https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/charityconnect/)

**London Sport and Mayor’s Office**
Fortnightly webinars. Next one is on Wednesday 29th April. Register here -


Staying Active / Mental Health and Well-being

**The FA – Football’s Staying Home**


**London Sport / Sport England**
A vast number of online resources available for staying active at home

[https://londonsport.org/covid-19/stayinworkout-resources/](https://londonsport.org/covid-19/stayinworkout-resources/)
**Get Active**
Explore a selection of activities you can experience at home
https://getactive.io/

Helpful links, resources and telephone numbers are:

Samaritans - 116 123 from any phone
Mind - https://www.mind.org.uk/
CALM - https://www.thecalmzone.net/
Calm (meditation) - https://www.calm.com/
NHS (useful links and numbers) - https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/