

# SMALL GRANTS FUND



## WHAT IS IT?

The Small Grants Fund aims to re-invest £15,000 of discipline income back into the game for our member clubs and leagues throughout the 2017/18 season.

## HOW MUCH IS AVAILABLE?

Up to £1,000

## IS PARTNERSHIP FUNDING REQUIRED?

Typically grants are awarded for up to 50% of the total cost of the project or item.

## WHO IS IT FOR?

Oxfordshire FA affiliated clubs and leagues only.

## WHAT DOES IT FUND?

- Non personal football kit and equipment purchase e.g. portable goals
- Facility investment such as improvements, repairs and pitch maintenance equipment
- Essential clubhouse items such as smoke alarms, boilers and showers Items to enable a club or league to meet health and safety requirements
- IT equipment to support club volunteer roles
- Items to sustain and increase participation such as marketing materials

## WHAT IT DOES NOT FUND?

- League/competition entry fees
- Facility utility bills
- Fines of any kind

- Individuals or items solely for an individual's use
- On-going costs such as facility hire

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

An application for a grant will only be accepted for consideration if the application form is fully completed and accompanied by:

- A copy of the club's constitution
- A copy of the previous season's income and expenditure or audited accounts if possible
- A copy of the club's latest bank statement
- Failure to provide the above will result in the application being rejected for that season and all paperwork will be returned to the applicant
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a financial need for funding
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate the partnership funding is in place
- Only one application can be accepted per club each financial year
- Grants will not be awarded retrospectively therefore applications for costs that have already been incurred or are due before an offer of a grant has been made in writing will not be considered

- When a grant is offered, the applicant must send a copy of receipt of payment for the goods.

## DECISION PROCESS

All applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Applicant's financial need
- Value for money
- Evidence of need / Impact
- Disciplinary record over the past three seasons
- Charter Standard Health check position (if appropriate)
- Applicants will be notified of the panel's decision via email
- Successful applicants will have two months from notification of award to provide paid invoices or receipts for all related expenditure or the grant will be lost
- Once received Oxfordshire FA will pay the grant via online bank transfer to the relevant club or league account.

## HOW TO APPLY

- Applications will be welcomed at any time until all the funding for the year has been allocated
- Once completed the application and supporting documents should be sent to us via email to:

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