

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.

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/our-funds/community-emergency-fund>

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/>

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/>

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>

London Sport

Up to date funding information as when it is available - <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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses>

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>

Pitch Preparation Fund

The Pitch Preparation Fund is providing grants of up to £5,000, to help eligible football clubs and organisations ensure their pitches are match-ready for when Government advice allows football to start being played again in a safe environment. The fund is open to football clubs and voluntary organisations that maintain their own natural grass pitches and have at least 12 months' security of tenure. Clubs with a suitable tenure for a 3G artificial pitch are also eligible to apply.

The application window is open until Monday 25 May 2020 at 21:00. The link to apply and for more information is <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/grant/pitch-preparation-fund>.

Help for the sector

The FA – support for clubs and leagues

<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/player/the-fa-charter-standard/clubs-and-leagues>

Club Matters

Club Matters, funded by Sport England, have pulled together a number of resources to help keep your club functioning and working with your members and customers during the challenge of the coronavirus pandemic, including a number of online workshops:

<https://learn.sportenglandclubmatters.com/course/view.php?id=71>

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/>

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.

<https://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/news/covid-19>

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/>

London Sport and Mayor's Office

London Sport and the Mayor's Office have teamed up to deliver fortnightly webinars on topics relating to COVID-19 and sport. Discover the topic and sign-up to the next one here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/london-sport-28625901391>

Staying Active / Mental Health and Well-being

The FA – Football’s Staying Home

<http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/footballs-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/>

Get Active

Explore a selection of activities you can experience at home

<https://getactive.io/>

Helpful links, resources and telephone numbers are:

FA Heads Up - <http://www.thefa.com/about-football-association/heads-up>

Samaritans - 116 123 from any phone

Mind - <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

CALM - <https://www.thecalmzone.net/>

Calm (meditation) - <https://www.calm.com/>

Time to Talk (resources for clubs) - <http://www.amateur-fa.com/news/2020/jan/16/time-to-talk-day-2020>

NHS (useful links and numbers) - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/mental-health-helplines/>