



ENGLAND
FOOTBALL

FUNDING DIRECTORY

PITCH POWER

PP is a web app that puts the power in your hands, making it easy to sign up and carry out pitch inspections. You'll then get a detailed assessment report from the grounds management experts at the Grounds Management Association (GMA) with recommendations on improving the quality of your grass pitches.

PP is your gateway to access further funding through the Football Foundation (FF), whether that's the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (GPMF), a larger scale capital bid or to access funding to support with grass pitch or ancillary improvements via the Small Grants Scheme.

Click [here](#) to start your PP inspection.



GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE FUND

The GPMF is available for clubs playing in the Regional Feeder League and below. It is a six year grant, providing up to £3,200 inc. VAT for every one of your 11 a side pitches in the first two years and scaled down over six years (£2,560 for 9 a side and £1,920 for Mini Soccer). 66% for years 3 and 4 for example.

Year 1 & 2 100%, Year 3 & 4 66%, Year 5 & 6 33%.

This Grant can be used to employ contractors, purchase materials, and purchase a soil sampler but not for mowing and marking. Two PitchPower assessments annually is mandatory, one of these submissions is competed between November and March. Two members of the organisation or club will need to enrol on and complete the GMA's online Level 1 Winter Pitch training course.

Here is an example for a two pitch 11v11 site with both pitches being rated a 'BASIC' or below;



	Grant	Club	TPC
Year 1	6400	0	6400
Year 2	6400	0	6400
Year 3	4267	2133	6400
Year 4	4267	2133	6400
Year 5	2133	4267	6400
Year 6	2133	4267	6400
Total	25600	12800	38400

GRASS PITCH MAINTENANCE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

Provided machinery is recommended within the PitchPower report, applications can be made via the Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund towards much needed equipment to help maintain and improve your pitches.



The Football Foundation will fund up to 75% at a maximum grant value of £50k.

Example;

Sit on mower is recommended within your PitchPower report

Cost: £8000

Grant: £6000

Partnership Funding: £2000

Click [here](#) for more information about grass pitch machinery.

GRASS PITCH GRANT

The Fund is designed to help towards much needed equipment and/or extensive renovation works that has been highlighted as a beneficial following a PitchPower report. The clubs involved can apply for up to £5000.



Click [here](#) to start your application.

SMALL GRANTS

The Football Foundation's (FF) [Small Grants Scheme](#) is designed to support with funding applications up to £25k that sit outside of the Local Football Facility Plans (LFFP). Whether it's goalposts for one of your junior sides or portable floodlights to provide more training opportunities for your club, the FF offer a range of small grants to support the grassroots game. In summary, the scheme can support with grants of up to 75% towards:

- Grass Pitch Drainage
- Changing Pavilion/Clubhouse Refurb
- Fencing
- Goalposts
- Portable Floodlights
- Storage Containers
- Improvement to Playing Surfaces

For more information on the Small Grants Scheme please [click here](#).

PREMIER LEAGUE STADIUM FUND (PLSF)

This funding is for clubs who play in Steps 1-6 of the National League System or Women's Football Pyramid Tiers 1 - 4. The eligibility of projects and the grant limits available are dependent on the step of the National League System your club plays at.

Dependent on the club's place within the football pyramid and historic investment received from the Football Stadium Improvement Fund in the last five years, you may be able to apply to the Premier League Stadium Fund (PLSF) for a grant up to the maximum cumulative grant value outlined below.



For example, a club that plays at Step 2, can apply for up to £250k in any given five-year period, and will not receive more than a 70% grant for any project.

If it were promoted during this time, the cumulative grant amount would increase to £400k, less any grants received in the previous five years.

National League System	Maximum five-year cumulative grant value	Maximum percentage grant
Step 1	£400,000	50% to 70%
Step 2	£250,000	50% to 70%
Steps 3 and 4	£150,000	50% to 70%
Steps 5 and 6	£100,000	50% to 70%

There a number of eligible projects ranging from Floodlighting to Turnstiles. To find out more information about the PLSF please click [here](#).

REVITALISE YOUR FACILITY (RYF)

Grants of up to £500 are available to improve the look and feel of your facility for players, coaches and spectators. This could include painting & decorating, improving toilets or making social spaces more inclusive. Anything that you believe will enhance the user experience, we are willing to look at!



As this is BCFA funding, there is limited funding available. Once it's gone, it's gone!

Applications will only be accepted by CLUB CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY OR TREASURER.

For more information before applying, please contact Caroline.Smith@BirminghamFA.com.
