



Support to Clubs in response to Covid-19





Are you a club that owns its own facility?

- **The first port of call is to look at support available through Government Interventions**
- **Clubs are asked to review their current Business Rate Relief Grants including:**
 - A 12-month business rates holiday for leisure businesses (which have been defined to include sports grounds and clubs, sport and leisure facilities and clubhouses) - available through contacting your local authority within the county
- **Grant Funding available to Clubs**
 - Small Business Grant Funding of up to £10k for clubs who receive small business rate relief or rural rate relief
 - Cash Grants for Leisure (includes clubs with facilities) of £10k if rateable value is >£15k or £25k is available if rateable value is >£15k but <£51k

For more up to date useful information please visit:

www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/



Are you a club that has employees?

- First port of call should be the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – for anyone that the club directly employs through PAYE – but there is now no work for them due to COVID-19
 - Grant 80% PAYE salary up to £2500/month for 3 months
 - Plus payment for Employer NI Contribution +
 - Min. automatic enrolment employer pension contribution
 - Ideally clubs should consult with, write to and then Furlough employees through an online process (Coming in April)
- Self-Employment Income Support Scheme – self-employed coaches, etc.
 - A grant worth 80% of their profit to a cap of £2500 per month
- Statutory Sick Pay Rebate
 - Any staff who are absent due to coronavirus (self-isolation/ high risk category or family member contracted)
 - Able to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) for up to 2 weeks
- If you are still unsure what you are eligible for remember all Charter Standard Clubs receive an hour of free legal advice via Muckle LLP

Website: <https://www.muckle-llp.com/what-we-do/sports/the-football-association/>

Phone: 0191 211 77 99

Email: CSLegalHelp@TheFA.com

- Most up to date Government information: <https://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/>



Are you a club that has contractual commitments or made some contractual commitments that cannot not be fulfilled due to COVID-19?

- FA are working with Muckle LLP to support clubs in relation to Contractual Commitments including:
 - Membership subscriptions
 - Contractual Rights with suppliers and obligations
 - Overseas Tours
 - Employment Issues
 - Facility Hire
- A new page is currently being created on www.FA.com and information will be shared as soon as available.



Are you a club that are in a position where all the government schemes don't apply to you?

Please note you must have checked you are ineligible for all previous schemes before considering the below:

Sport England Community Emergency Fund

- Aims to help community sport who are experiencing short term financial hardship or ceasing of operations due to the ongoing situation
- Grants available between £300 to £10,000
- In exceptional circumstances grants of over £10,000 will be considered
- Application window from 1st March to 31st July
- Applications will be processed within 7-10 days
- This fund is expected to be heavily subscribed and if required we are urging people to apply for this fund as soon as feasibly possible

Please see next page for Emergency Fund Criteria



What is the Sport England Community Emergency Fund Criteria?

As a club you must fulfil one or more of the below criteria:

- **Audience & Reach – Prioritisation Process based on organisations that:**
 - Delivers activity in disadvantaged areas, including areas of rural deprivation
 - Works with one or more of the following groups: Women & Girls, disability, low socio-economic groups, BAME groups, LGBT+, older people, or those with long term health issues
 - Organisations that are maintaining an element of self-employed workforce not covered by other funding
- **The Role you Play in the community:**
 - Demonstrate what activities you have delivered in last 12 months
 - How you are staying in touch with your participants during this period
- **Demonstrate Financial Need including:**
 - All other Govt support (in previous slides) has been exhausted if applicable
 - The expected financial impact over the next three months, including the impact of any actions you can take to reduce this
 - The minimum expenditure you will have to meet while activity isn't happening
 - Any immediate available, unrestricted funds you have in reserve (you will not be penalised for reserves, but you will need to say how you're going to use these as well as the funds you're applying for)
- **What would the impact be of not receiving funding**
 - What would be the consequences? How would this impact on your ability to deliver sport and physical activity (with particular reference to any groups named above)



Sport England Community Emergency Fund

What can this fund cover for our club?

What can be funded:

- Rent
- Utility costs
- Insurances
- Facility or equipment hire
- Core staffing costs (including casual workers) that cannot be met elsewhere by other government funds
- Retrospective losses dating from 1 March, 2020.

What cannot be funded:

- Activities or costs which are already covered by other government funding, including rates
- New activities or events – please see our other funding programmes for this
- Capital works
- Costs beyond the end of July 2020
- Players wages or salaries



Sport England Community Emergency Fund More Information

- **We strongly advise that any clubs affected by this pandemic apply to this fund as soon as you possibly can.**

More info can be found at:

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

Please use the above link for more detailed information prior to applying.

- **Access the application by clicking [here](#)**



Further Sport England Funding

Sector Stimulation Grant

- Financial support to support and stimulate the sector whilst restrictions are being in place & being lifted, with an understanding that some organisations will need help getting back to business and delivery
- Details on this fund will be set out in the coming weeks
- Given this is in the initial stages we are not sure on whether football will qualify for this funding. We will keep you updated in due course. For further information

<https://www.sportengland.org/news/195-million-package-help-sport-and-physical-activity-through-coronavirus>



Cumberland FA Initiatives

BlueFin Personal Accident for Clubs (those who take out their PA with our recommended supplier)

- All Personal Accident policies to remain in force until the expiry date, 30 June 2020;
- However at the next renewal, all premiums will be discounted to reflect the period of inactivity, due to the Government measures, up to 31 May 2020.

Affiliation

- The CFA will provide 50% off Affiliation to all teams for season 20/21

Bursaries

- All Coach Education Bursary Funding is rolling over to next year so additional support to grassroots clubs with course costs will be provided. Further details to follow on this in due course.

If any clubs within Cumberland are still struggling or unsure of what is available to them please email Development@CumberlandFA.com and a member of the team will arrange a phone call to speak with the club



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