



# DEVON COUNTY FA COMMUNITY FUND

**2023**





# INTRODUCTION TO OUR COMMUNITY FUND



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DEVON COUNTY FA ARE COMMITTED TO OUR ROLE OF UNITING AND SERVING DEVON FOOTBALL TO PROVIDE AN INCLUSIVE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL THROUGH OUR 2021 TO 2024 BUSINESS STRATEGY, WE HAVE COMMITTED TO REINVESTING £240,000 INTO FOOTBALL ACROSS THE PERIOD OF OUR STRATEGY.

AS PART OF THIS COMMITMENT, WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE DEVON FA COMMUNITY FUND IS RETURNING FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF OUR FIRST FUNDING WINDOW IN 2022, WE ARE DELIGHTED TO GIVE MORE CLUBS THE CHANCE TO APPLY FOR A DEVON FA GRANT TO SUPPORT PROJECTS AND NEW ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE FOOTBALL IN THE COUNTY.



# INTRODUCTION



**This guide will give you all the information you need to develop an application for a grant to improve your club. Projects that are available include:**

- **Materials for work to take place on improving your ground, changing rooms or pavilions**
- **Storage Units or Containers**
- **Partnership funding towards applications to the Football Foundation for replacement or new goal posts**
- **Partnership funding towards Pitch Maintenance Equipment**
- **Line Marking Equipment**
- **New female or disability teams for existing affiliated clubs**
- **New male teams for the 2023/24 season for existing affiliated clubs**
- **Respect packages for grounds**
- **Leagues Programmes - NEW for 2023**

**If you have a project that requires funding but does not appear in this guide, please email [facilities@devonfa.com](mailto:facilities@devonfa.com) for guidance on potential funding streams.**

**All successful applicants will be required to complete a Service Level Agreement (SLA) on award of the grant.**





Devon FA



**ELIGIBILITY**





# ELIGIBILITY

## You can apply if you:

- **Are an affiliated Devon FA league or club and part of the Devon FA Player Membership Scheme**
- **Are an affiliated club in neighbouring County FA's that are part of the Devon FA Player Membership Scheme**
- **Have no outstanding debts to Devon County FA**
- **Are an England Accredited club or commit to becoming England Accredited within six months.**
- **Ensure all player membership payments for the 2023/24 season are paid by 30th October 2023**

## You can't apply if you:

- **Are not affiliated to your County FA**
- **Are not part of the Devon FA Player Membership Scheme**
- **Are trying to improve a ground or pitch used within the National League System (Step 6 and above). Clubs can access funding for these works through the Premier League Stadium Fund.**
- **Are a commercial / for profit entity.**
- **Have already completed the project you are applying for**



# ELIGIBILITY

## **How often can I apply?**

**Based on last year's funding window, which closed six weeks after opening, we are anticipating this funding to be distributed very quickly. We therefore ask that clubs make no more than one application per funding window. Priority will be given to clubs that have not benefitted from the previous funding window.**

**Although we have designed the process to make it as quick and simple as possible, it is still important that you take the time to ensure you have included everything that we have asked for in your application. This helps us to make decisions quicker and prevents you from having to submit multiple applications.**

**An application will not be considered as submitted until all information including any requested documents have been submitted. Therefore, we ask that you give careful thought before you apply and ensure you have read the guidance fully to ensure your submission is as detailed as need be.**





# GROUND IMPROVEMENTS



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**As part of this fund we will consider applications for materials towards minor building and ground works that:**

- Enhance facilities, including decoration of buildings
- Address health and safety issues and improve the financial health of your organisation by reducing operating costs,
- Increase income streams
- Maintain or increase participation in football

**We will not fund the ongoing running costs of buildings or to carry out routine maintenance works and labour costs, this includes annual pitch maintenance work. Should the club require funding towards pitch maintenance please take a look the [Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund](#).**

**Temporary structures (such as marquees) are also not eligible.**

**All materials will be provided and delivered by our partner Feaver & Son Hardware & Building Supplies up to a maximum of £2,000.**



# GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

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LIMITED

## **Tenure Requirements**

**A club must:**

- **Own the freehold to the site or,**
- **Have a lease or licence which has more than two years to run and permission from the Landlord**

## **Required Documents**

**To ensure that your application is processed as quickly as possible, you should include the following documents:**

- **A full list of materials required**
- **Photographs of the existing building or works to be completed**
- **Plans and drawings of the existing building configuration and proposed new layout**
- **Evidence of additional partnership funding (if required)**
- **Evidence of security of tenure in the form of a signed lease or freehold title document**
- **Planning approval notice (if required)**
- **Landlord's consent to the works (if required)**





**STORAGE  
UNITS**





# STORAGE UNITS

We will award a maximum grant of £2,000 towards the purchase of storage containers or buildings that support a club to increase their storage at their ground or site.

## What we will fund:

- Steel shipping containers
- New sheds

## What we won't fund:

- Second hand shed
- Storage containers that cannot be locked

## Documents required:

To ensure your application is processed you should include the following documents:

- Photographs of where the storage container will be placed
- Plans of where the storage container will be placed on site
- Two quotations for the storage unit
- Evidence of additional partnership funding (if required)
- Evidence of security of tenure in the form of a signed lease or freehold title document
- Planning approval notice (if required)
- Landlord's consent to the works (if required)





**GOAL  
POSTS**





# GOAL POSTS

## **Partnership funding towards applications to the Football Foundation towards replacement or new goal posts**

**We will award a maximum grant of £2,000 towards the purchase of new or replacement pairs of goalposts for use within community grassroots football. There is no limit on the number of goals that can be purchased for a club.**

**The FA and British Standards Institution (BSI), in conjunction with manufacturers, have developed standards for goalposts – BSEN 748:2013+A1:2018 and BSEN 16579:2018.**

**Your goalpost supplier must ensure that the goalposts you are seeking to purchase meet these standards. You must then ensure they are correctly installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements. Further details on goalpost safety can be found [here](#).**

**A club who is looking for funding towards replacement or new goalposts can apply to the Football Foundation Small Grants scheme for additional funding.**

**Eligibility on this fund can be found [here](#).**





# GOAL POSTS

## What we will fund:

- 11v11, 9v9 and Mini Soccer goalposts
- Futsal goalposts

## Documents required:

To ensure your application is processed you should include the following documents:

- Two like for like quotations for each set of goalposts required
- Evidence of partnership funding

## What we won't fund:

- Goalposts that have already been purchased or ordered
- Individual goalposts (goalposts must be purchased in pairs)
- Replacement of goalpost parts or nets
- Goalposts that will be used on a 3G pitch that isn't on the FA 3G Pitch Register
- Replacement of goalposts that have previously been purchased with Football Foundation funding
- Other items such as corner flags, football kit or football equipment





**PITCH  
MAINTENANCE  
EQUIPMENT**





# **PITCH MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT**

## **Partnership funding towards Pitch Maintenance Equipment**

**We will award a maximum grant of £2,000 towards pitch maintenance equipment that is purchased through our grass pitch machinery partners.**

**A club looking for funding towards pitch maintenance equipment can apply to the Football Foundation Small Grants scheme. Eligibility for this fund can be found [here](#).**

## **Documents required**

**To ensure your application is processed as quickly as possible, you should include the following documents:**

- **PitchPower Assessment Report evidencing the equipment needed. Further details on PitchPower are available [here](#).**
- **Quotations for each item of equipment from our partners.**
- **Evidence of partnership funding**
- **Photos of where the equipment will be stored**





**LINE  
MARKERS**







# LINE MARKERS



We will provide clubs with a maximum of two wheel to wheel line markers and twenty litres of paint.

Clubs that have the responsibility of marking more than three pitches or overmark pitches within their site will be provided with two wheel to wheel line markers.

All other clubs will be awarded a single wheel to wheel line marker and twenty litres of paint.

Should a club wish for a spray line marker, they can apply for a grant of £400 to purchase the line marker from [Wakeham GroundCare](#).

For information on the spray line marker or to choose which marker would best suit your club, please contact Tim Wakeham at [tim@wakehamgroundcare.co.uk](mailto:tim@wakehamgroundcare.co.uk).

## **Documents required:**

**There are no other documents required for your application to be assessed.**





**NEW FEMALE OR  
DISABILITY TEAMS**



# NEW FEMALE OR DISABILITY TEAMS

We will award a grant of £750 for clubs creating either a new female team or a new disability team for the 2023/24 or 2024/25 season. There is a maximum of one team per club for this grant. The new team must be affiliated for the 2023/24 or 2024/25 season.

Each new team will also receive an equipment package to support their development.



## What we will fund:

- Facility Hire
- League Entry Fees
- Essential FA Education Courses including Safeguarding and First Aid
- DBS Checks
- Promotion and Recruitment

Please note that it is compulsory that you keep receipts against the expenditure above. Payment of the funding will be provided on proof of purchases and the new team being affiliated with your County FA.

## Documents required:

No other documents are required for your application to be assessed.





# NEW MALE TEAMS







# **NEW MALE TEAMS (INCLUDES MIXED YOUTH TEAMS)**

**We will award clubs who have or will create a new team within the male player pathway from Under 11 through to veterans and walking football teams in the 2023/24 season. A youth club will be awarded £100 and an adult club will be awarded £200 per team. This fund also includes mixed teams at junior level.**

## **What we will fund:**

- A new team from Under 11 to Under 18
- An additional men's team with the club
- A new Veterans side attached to an England Accredited Club
- A new walking football team in the Devon Walking Football League

## **What we won't fund:**

- Any team that has moved up an age group
- Any team in mini soccer
- A new Veterans side NOT attached to an England Accredited Club
- Any female or disability team (please see other funding available with the Community Fund)

## **Documents required:**

- No other documents are required for your application to be assessed.





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RESPECT  
PACKAGE



# RESPECT PACKAGE

**NET WORLD  
SPORTS»**

**BAY  
SIDE**

## **Respect package for grounds both fixed and portable**

**We will provide clubs with a Respect Programme package which will include personalised A Frame Respect boards and pitch side Respect barriers.**

**Clubs will be awarded the following package depending on the number of teams affiliated to their County FA:**

- **Clubs with 1-3 teams will receive one personalised A-Frame Respect board and one 120m Respect Barrier**
- **Clubs with 4-6 teams will receive two personalised A-Frame Respect boards, two 120m Respect Barriers**
- **Clubs with over 7 teams will receive three personalised A-Frame Respect boards, three 120m Respect Barriers**

## **Documents required:**

**No other documents are required for your application to be assessed.**



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# LEAGUE PROJECTS



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**The Community Fund will now support league projects that directly impact their member clubs and England Accredited League Development Plan. Projects can include subsidies towards FA Courses and improvements towards league facilities used by clubs. Other projects can be reviewed on an individual basis.**

**To apply for this grant, the league must be an England Accredited league, or working towards this in the next six months. There is a maximum grant of £1,000 for these projects from the Community Fund, and the league must provide a minimum of 50% partnership funding for their project. This project cannot include the purchase of football equipment (balls, bibs, etc) or kit.**

## **Documents required:**

**No other documents are required for your application to be assessed.**







# HOW TO APPLY



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PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO APPLY FOR ANY OF THE PROJECTS DETAILED IN THIS GUIDE, FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: [FACILITIES@DEVONFA.COM](mailto:FACILITIES@DEVONFA.COM)

WHEN COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION PLEASE ENSURE YOU ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN FULL AND UPLOAD ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTS.







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