



Drainage Funding

Criteria

- The club must engage with the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor (RPA) and sought advice prior to applying.
- The applicant must have a grass pitch assessment report from the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor (RPA), which clearly recommends drainage works are required. For more details please visit <http://www.essexfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/finance/grants-and-funding>
- Funding will only be considered if the RPA report suggests that capital works are required.
- Where the works involve the installation of a piped drainage system, a RIPTA qualified agronomist or sports turf consultant would be expected to design, specify the works and oversee its implementation.
- Where a piped drainage installation is discharging into a ditch, swale or other watercourse, permission from the Environment Agency or Local Authority may be required. If required, this needs to be in place before the application is submitted.
- **If the club do not own the freehold of the site, then written confirmation of the landlord's consent is required.**
- As a result of the works, it will be **expected that grass pitches will be maintained to a "Good" standard or above.**

Funding Breakdown

- Maximum grant of £25,000.
- Grants cannot exceed 75% of the total project costs.
- Where a grant of over £25,000 is required for storage, the applicant should contact Essex County FA to discuss the project in more detail.

Tenure

- Ownership by either freehold, or uninterruptable leasehold from the date of the grant offer for a varying period, dependent on the grant amount:
- Up to £25,000 – 5 years
- £25,001 up to £100,000 – 10 years

Documents Required

To ensure your application is progressed the club will need the following documents:

- Photographs of the existing pitches, indicating the problem to be resolved via the proposed works.
- Grass pitch assessment report from IOG RPA.
- Where a piped drainage installation is being proposed, a feasibility study and specification of works from a qualified agronomist or sports pitch consultant.
- Two like-for-like quotations for each item of equipment.
- Plans / drawing / specification / schedule of works.

- Evidence of partnership funding.
- Local Authority / Environment Agency approval (if applicable)
- **Landlord's consent to the works (if applicable).**

Application and Timescales

- To discuss your potential application please contact Nick Emery (County Development Manager) via nick.emery@essexfa.com
- Upon submission and receipt of supporting documentation, the club will receive confirmation that the application has been logged.
- Assessment of application will typically take around two weeks.
- The club will then receive a notification by email that your decision letter is available to download via the clubs account on the Football **Foundation's website.**
- **The equipment should not be purchased until the grant T&C's have been accepted.**