**Overview**

Herefordshire Football Association recognises the impact on football clubs of the COVID-19 pandemic and related suspension of football. In preparation for the 2020/21 season, we want to support our affiliated clubs to ensure they can continue to provide important community opportunities and help with their future planning and development.

The **Club Support Fund** has been created to help clubs prepare for the upcoming season and overcome some of the challenges they have faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We recognise clubs will have been affected in different ways and in addition to funding will continue to offer our support and expertise to assist clubs with other challenges and issues.

***The following opportunities are aimed at football clubs affiliated with Herefordshire FA***

**CLUB SUPPORT FUND**

**What are the aims of the fund?**

To help clubs prepare for the upcoming season and overcome some of the financial challenges they have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**How much is available?**

Clubs can apply for up to £200. Funding may be scaled down dependent on the number of applications received and the strengths of the application.

**Funding Criteria**

If your application is successful the breakdown of funding will include up to £200 to aid your club prior to and during the 2020/21 season.

Funding can be used to cover costs including facility hire/development, kit/equipment, coach education courses, affiliation, marketing etc. Clubs will need to demonstrate how and where the funding will be used.

Clubs should be Charter Standard or willing to work towards Charter Standard status over the coming season. Any clubs looking to work towards Charter Standard status will receive additional support from the Herefordshire FA Development team.

**What timelines do I need to be aware of?**

Application for the funding opens on the Friday 15th May and will close on Tuesday 30th June. Late applications will not be considered.

Decisions will be sent to all applicants on the week commencing 6th July.

Once an application has been approved the funding will be awarded in one of two ways dependent on what the funding is being allocated towards. 1) Funding of up to £200 received up front. 2) Funding of up to £200 received retrospectively once receipts have been provided.

**Applicant Eligibility**

The applicant must be a Herefordshire FA affiliated club. All clubs must be committed to completing the 2020/21 season.

Each Club is limited to one application. Applications must be submitted by the Club Secretary, Chairperson, or treasurer.

If an application is successful, any instalments of funding will be issued upon an invoice from the Club. HFA will monitor all projects and applicants may be asked to provide evidence of financial expenditure, participant registers and further information about their project.

Please note that we are only able to fund a limited amount of projects. Each application will be reviewed and rated based on the information provided.

It should be noted that funding is only ever offered “In-Principle” to applicants. At any point in the project, HFA could temporarily halt the payments if the agreed project outcomes or objectives are not being delivered or appropriate support is not forthcoming from the applicant. If a project is halted, HFA will provide the reasons, rationale and evidence for this.

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| **Application Details** | | | |
| **Club Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Club Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **Current Charter Standard Level:** | Choose an item. | | |
| **Primary Contact Details** | | | |
| **Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **FAN:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Role:** | Choose an item. |
| **Telephone Number:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Email Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Secondary Contact Details** | | | |
| **Name:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| **FAN:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Role:** | Choose an item. |
| **Telephone Number:** | Click or tap here to enter text. | **Email Address:** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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| **REASONS FOR CLUB SUPPORT FUND APPLICATION** |
| **Please explain your club’s requirements**  *(Please provide* ***as much details as possible*** *about your club including the impacts of COVID-19 and the suspension of football, the details of what you intend to use the funding for, including timescales, breakdown of funding, measure of success and outcomes)* |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Explain how the project/club will be sustainable once the funding ends?**  *(Please provide details of how the funding will help your club long-term and anything else you are doing to sustain the club long-term once the funding has been utilised.)* |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |

**I confirm that the information provided in this form is accurate**

**I have read and understood the fund eligibility and criteria**

**I confirm that the Club will maintain Charter Standard by 31st January 2020**

Please ensure all boxes are ticked above before submitting your application form.

Return application to [Info @HerefordshireFA.com](mailto:info@HerefordshireFA.com)

Print Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter a date.