



Guidance Notes for Goalpost Grants

Football Foundation information document

Summary

Grants are available for the purchase of new goalposts and the replacement of unsafe goalposts.

For reference, you should note that The FA and BSI, in conjunction with the industry, have developed standards for goalposts – BSEN 748:2013+A1:2018 and BS EN 16579:2018. Your supplier must ensure that the goalposts meet this standard, and that you have installed the goals in strict accordance with the manufacturers requirements.

Further details on goalpost safety can be found at <http://www.thefa.com/get-involved/goalpost-safety>

Grant limits

Where five or more sets of goalposts are being requested, the application will be referred to the Foundations Engagement Manager to discuss the strategic need for the investment. The maximum grant available will be dependent on the size of goalposts applied for.

- 2.44m x 7.32m (Adult 11v11) - a fixed maximum grant amount of £1,200 per set of goalposts (or 75% grant up to the maximum grant value) based on a typical average purchase price of £1,600 including carriage, but excluding VAT
- 2.13m x 6.40m (Youth 11v11) - a fixed maximum grant amount of £1,200 per set of goalposts (or 75% grant up to the maximum grant value) based on a typical average purchase price of £1,600 including carriage, but excluding VAT
- 2.13m x 4.88m (9v9) - a fixed maximum grant amount of £900 per set of goalposts (or 75% grant up to the maximum grant value) based on a typical average purchase price of £1,200 including carriage, but excluding VAT
- 1.83m x 3.66m (7v7 / 5v5) - a fixed maximum grant amount of £900 per set of goalposts (or 75% grant up to the maximum grant value) based on a recommended purchase price of £1,200 including carriage, but excluding VAT
- 2m x 3m (Futsal) - a fixed maximum grant amount of £600 per set of goalposts (or 75% grant up to the maximum grant value) based on a recommended purchase price of £800 including carriage, but excluding VAT

If you are unable to reclaim VAT, this should be included in your total project cost, and the project and grant value will adjust accordingly.



Example 1 - A club receives a grant of £1,200 towards a new set of 11 v 11 goalposts. The club decides that they want to purchase a set that are on special offer for £1,000, lower than the £1,600 budgeted by the Foundation.

When the Club submits its claim form, the Foundation reduces its grant to £750, as 75% of the total project cost. The Club will only contribute £250 (25%) instead of £400

Example 2 - A club receives a grant of £1,200 towards a new set of 11 v 11 goalposts. The club decides that they want to purchase a more

expensive set that are advertised for £3,000, higher than the £1,600 budgeted by the Foundation.

When the Club submits its claim form, the Foundation still pays a grant of £1,200 (as a revised 40% of the new total project cost) and the club will pay the balance of £1,800.

Suppliers

You will need to identify the size of goalposts you wish to purchase from the approved list of suppliers and submit the online application form detailing the preferred chosen supplier, goalpost type, quantity and whether VAT if applicable.

The goalposts can be purchased from one of the approved list of suppliers below.

B G Sports (SAMBA) - www.sambasports.co.uk

Broxap Ltd - www.stadia-sports.co.uk

Goalfix - www.goalfixsports.com

Harrod UK - www.harrod.uk.com

Huck Nets (Edwards) - www.edsports.co.uk

Itsagoal - www.itsagoal.net

Mark Harrod - www.markharrod.com

MH Goals Ltd - www.mhgoals.com

PMF Products Ltd (Live4soccer) - www.live4soccer.co.uk

This is not a 'closed' list and you can purchase your goalposts from other suppliers. However, if you choose to purchase from a different supplier you will need to provide evidence in your claim that the goalpost meet British Standards (BSEN 748:2013+A1:2018 and BS EN 16579:2018).



Documents required

No other additional documents are required for your application to be processed. You will have to confirm as part of the application form that you are able to provide the balance of partnership funding.

Assessment timescales

Upon submission of your application, you will receive an immediate decision in principle.

If your application has been approved in principle, it will then be checked by our Grant Management Team to confirm all the information provided is correct. You will then receive a notification by email that your decision letter (and any associated terms and conditions) is available for download from your Foundation account, typically within five working days.

The goalposts should not be purchased until the grant terms and conditions have been accepted.

