



Improvements to artificial playing surfaces

Football Foundation information document

Summary

Providing a suitable playing surface is essential to sustain and increase participation, and the Foundation provides funding for works to build or improve the condition of small sided artificial turf pitches and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) that have been identified through the Local Football Facilities Plans.

Grant limits

The Foundation will award a maximum grant of £25,000. Grants cannot exceed 75% of the total project costs.

Where a grant of over £25,000 is required, the applicant should contact their County FA and / or Foundation Engagement Manager to discuss the project in more detail.

Criteria if you are proposing to undertake works to improve an existing artificial grass pitch or MUGA, you must first speak with your Football Foundation Technical Project Manager before proceeding with a grant application.

We will require a condition survey or inspection report recommending the scope of works to be undertaken. If this is not available, other justification for the works will be required, such as photographic evidence.

We will require specifications and drawings, clearly detailing the scope of the proposed works. Works should comply with the Foundations minimum design requirements, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Support can be provided by the Foundations Technical Project Manager.

Planning permission may or may not be required for the works and confirmation of which applies is required from the local planning authority. Further information regarding planning permission can be found at: <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/permission/>. If so, this permission must be in place before the application is submitted.

Tenure requirements

Ownership by either freehold, or uninteruptable leasehold from the date of 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 you will need the following documents:

- Plans / drawings / specification / schedule of works
- A minimum of two like-for-like quotations from suitable contractors, based upon the design details and specification
- Evidence of the additional partnership funding
- Condition survey of existing facility (if required)
- Planning approval notice (if applicable)

Assessment timescales

Upon submission of your application and the receipt of any supporting documentation, you will receive confirmation that the application has been logged.

Your application will be assessed by our Grant Management Team, who will contact you to discuss your application if they have any queries.

Assessment of your application will typically take around two weeks. 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.