



Pitch Maintenance – Machinery

Football Foundation information document

Summary

Pitch maintenance machinery and equipment is essential for organisations to provide a quality natural turf playing surface. The Foundation will accept applications for both new and previously owned pitch maintenance equipment recommended through your Grass Pitch Assessment Report from the Regional Pitch Advisor (RPA), with an aim of improving the quality of your pitch to a 'Good' Standard or above.

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 for pitch maintenance machinery, the applicant should contact their County FA and / or Foundation Engagement Manager to discuss the project in more detail.

Criteria

To apply for a grant towards pitch maintenance machinery and equipment, you are required to have a Grass Pitch Assessment Report from an Institute of Groundsmanship Regional Pitch Advisor (RPA) that justifies the need for the equipment. Please contact your County FA to discuss how to book your report and to seek advice from the IOG RPA.

If successful with your application, it is expected that the equipment will be covered by suitable insurance and be securely stored when not in use. The equipment can only be used by suitably trained personnel and the equipment must be operated, maintained and serviced annually in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

Tenure requirements

There are no tenure requirements for the purchase of pitch maintenance machinery.

Suppliers

The Foundation does not currently have a preferred suppliers list. Applicants should source their quotes from a reputable dealer.



Documents required

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

- Grass Pitch Assessment Report from the IOG RPA
- Two like-for-like quotations for each item of equipment ('like-for-like' means comparable quotations from different suppliers for the same specification of equipment)
- Evidence of the additional partnership funding
- If previously owned pitch maintenance equipment is to be purchased, 12 months warranty from a reputable dealer is required
- Photos of where the equipment will be stored, and of the existing equipment if being replaced.

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.

The 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.

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