



Pitch Maintenance Equipment Funding

Criteria

- Applications accepted for both new and previously owned equipment.
- The applicant must have a grass pitch assessment report from the IOG Regional Pitch Advisor (RPA), which clearly recommends the additional maintenance works required. For more details please visit <http://www.essexfa.com/leagues-and-clubs/finance/grants-and-funding>
- Machinery will need to be recommended within **the club's** Grass Pitch Assessment Report from the RPA **with the aim of improving the quality of the pitch to a "Good" standard or above.**
- If successful it is expected that the equipment will be covered by suitable insurance and 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**
- Training can be sourced and booked by visiting www.thegma.org.uk or for more information please contact your RPA Phil Jeggo via pjeggo@gma.org.uk

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 machinery, the applicant should contact Essex County FA to discuss the project in more detail.

Tenure

- There are no tenure requirements for the purchase of maintenance equipment.

Documents Required

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

- Grass Pitch Assessment Report from the IOG RPA.
- Two like-for-like quotations for each item of equipment.
- Evidence of 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 existing equipment if being replaced.

Application

- Accessed via: www.footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding
 1. **Select “Get Started”**
 2. **Select “Maintenance Equipment”**
 3. **Select “the facility upgrades I require are only minor”**
 4. Log in if previously applied for funding or register
 5. Apply for new grant
 6. Start application process
 7. Complete the application form
- Application sections
 1. Projection Selection
 - Project title
 - Project items e.g. grass pitch maintenance – equipment
 - Grass Pitch Assessment Report
 2. Organisation
 - Type of organisation
 - Affiliation information
 - Organisation details
 - Joint applicants?
 - VAT registered?
 3. Project site
 - Ground details
 4. Project Details
 - Explaining the demand and impact of the maintenance equipment
 - New / previously owned
 - Storage, insurance and maintenance details
 - Specification
 - Quotations
 - VAT
 - Total costings
 5. Partnership Funding
 - Source of funding
 - Grant summary
 6. Declaration

Assessment Timescales

- Upon submission and receipt of supporting documentation, the club will receive confirmation that the application has been logged.
- The assessment of the 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.**

Multiple Applications

- If the club are looking at multiple funding opportunities, please contact Essex County FA prior to applying e.g. goalposts and grass pitch maintenance equipment grants.

Essex FA Support

Please contact Nick Emery (County Development Manager) nick.emery@essexfa.com or Sean Harris (Parklife Development Officer) sean.harris@essexfa.com