



**Sources of Grant Aid and Funding
For Cricket Clubs in Wales
and
Cricket Board of Wales
Information**



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Raising the money to carry out your plans is without doubt the most challenging task faced by cricket club committees and members.

Through this publication the England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has set out to help steer you through many of the grant aid and development funding agencies which exist and to give you an insight into their respective funding criteria. You will also find a number of ideas and issues to consider when preparing applications.

Your County Cricket Development Officer (CDO) can also offer you valuable advice on development planning and funding. The contact address for your CDM can be found on the internet www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers.

Also listed for your convenience are all the addresses of the Regional Offices of the Sports Council for Wales on page 21.

For further advice concerning grant aid or funding you may also contact Mike Turner, MBE, ECB Consultant, on (0116) 283 1615. There is no charge as this advisory service is provided by the England and Wales Cricket Board.

If you require information about technical guidance notes or wish to make a general enquiry about facility development, telephone the ECB on 0161 877 6643, email: facilities@ecb.co.uk or refer to the website www.ecb.co.uk/funding

Also in this booklet on page 35 is a complete section with general information about the Cricket Board of Wales.

2.1 Planning

Careful planning to ensure your ambitions are realistic and right for your club is critical. ECB's Club Development Planning Resource provides a format and procedure, approved by the main Grant Aid providers, to help you do this. For more information go to www.play-cricket.com

Your plan forms a statement of your future intentions and will demonstrate to funding agencies how your plan will satisfy their requirements adding to the cricket provision in your area.

It is also important at this stage to identify a timescale outlining when you intend to implement each element of your plan.

2.2 Costing Your Plan

Once you have assessed what you currently have, and decided upon your chosen future direction, it is vital you then put some detailed costings to your plan. These can be in the form of quotations from contractors and/or suppliers or costs in "man hours" (e.g. a contribution in kind).

This will help you assess what financial support you will need and allow you to chart your best possible route to obtain the funds your proposed developments require.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application:

- You should demonstrate how your project represents value for money.
- Emphasise your level of need for financial support (based on your annual accounts).
- Make sure your application is honest and you request only funds you require.
- Be prepared to undergo a process of monitoring by funding agencies. Some agencies reserve the right to reclaim funding if they are not satisfied with its use.
- Demonstrate a degree of "self help" – whether in cash or in kind (labour, expertise, etc.). Most funding agencies set a minimum portion as "self help".
- Have a contingency plan in the event of a rejected application or a reduced award.



2.3 Approaching the Relevant Funding Organisations

It is important that you choose the correct funding agency(s) for your respective plan or elements within your plan.

Each organisation has its own particular criteria and requirements. It is therefore vital that you make contact with the individual organisation and match your plan to its respective criteria before you compile an application.

Tips to Achieving a Successful Application

- Your application must demonstrate a clear plan in accordance with the criteria or the respective funding agency.
- Where necessary forward any consultation forms as required by the funding agency.
- Submit your application ahead of deadlines set by respective funding agencies.
- Apply to the number of funding organisations you need to ensure the funding you require.
- Identify, where necessary in your application(s) other sources of partnership funding.
- Include details of other confirmed awards and, where not confirmed, when you expect to hear a decision.
- Check how much you are eligible for. Some funding agencies make provision in certain urban and rural areas for additional support.
- Ensure your chosen funding organisations are complimentary. Some agencies will not commit to funding if certain others have been applied to.
- Ensure the tenure of your ground is of sufficient length as set by respective funding agencies. Most funding agencies require a minimum of ten years lease, freehold, or other security of tenure.
- Do not start any project or plan before you receive official written notice of an award or permission to go ahead. Most funding agencies will not fund retrospectively.

- Consider every possible option available including sponsorship, Sportsmatch, donations, loans, fund raising activities etc.
- You should give the funding agency full recognition for any support – letters of thanks, plaques, local publicity etc., should be considered to recognise their generosity.

2.4 Prepare Your Application

- Make sure your plans are thorough, have been costed and have an identified timescale.
- Ensure you have, and can identify, the people and resources available to you to run the project after it has been built, installed or set up.
- Where relevant, your application should outline how your plans provide for: Women, People with Disabilities and other “minority” groups.
- Where relevant, demonstrate how your plans have strategic relevance – refer to the County, Regional and/or National Cricket/Sport Development Plan.
- Consult as widely as possible before submitting your application(s).
- Ensure the timescale of your plans are in line with that of your funding agency(s).
- Plan your cash flow thoroughly as some funding agencies will only release funds upon completion of works.
- Demonstrate the benefits of your plans to an identified and local community.
- Emphasise the benefit to the local community of your plans. Where necessary identify how many hours a week your facility or project will be available for community use.
- Make provisions for junior usage, quality coaching and supervised activity of juniors, if necessary make plans to start a junior section.
- Ensure, where necessary, you have the relevant planning permission or written confirmation that it is not required.

- Any equipment purchases or facilities you install should meet certain design and/or performance criteria. For guidance please refer to relevant Sport England Guidance Notes and ECB technical guidance notes (contact your CDO for details).
- Utilise all the help that is available from ECB, the respective funding agency, consultants and Sport England.

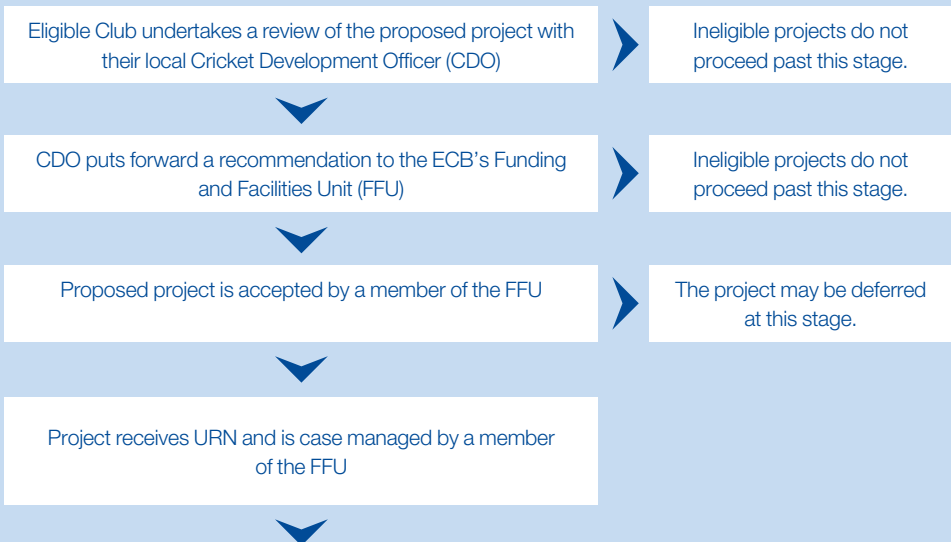
You should now be in a position to complete and submit a strong application for funding. There are many organisations which have money available. The following pages offer details of the many agencies you may consider applying to. Your CDO is a vital source of information.

3.1 Application Process / ECB Single Investment System

The ECB has developed a Single Investment System (SIS) to manage all funding applications which it administers:

- ECB Grant Aid Programme (page 7)
- England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) Interest Free Loan Scheme (page 8)

The Single Investment System has been designed to capture all of the components which Clubs are required to fulfil when developing a funding application, using a simple step by step process, as follows:



A detailed desk top assessment of the completed application will be performed. The Club will be notified of the outcome.

The England and Wales Cricket Board Limited will endeavour to reach a decision on a fully complete application within 30 working days.

Successful Clubs will receive a contract offer letter which will include the Terms and Conditions of the grant/loan.

Clubs will be required to formally accept the contract offer letter and return the acceptance form within 30 days along with any attachments to secure the grant/loan.

3.2 ECB Grant Aid Programme (EGAP)

ECB works both nationally and locally to a tightly defined National Strategy for Cricket backed up by a fully integrated National Facilities Strategy. The EGAP is therefore seen as an exciting and timely resource to assist in the fulfilment of the strategic objectives of ECB.

Running in parallel to the core objectives of the ECB are those of Government and the Sports Council for Wales. Analysis has shown, and ECB are therefore confident that, the proposal for the use of available funding will achieve many of the common objectives.

The proposal revolves around the key strategic grass roots strand of the ECB National Strategy:

This strand of activity is best placed to deliver on the development outcomes required and will also be the focus for the ECB and third party revenue funding to add value to capital investment.

Dovetailed into this key strand are 4 key areas of investment emanating from the National Facility Strategy:

- Non Turf Practice Net Areas
- Indoor Centre Upgrades/New Build
- Fine Turf Match Pitches
- Communal Changing Areas

The four investment areas form the basis of the proposal and will be delivered in line with the following (each has the endorsement of Sport England and the Sports Council for Wales):

- ECB Technical Guidance Notes/
Sport England Technical Guidance Notes
- ECB Approved Technical Consultants
- ECB Approved Non Turf Pitch Systems

Clubs/Applicants

Eligible Applicants for EGAP will be identified via the Cricket Board of Wales and the ECB endorsed Development Plan and will be subject to screening, prioritisation, scoring and an application exercise.

ECB has undertaken a comprehensive exercise to ensure the funding is, indicatively, allocated according to Cricket and social demographics. Clubs will only be funded where:

- They are identified locally as being of strategic importance
- They can demonstrate a recognised commitment to adult/junior development
- They commit to delivering activity to a baseline of quality
- They are the focus of revenue investment and professional development support
- Write and annually update a development

- plan online
- Reach and sustain Clubmark accreditation
- They meet the minimum core profile in the scoring process
- They demonstrate a security of tenure consistent with the level of investment to be made, as follows:

Award up to £50,000 Min 5 years tenure

Award between £50,001 – £100,000

Min 7 years tenure

Award between £100,001 – £250,000

Min 10 years tenure

Award between £250,001 – £1,000,000

Min 15 years tenure

Award between £1,000,001 – £5,000,000

Min 20 years tenure

Award more than £5,000,000 Min 30 years

- Can support/sustain the project over the next ten years
- Acquire additional capital investment
- Acquire complementary revenue funding

- Provide in kind costs
- Comply with the ECB IT strategy:
 - Completing Club Development Plan and annually updating online
 - Completing Single Investment System (SIS) Applications online.

3.3 Bid Submission

Eligible Applicants must apply by following the ECB SIS guidelines (page 6).

Clubs must develop the sport development plan prior to applying for project funding. ECB will seek a minimum of 25% partnership funding against applications. Precedent and development conditions may apply.

3.4 Contacts

In the first instance contact should be made with your Cricket Development Officer and a complete list of CDO's with contact numbers is online; www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers

The Trust is the charitable arm of the ECB which introduced the interest free loan scheme for the benefit of ECB affiliated clubs with a junior section.

Interest Free Loan Scheme

1. Aim

- 1.1 The interest free loan scheme aims to finance capital projects, including renovations, to improve facilities which contribute to increased participation in cricket.

2. The Loan

- 2.1 Loans will be interest free. If a club defaults on a repayment or is in breach of any of the loan terms, the whole of the loan amount may become immediately repayable

or become subject to interest until the outstanding amounts are paid.

- 2.2 The maximum amount of a loan shall be £50,000 and the maximum term shall be 5 years. Any applications for loans greater than £50,000 or for a loan with a repayment term of greater than 5 years may be considered by the England and Wales Cricket Trust and the England and Wales Cricket Trust shall have an absolute discretion to agree or reject such an application.
- 2.3 The loan shall be repaid in equal quarterly instalments over the period of the loan. The repayment schedule will be agreed during the application and acceptance process.
- 2.4 If a Club is seeking funding from the interest free loan scheme it cannot exceed 75% of the total costs of the project.

- 2.5 Legal and professional fees will not be covered by the England and Wales Cricket Trust Loan Scheme. Loan applications are only applicable to the works planned. Fees not covered by the scheme are for example; Architects, Surveyors and third party consent even where required as a condition of the grant of an award under the ECB Grant Aid Programme. The loan provided by the England and Wales Cricket Trust may not be used for these costs but such costs may be considered as "in kind" contributions and form part of the partnership funding when considering whether an award will be granted.
- 2.6 The England and Wales Cricket Trust may in its absolute discretion require that;
- 2.6.1 A Club provide a legal charge over property owned or leased by the Club.
- 2.6.2 Guarantor(s) are identified to guarantee the repayment of all monies due to England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited; and/or
- 2.6.3 Such other security for the loan as it considers appropriate.
- 2.7 The Trustees have discretionary powers over all loans.
- 2.8 Clubs must agree to the England and Wales Cricket Trust Terms and Conditions and sign a form of acceptance prior to a loan being released.
- 2.9 Repeat loan applications (i.e. an application every five years for the replacement of the same synthetic turf practice area) will be declined. A Club cannot apply for a second loan within 12 months of having the first loan accepted. The maximum total loan granted by the England and Wales Cricket Trust at any one time to a club shall be £50,000.
- 2.10 An interest free loan will not be granted to cover or repay any existing loans or credit held by or advanced to a Club.
- 2.11 If a Club does not meet the mandatory requirements set out below at any stage during the life of the loan then this will be deemed an act of default and could lead to the immediate repayment of the loan or the payment by the Club of interest on any outstanding amounts.
- 2.12 The timescale of a decision on an application will be confirmed in writing by an Officer from the ECB acting on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Trust. The England and Wales Cricket Trust will endeavour to reach a decision on a fully complete application within 30 working days.

3. Eligible Clubs

To be eligible to apply for a loan from the England and Wales Cricket Trust:

- 3.1 Clubs must meet (or where relevant agree to meet) the mandatory requirements and any conditions imposed by the ECB within any offer made.
- 3.2 Clubs must be affiliated to the ECB via their County Cricket Board (CCB)
- 3.3 Clubs must have an adult/junior section (A cricket club with an adult/junior section is defined as a cricket club that offers appropriate coaching and competition to cricketers under the age of 18 years old.)
- 3.4 Clubs must, as a minimum, be registered (and actively working towards) ECB Clubmark Accreditation. For further details go to www.ecb.co.uk/clubmark
- 3.5 Eligible clubs are required to conduct a review of the proposed project with their local County Cricket Development Manager (CDM) prior to submitting an application. Further details can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers
- 3.6 Eligible clubs may only submit an application after the approval of the ECB Regional Funding and Facilities Manager (RFFM). Further details can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/facilities

4. Mandatory Requirements

An application will only proceed if the Club can meet the mandatory requirements for the Club, the Project and the Club's finances. These mandatory requirements are:

4.1 Club

- 4.1.1 The Club as a minimum is registered (and actively working towards) ECB Clubmark Accreditation. For further information go to www.ecb.co.uk/clubmark
- 4.1.2 The Club should ensure that there is appropriate tenure for the proposed site of the new facility by means of freehold (e.g. Club), leasehold (e.g. lease from landowner) or rental (e.g. an agreement to rent the land from another party). All loans will require a minimum of 5 years security of tenure. The England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited reserve the right to review 12 month rolling lease / rental agreements where the Club can evidence a minimum of 20 years on the site.
- 4.1.3 The Club has a constitution recognised by England and Wales Cricket Board over the total period of the loan
- 4.1.4 The Club has adopted and implements the ECB 'Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy

for Safeguarding Children' over the total period of the loan. For further information go to

www.ecb.co.uk/safehands

- 4.1.5 The Club adopts The ECB Cricket Equity Policy over the total period of the loan. For further information go to www.ecb.co.uk
- 4.1.6 The Club has appropriate insurance over the total period of the loan, covering where appropriate public liability, buildings and contents insurance to include fire, theft and malicious damage
- 4.1.7 The project has a programme of community usage
- 4.1.8 The Club's application has received the support of the Cricket Board of Wales through the Cricket Development Officer and the FFU.

4.2 The Project

- 4.2.1 The project is supported by detailed drawings/plans (where applicable)
- 4.2.2 The project complies with ECB / Sport England Technical Guidelines.
- 4.2.3 There is a Site Plan for the project.
- 4.2.4 The project's application is accompanied by confirmation of planning consent and building regulation approval (where applicable).



- 4.2.5 The project provides a project plan detailing the timescales for completion.
- 4.2.6 The project has been fully developed and can evidence a detailed Programme of Works
- 4.2.7 The club provides 2 competitive quotes for projects under £25,000 and 3 competitive quotes for projects over £25,000.
- 4.2.8 The project provides a maintenance programme for the site (if the project is greater than £5,000), whilst the project maybe an outright purchase of goods it will still be required to evidence warranties, service arrangements and management plan (where applicable).

4.3 Club Finances

- 4.3.1 The Club has a dedicated bank account
- 4.3.2 The Club has prepared a detailed budget breakdown of all the project costs including a sinking fund budget for reinvestment in the project area
- 4.3.3 The Club's application includes a copy of the latest annual accounts together with the annual accounts for the last 3 years, the most recent being prepared to a date within the last 12 months
- 4.3.4 The Club provides confirmation in writing of all Partnership Funding in relation to the project, including all evidence of 'in kind' contributions.
- 4.3.5 The Club provides an income and expenditure forecast for the next 5 years
- 4.3.6 The project's direct debit mandate has been accepted and confirmed
- 4.3.7 The Club provides documentation of other charges over property as security
- 4.3.8 The Club provides details of all funding that the club has applied for in the last 3 years
- 4.3.9 The England and Wales Cricket Trust must be notified immediately of any intention by the Club to take out additional loans during the period

covered by the interest free loan.

4.4 Types of Projects to Be Considered

- 4.4.1 Eligible Project themes – amongst others:
- Synthetic net bays / match play pitches (Non Turf Pitches - NTP)
 - Fine Turf square and outfield
 - Drainage / Irrigation
 - Machinery (subject to suitable Health & Safety qualifications)
 - Land Purchase for cricketing purposes
 - Security (Perimeter fencing / Ball stop netting)
 - Machinery storage (compliant with Health & Safety risk assessment)
 - Changing room development / minor works to changing rooms
 - Sight screens, mobile covers and cages
 - Scoreboards
 - Clubhouse development and renovation
- 4.4.2 Not eligible – amongst others:
- Projects that are under criminal investigation (subject to insurance claim due to arson etc)
 - General landscaping
 - Commercial activities including bar areas
 - Car Parks
 - Outdoor Lighting
 - CCTV
 - Single plant equipment (not incorporated within a larger scheme of work)
 - Coaching items
 - Video recorders
 - Bowling Machines
 - Indoor Facilities (such as indoor practice facilities or teaching classrooms etc)

4.5 Refurbishment / Replacement

- 4.5.1 Any project that seeks to refurbish existing facilities will also only be considered if compliant with current ECB / Sport England / Sports Council for Wales technical standards.
- 4.5.2 Reconditioned machinery is acceptable provided that a warranty of no less than 12 months can be supplied and the applicant can prove that they have the qualified staff to operate it.

5. Monitoring of Projects

In the interests of performance Clubs may be asked to provide yearly reports on the impact of the award and the new facility. 10% of clubs will be randomly monitored on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Trust, including site visits.

6. Warranty and Waivers

- 6.1 This guidance note sets out an outline of the process for application and requirements to be fulfilled by a Club prior to or as a condition of the grant of a loan by the England and Wales Cricket Trust. This guidance is correct on the date on which it was printed.
- 6.2 The England and Wales Cricket Trust reserves the right at any stage to change any or all of the requirements or any terms and conditions for the grant of any loans to any Club.
- 6.3 All loans will be granted by the England and Wales Cricket Trust in its absolute discretion. Not all applications will be successful even if all criteria set out above are met. In addition, the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited is not under any obligation to consider any proposal or application that it may receive.
- 6.4 Neither these guidance notes nor any other information supplied by the England and Wales Cricket Trust (or its officers or agents) constitute a contract or an offer which is capable of acceptance by any Club. These Guidelines do not contain any representation upon which any Club is entitled to rely at any time.
- 6.5 The England and Wales Cricket Trust (and its officers or agents) will not be responsible for any costs, losses or expenses which Clubs or any other parties incur in the preparation and submission of applications or in complying with any of the mandatory requirements [unless such costs have reasonably been incurred as a result of negligence on the part of the England and Wales Cricket Trust or its officers or agents].

Machinery Fund

1. Eligible Applicants

There are two types of organisation that are eligible to apply for a grant from the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited Machinery Fund.

- Accredited Clubs who have achieved and are maintaining ECB Clubmark Accreditation and have an approved online development plan, or
- A properly constituted County Groundsmanship Association (CGA).

2. What can be applied for?

One item of relevant machinery is permitted per application. Relevant machinery may include:

- Scarifier
- Aerator
- Outfield Mower
- Wicket Mower
- Small tractor for mowing purposes
- Roller

This list is not exhaustive; however, please note that this fund is focusing on machinery and not small items of equipment.

All machines must have a minimum 12 month warranty.

Applications for reconditioned or second-hand machinery will be considered provided they are from a reputable supplier and include an acceptable warranty.

If there is any doubt regarding the machine which is to be applied for, then the FFU should be contacted at the earliest opportunity.

3. How much can be applied for?

Applicants can apply for up to 75% of the cost of the machinery. The cost of the Pitch Adviser's Report can be included as part of partnership contribution.

4. The application process – Focus Clubs

Accredited Clubs must first obtain a basic and current ECB Pitch Adviser's Report. Accredited Clubs should contact their County Cricket Board to arrange this. This report will consist of:

- A Machinery Audit
- Details of groundsman competencies
- Machinery storage capacity and security
- A machinery 'needs' analysis

The ECB Pitch Adviser will also be able to offer advice on the most appropriate type of machine to apply for. This information will then be used by the CDO when determining eligibility and completing the consultation process.

A minimum of two independent quotes will be required for each machine. Where a particular machine is only available from one supplier then a quote for a similar machine should be obtained.

Accredited Clubs will then follow the ECB Single Investment System (SIS) process. This begins with County Boards presenting a submission for approval at regional level. Once approved by the ECB, the Club will be granted access to the online application system.

It is only at this time that an application is classed as being 'live'. At this point, the Club will be required to submit the following information to the ECB:



- Club Constitution.
- Evidence of tenure on the site.
- Evidence of adoption of the ECB Cricket Equity Policy.
- Evidence of adoption and implementation of ECB Safe Hands – Cricket’s Policy for Safeguarding Children.
- Evidence of valid Contents, Buildings and Public Liability Insurance.
- Copies of the last three years’ accounts.
- A copy of a bank statement (dated within three months).
- A bank reconciliation with the most recent set of accounts.
- The Pitch Adviser’s Report.
- Evidence of the partnership contribution.
- Copies of the two quotes including terms and conditions of sale and warranty.

5. The application process – County Groundsmanship Associations (CGAs)

County Groundsmanship Associations (CGAs) will need to complete a separate application form (contact your local Cricket Development Officer (CDO) for a copy) and submit this to the FFU, along with copies of two quotes.

CGAs should note that machinery must be available for use by all members and member clubs and may not be limited to single member club.

CGAs can apply in successive years but they would need to demonstrate a strong case for need and usage of such additional machinery.

6. What happens if the application is successful?

The applicant will receive an offer letter and agreement from ECB, on behalf of the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited. The applicant will need to sign an acceptance form and return this to ECB within the required timescale for the agreement to be legally binding.

The applicant will then arrange the purchase of the Machine and draw down the grant from ECB by submission of the appropriate claim form and evidence, which can be in the form of an invoice or an official purchase order from the supplier.

It may take up to 28 days from receipt of the appropriate forms to transfer funds to the applicant.

7. Will all applications approved by Regional Funding and Facilities Managers be successful?

No. The England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited reserves the right to defer or reject a non-compliant applicant and the England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited reserves the right to change or close the fund at its discretion.



Useful Contacts

England and Wales Cricket Board

Email: facilities@ecb.co.uk

England and Wales Cricket Board representative for Wales;

Fiona Prescott

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The Cricket Foundation is an independent, registered charity (No. 1123385) fully endorsed by the England and Wales Cricket Board. It was established in 1982 and reconstituted in 1996 when the ECB assumed responsibility for managing all cricket in England and Wales. It is answerable to a Board of Trustees and accountable to the Charity Commissioners.

Until 2005, the Cricket Foundation was responsible for allocating payments to the County Boards on an annual basis. Over the past ten years, some £30 million was invested in this way to create more and better opportunities for young people to play cricket and to learn to play it well.

The Foundation is now concentrating nearly all its efforts on Chance to shine – the biggest ever school sport development initiative – which aims to bring the educational benefits of cricket to state schools.

Chance to shine began with successful pilot schemes in 2005 involving 12 carefully chosen cricket clubs and 72 schools. Now, each season one hundred clubs and their coaches will deliver high quality programmes of coaching and competition to six hundred schools. Over the next ten years, the aim is to reach about a third of state

schools and at least two million children in England and Wales through 800 clubs. The focus is firmly on the part that cricket can play in the education and well-being of young people.

The Foundation is aiming to raise £25 million from private sources to finance the scheme. The government has given a commitment to match this figure pound by pound.

The Cricket Foundation will fund – through County Boards – Focus Clubs engaged to deliver Chance to shine programmes to local schools. For more information on whether your club is eligible to take part please contact, in the first instance, your County Cricket Development Manager. A list can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/cricketdevelopmentmanagers

For other information, contact The Cricket Foundation, Lord's Cricket Ground, London, NW8 8QZ. Tel: 020 7432 1200. Website: www.chancetoshine.org

6.1 The Sports Council for Wales

The Sports Council for Wales is the national agency with responsibility for the development of sport and physical recreation. Its job is to increase participation, to improve sporting performance, and to raise standards in sport and physical recreation.

Over the period 2009 to 2011, the Sports Council for Wales's priorities will be:

- To build on the success of Welsh athletes at the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games as we prepare for the Commonwealth Games in Delhi 2010, the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London 2012, and beyond;
- To create more opportunities for children and young people to participate in sport and physical recreation; and
- To advocate to our partners the importance of adult sport and physical recreation, and disseminate good practice from our various pilot programmes.

6.2 Partnerships

To achieve its overall aim of developing sport from grass roots to elite level, the council works closely with other organisations. A shared approach is central to creating a better sporting nation and the council aims to further develop its partnerships with the public, private and voluntary sectors. The council's main partners include:

- Local authorities
- National governing bodies
- Government departments and statutory agencies
- Lottery distributing bodies in Wales
- Voluntary clubs and organisations
- Schools and other educational institutions
- The commercial sector

6.3 Increasing participation through community development

The Sports Council for Wales helps more people take up sport by working with partners to develop appropriate local opportunities. In particular, the Council aims to create closer links between schools, clubs and the community to help ensure lifelong participation.

The twenty-two local authorities of Wales vary significantly in terms of infrastructure; both people and place. A decentralised approach to delivery and development allows for a response to these differences and an emphasis on the importance of responding to regional and local needs. The Sports Council for Wales's policies will be consistent across Wales but the methods of delivery and the establishment of priorities will be a matter for local discussion and determination.

6.4 Coaching

The Sports Council for Wales is committed to the UK Coaching Framework and works closely with national governing bodies and sports coach UK to provide a range of training opportunities for coaches. Priority will be given to working with national governing bodies on frontline coaching and support for coaches.

The Council will support the delivery of governing body coaching strategies to ensure a structure is in place to recruit and retain leaders and coaches. All sports working within the context of the UK Coaching Framework will have a strategy in place which ensures skilled coaches are provided for children and adults at all levels.

Further information about coaching matters, training and courses can be found on www.coachingwales.com

6.5 Delivering performance

For Wales to be a successful sporting nation, it needs strong national governing bodies of sport which have good governance, strong development structures and the ability to deliver international success. In particular they need to provide a sporting infrastructure for children and adults to participate in their chosen sport at a level appropriate for their needs. Clubs, coaches and competition are central to this aim.

The council supports governing bodies in producing nationally driven High Performance Plans which enable all contributory organisations to commit towards a shared vision. The High Performance Plans will identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in identifying, nurturing and developing talented athletes. The plans will demonstrate that the NGB is operating outstanding governance and athlete management systems, which ensure our world class athletes, are coached by world class coaches, train in appropriate facilities with access to a range of support services and are regularly exposed to high level competition.

6.6 Support

To complement its development and partnership initiatives, the Sports Council for Wales operates a number of funding schemes that aim to increase levels of physical activity and sport in Wales. Eligible organisations can apply for funding from any of the schemes detailed below.

6.7 Community Chest

Community Chest is a Sports Council for Wales Initiative for community sport and physical recreation. Community Chest offers grants of up to £1,000 in any 12 month period for activities that:

- Encourage more people to be more active, more often; or

- Raise the standards of existing activities.

The scheme is open to any group as long as they hold a bank account in the organisation's name. Community Chest will normally consider all the costs associated with ensuring a project is successful. Normally grant aid is only provided for up to 20 sessions of a project, after which time projects are expected to become self-sufficient.

To apply for community chest you should submit an application form (available to download from the Sports Council for Wales website) to your local authority community chest officer.

6.8 Development Grants

Development Grants fund projects that develop sport and physical activity in the community. The aim of the council is to get more people, more active, more often, so funds are available to kick-start new projects or raise the standards of current activities.

Grants are available between £1,001 to £25,000 for small scale facility projects, e.g. floodlighting, multi-use games areas, developing training areas and equipment projects. Grants are also available for exceptional innovative projects that support people development, coaching and new ways of working – for example, start up grants to support new enterprises.

To apply for a development grant, contact your nearest Sports Council for Wales regional office, who will provide you with further information.

The Sports Council for Wales is not currently considering any applications for large capital investments, into pavilions or changing rooms for example.

Smaller scale capital investment (for example non turf pitches, net facilities and fine turf works) have been supported in partnership with the ECB

through the CBW facility development strategy. For further information, please contact your regional cricket development officer.

6.9 Sportsmatch Cymru

Sportsmatch Cymru is the business sponsorship initiative scheme for sport. The scheme provides a vital link between the commercial sector and the development of grass-roots sport.

Awards can range from a minimum of £300 (up to three sponsors can make up this amount - normally £100 per sponsor) and to a maximum of £50,000 for all applicants. Successful applications will have their sponsorship money matched up to pound for pound by the Sports Council for Wales (subject to funding).

Any properly constituted sports club, association or local authority, which is being sponsored by a commercial organisation involving new or additional business investment, is eligible to apply. For further details, contact your nearest Sports Council for Wales regional office.

South East Wales: 0845 045 0904
 South West Wales: 0845 045 0906
 North Wales: 0845 045 0908

Email: scw@scw.co.uk
 Fax: 029 2033 0600

Finding Out More

The Sports Council for Wales is structured to deal effectively not only with national matters but also local projects and issues.

If you would like more information about any aspect of the Council's work, please contact the Information Centre in Cardiff or visit our website at www.sports-council-wales.co.uk. The Centre can provide you with a comprehensive list of the Council's many publications, several of which are available free of charge, or can be downloaded from the website.

If you want more specific information or advice about local sports development and the National Lottery fund for Sport in Wales, please contact your nearest regional office.



Useful Contacts

Head Office

Sophia Gardens
Cardiff, CF11 9SW
Tel: 0845 045 0904
Fax: 029 2030 0600
www.sports-council-wales.co.uk

South West Regional Office

Ty'r Drindod
Heol Allt-y-Cnap
Johnstown
Carmarthen, SA31 3NE
Tel: 0845 045 0906
Fax: 029 2030 0626

North West Regional Office

Plas Menai
Llanfairisgaer
Caernarfon
Gwynedd, LL55 1UE
Tel: 0845 045 0908
Fax: 01248 673939

South East Regional Office

Sophia Gardens
Cardiff, CF11 9SW
Tel: 0845 045 0904
Fax: 029 2030 0600

North East Regional Office

Deeside Leisure Centre
Chester Road West
Queensferry
Deeside, CH5 1SA
Tel: 0845 045 0908
Fax: 029 2030 0629

The National Centres

Welsh Institute of Sport

Sophia Gardens
Cardiff, CF11 9SW
Tel: 0845 045 0904
Fax: 029 2030 0600

Plas Menai National Watersports Centre

Llanfairisgaer
Caernarfon
Gwynedd, LL55 1UE
Tel: 0845 045 0908
Fax: 01248 673939

Guidance for Grant Applicants

The Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP) is a capital grant scheme operated by the Welsh Assembly Government. CFAP was launched in November 2002. It is a popular and highly competitive scheme with a growing volume of enquiries and applications.

It is open to community and voluntary organisations including clubs and provides funding for the provision of facilities within communities, and for activities which engage local people and help promote the regeneration of communities.

It is intended as a fund for organisations to draw upon to fill remaining gaps in finances after all other sources of support have been explored.

Applications are assessed competitively to ensure that the available funds can help the most deserving projects across Wales. Please read the guidance notes carefully.

Who can receive grants?

The programme is for voluntary and community groups including clubs and private “not-for-profit” companies limited by guarantee having an unrestricted income of less than £150,000. Your organisation must be self-governing, non-profit-distributing, and be for community or public benefit, without discrimination.

Information

More information about the scheme can be obtained from the following contacts who deal with enquiries on a regional basis as follows:

Judith Davies

01685 729315

Bridgend, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Torfaen, Wrexham

Richard Fowler

01685 729317

Caerphilly, Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Neath Port Talbot, Newport, Pembrokeshire, Swansea

Roger Plater

01685 729321

Anglesey, Blaenau Gwent, Conwy, Gwynedd, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Powys, Vale of Glamorgan and all projects submitted in the Welsh language

Details can also be obtained from www.wales.gov.uk/topics/grants

Applications

Applications should be sent to:

Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP)
Communities Directorate
Welsh Assembly Government
Merthyr Tydfil Office
Rhydycar
Merthyr Tydfil
CF48 1UZ

The Big Lottery Fund in Wales (BIG) will distribute approximately £250 million between 2009 - 2015. The programmes make investments in the fields of health, education, environment and the community. The programmes reflect Welsh strategic priorities and are developed in consultation with stakeholders in the voluntary and public sectors.

BIG's strategic framework sets out the principles that underpin their approach to funding. It explains what they want to achieve and how they will deliver their Mission & Vision to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. All of their future programmes will use the new framework as a starting point and it sets out their ambitions for being an efficient and responsive funder.

In Wales, they have identified four key funding priorities and will develop new strategic programmes to address them:

- Climate Change;
- Building the capacity of the Citizens Voice;
- Older People; and
- Community Asset Transfer.

Strategic programmes are more prescriptive and fund organisations working in a particular field. However, BIG will continue to provide demand led funding in the future. Details of future strategic and demand-led programmes will be publicised through the web site at: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/wales.

The programmes focus on the outcomes that organisations propose to achieve with the grants rather than the day-to-day work of an applicant organisation. Cricket Clubs may be eligible to apply for funding if they propose to develop projects that fit with the outcomes of the grant programme that they are applying to. However, they do stress that the majority of cricket clubs' activities will most likely come under the Sports Council's remit (they are another lottery distributor). Cricket clubs should

therefore consult with the Sports Council for Wales for funding in the first instance.

At this time, BIG has two demand led funding programmes open for applications that may be suitable for cricket clubs:

• People and Places

The People and Places programme offers capital and revenue grants of between £5,001 and £1 million. The programme aims to bring people together to make their communities stronger and to improve their rural and urban environments. The programme supports local and regional projects and projects that work throughout Wales.

• Awards for All Wales

The Awards for All programme offers grants of between £500 and £5,000. The programme aims to support community activity, extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity and improve the quality of life. However, Awards for All will not fund projects where the main purpose is to promote elite sport – the projects must have community benefits.

For all our grant programmes, any applicant will need to demonstrate what they hope to achieve through the project and meet programme outcomes.

Details of all our current programmes along with additional guidance and application forms are available on our website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/wales

The vision of the Foundation is to assist young people under 18 years of age to participate, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity and to ensure that, in doing so, they improve their chances both inside and outside of sport

The grants are specifically to help children who are disadvantaged because of financial circumstances and are unable to afford clothing or equipment which is needed to participate in their chosen sport.

- Grants are for individuals only
- Applicants must be under 18 years of age
- Grants will only be considered if the individual is unable to raise the necessary finances required as a result of impoverished circumstances.

The application form can be downloaded from the website: www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk or write for more information to:

The Dickie Bird Foundation, 47 Ripon Road,
Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire,
WF12 7LG. Tel: 01924 430593 or 07904 440367



The Lord's Taverners is accredited by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as the official national charity for recreational cricket. The Lord's Taverners commits 50% of the funds it raises each year to provide grants in support of youth cricket.

Aims

To encourage greater youth participation in cricket at the grass roots level, by providing:

- Cricket equipment bags
- Grants towards non-turf match pitches, batting ends and outdoor nets (mobile / fixed)
- Grants towards a variety of regional / national competitions and coaching projects
- Grants towards other projects designed primarily to assist in the furtherance of youth cricket

Cricket Equipment Scheme

An application can be made for one of the following cricket bags:

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| • Youth Hard Ball - (U16s) | £25 |
| • Girls Hard Ball - (15-18yrs) | £25 |
| • Colts Hard Ball - (U13s) | £25 |
| • Junior Hard Ball - (U11s) | £25 |
| • Kwik Cricket - (6-11yrs) | Complimentary |

Grant Aid for Non-Turf Pitches / Batting Ends / Nets

An application can be made for a grant towards the following items, up to a combined maximum of £6,000:

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|---|--------------|
| • Non-Turf Pitches (Practice Wicket / Match Play Pitch) | up to £3,000 |
| • Non-Turf Batting Ends | up to £2,000 |
| • Nets (Mobile / Fixed) | up to £1,000 |

Youth Cricket Competitions and Coaching Grants

Applications will be considered for grants toward the cost of youth cricket festivals / tournaments / regional competitions and for youth special coaching schemes.

Grants towards refreshments, trophies, overseas tours, clothing or individual / team sponsorship are **not** available.

Other Projects

Grants may be awarded towards the cost of other projects directly benefiting the development of youth cricket.

Grants are not available for the building / renovation of grounds or pavilions, bowling machines or for ground equipment e.g. sight screens, mowers or rollers etc.

Guidelines

Applications will be considered from cricket clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body (i.e. ECB, Cricket Scotland, Northern Ireland Cricket Association [NICA]), individual schools or other organisations directly involved in the development of youth cricket and which have a genuine need for assistance.

Please note that applications will not be accepted from clubs or schools involved in the Chance to shine programme.

Applications to the **Cricket Equipment Scheme** and the **Grant Aid Scheme for Non-Turf Pitches / Batting Ends / Nets** are administered by the ECB. Application forms are available from the Cricket Development Manager at your local County Cricket Board or can be downloaded at www.lordstaverners.org under the 'Charity' - 'Youth Cricket' Section.

Applications for grants for **Youth Cricket Competitions** and **Coaching Grants** or **Other Projects** are administered by The Lord's Taverners HQ. Applications are available from The Lord's Taverners Head Office or can be downloaded at **www.lordstaverners.org** under the 'Charity' - 'Youth Cricket' Section.

For further information, please contact:
The Lord's Taverners
10 Buckingham Place
London
SW1E 6HX
Tel: 0207 821 2828
Fax: 0207 821 2828
Email: hq@lordstaverners.org
Web: **www.lordstaverners.org**

11 Local Authorities

Local Authorities (including County, Town and Community Councils).

Nearly all Local Authorities have departments dealing with the development of recreation and leisure. Substantial grants can be available through County Councils.

There are general guidelines for grant aid through Local Authority sources and the following types of grants are often available:

- Grants and loans to help capital projects such as developing buildings, pitches and land purchase.
- Revenue grants for improving or restoring existing property, purchasing equipment or running major sports development initiatives or participating in sports kite marking schemes.
- Grants for talented performers to help towards the cost of competition or training.
- Grants for Governing Bodies to help run major sporting events.

Sometimes, these grants are administered through a local agency such as the County Playing Fields Association and the general guidelines are:

- There should be no reasonable restriction on the use of a facility.
- The facility or project should meet a real and significant need and have the support of the County Cricket Board.
- If property is leasehold there has to be security of tenure and facilities should have long term usage.
- Applicants must demonstrate that financial support is needed and show that the rest of the cost of the project can be funded.

In all instances contact with the relevant authority is essential.

As a generalisation the Town Councils and Community Councils may only have small grants available for sport and community centres. However, they are able to advise and may be able to help in other ways.

Although not strictly grant aid or development funding, success in reducing the burden of non-domestic rates can be equally effective in easing a Club's financial position.

13.1 Rating Assessment

Your annual rates bill is calculated by multiplying together the annual rate poundage (fixed in England and Wales by central government) and the rateable value for the property (fixed by the Inland Revenue Valuation Office). Whilst you can do nothing about the former, you can challenge the latter if you consider it to be excessive. Before you do so, compare your rateable value with those of other voluntary sports clubs in your local area. You can search for these on the Valuation Office Agency website. Remember that buildings are far more valuable pro rata than land, modern buildings (usually) more valuable than older ones, and permanent structures more valuable than temporary ones.

If you decide to appeal, this is easily initiated by completing a form obtainable from the Valuation Office Agency which deals with your area (the back of your rates bill should give the details of where to apply). Application can also be made electronically on the VOA website at www.voa.gov.uk. If your assessment is large or the property complex, you may wish to consider engaging a quality and suitably experienced rating surveyor to act on the Club's behalf.

Rateable values are reviewed every five years. A revaluation of all rating assessments in England and Wales takes place on 1st April 2010. Clubs will be notified in advance of the amended assessment. Where the revaluation results in a large change in rateable liability (up or down) there may be a scheme of transitional adjustments to cushion the immediate impact and this will be automatically applied to the rate

bill in appropriate cases. Different schemes are likely to apply to England and Wales.

13.2 Rate Relief

Rate relief is available in a number of forms:

1. If the property qualifies as a small business, a lower rate poundage is applied and a percentage discount on a sliding scale is allowed (mandatory). Your billing authority can advise on whether the property qualifies and will usually have sent an enquiry letter to those occupiers who appear to have an entitlement. It should be noted that different schemes and criteria apply to England and Wales.
2. If your club is registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club, mandatory relief is available at 80%. There may also be other benefits to registration including tax exemption for fund raising income and tax relief on payroll giving, gift aid or other individual or corporate donations. More information on the CASC scheme can be found on the HM Revenue & Customs website www.hmrc.gov.uk/casc
3. The same amount of relief (80%) applies if the occupier is a registered charity (mandatory) although relief can only be obtained under one of these sections, not both. Information on obtaining charitable status can be obtained from the Charity Commission www.charity-commission.gov.uk
4. Billing authorities have discretion to allow relief of any amount to a property wholly or mainly used for the purposes of recreation providing all or part of it is occupied for the purposes of a club, society or other organisation not established or conducted for profit. This does not disqualify a club

that shows a surplus although a billing authority might raise queries if large sums appeared to be generated on a regular basis. Discretionary relief can be allowed over and above any mandatory relief under 1. or 2. above which could potentially give a club 100% relief overall. It should be remembered however that relief under this heading is entirely at the discretion of the billing authority and you may need to persuade the authority that yours is a meritorious case. Many authorities have information leaflets which give guidance on the criteria which apply to the consideration of these cases.

Approach the finance department of your local authority for details of how to make an approach and what supporting documentation

and information will be needed (often audited accounts and membership statistics and profiles are requested). If you already receive relief but a low level (perhaps only 25%) consider whether to ask for an increase in allowance.

Relief of this nature is reviewable each year and applications cannot usually be backdated so do not delay lodging your claim. Once granted, check each year that it is to continue.

This section was written after consultation with Humberts Leisure Ltd., Chartered Surveyors, Pavilion View, 19 New Road, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UF. Tel: 01273 325911

Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)

Amateur sports clubs who do not wish to apply for charitable status can now apply for a package of tax reliefs available direct from the Inland Revenue. In order to qualify, your club must:

- Be open to the whole community
- Be organised on an amateur basis
- Have as its main purpose providing facilities for, and promoting participation in, one or more eligible sports

As of 1st April 2004, the package gave mandatory rate relief of 80% to registered clubs, as well as tax relief on:

- Fund-raising income up to £30,000
- Income from interest
- Rental income up to £20,000
- Capital gains tax on disposals
- Gift Aid on donations from individual donors
- Inheritance tax on gifts of assets or trading stock

For further information, please visit: www.hrmc.gov.uk/charities/gift-aid/basics.htm

Fields in Trust – the operating name of The National Playing Fields Association - is the only national organisation working to ensure that everyone across the country has access to free, local, high quality outdoor spaces for sport, play and recreation. Founded in 1925 FIT works to protect and improve playing fields and playgrounds in the UK and currently protects more than 1200 sites. FIT is an independent charity which relies on donations from the public, the generosity of its supporters and the sales of its publications and technical advice. At present the organisation can only award grants to develop facilities on FIT protected fields or where FIT protection is a precondition of the grant.

The County Playing Fields Associations are all independent of FIT and may offer small grants and low interest loans to clubs for providing and improving sports facilities. Sports equipment loan schemes are also available. In some Counties the local Playing Fields Association are also used by the Local Authorities as a grant processing organisation and local grant aid information is often available through County Playing Field Associations. Further information may be obtained from FIT, Ground Floor South, 100 Christian Road, London E1 1RS. Tel: 0207 264 2400. Website: www.fieldsintrust.org

This is a source of grant aid which is available for community based recreational projects arising from Landfill Tax.

The aim is to ensure as far as practicable that the cost of landfill properly reflects the impact it has on the environment.

The Government has decided that some of the tax that is raised can be used to support environmental aims by allowing a credit on landfill tax to operators of landfill sites who make contributions to environmental bodies for spending on certain environmental objectives.

The environmental bodies will be existing or newly created non profit distributing organisations which register with ENTRUST, the Landfill Communities Fund regulator.

Once enrolled, such Environmental Bodies may spend the contributions they received from landfill operators on approved objectives.

The Approved Objectives Are

a) The reclamation, remediation and restoration of land in a degraded state.

- b) The reduction, or prevention of pollution of land which was caused by a previous activity.
- d) The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site (i.e. about a 10 mile radius).
- da) The provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat or the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat.
- e) The maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or other structure which is a place of worship or of historical architectural interest.

Clubs will usually qualify through objective (d). Whilst they may be able to register with ENTRUST as environment bodies there are a number of "Distributive Environment Bodies" (D-Ebs) who may consider applications for grant support. However, it should be noted that objective (d) sites must be open to the general public, which may be achieved through an appropriate administration or open membership policy.

Contact ENTRUST direct on 01926 488 300 or for information the address is: Entrust, 60 Holly Walk, Royal Leamington Spa, CV32 4JE. www.entrust.org.uk

The WSFF is the charity that works to make sport and physical activity an integral part of life for women and girls.

Today, 80% of women do not do enough physical activity to benefit their health, half of young women think it is more important to be thin than healthy and only 2% of sports media coverage is dedicated to women's sport.

WSFF are working to change this by;

- Enabling sport and fitness providers to give the customer what she wants
- Fostering a culture in which active is attractive
- Persuading senior stakeholders to use their influence and resources to help achieve our vision

For further information please visit

www.wsff.org.uk or contact info@wsff.org.uk

WSFF, 3rd Floor Victoria House,
Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1B 4SE.

T: 020 7273 1740,

F: 020 7273 1981

SportsAid is the charity for sports people, helping the next generation of British sportsmen and women to succeed. By raising funding through commercial partnerships, events, donations and other sources it supports emerging talented athletes with individual cash awards.

Young cricketers may be nominated to SportsAid by the ECB if they fit the following criteria:

- Aged 12-18 (or above for disability disciplines)
- Member of a regional Academy with the potential to move on to National/International representation
- Are not part of a fully funded programme

The average SportsAid award for successful cricketers is between £500 - £1,000 and goes toward costs involved in training and competing at a high level such as travel, accommodation, coaching and equipment.

Anyone who would like to discuss criteria and eligibility for a SportsAid award should contact:

Men's Cricket - David Graveney
on david.graveney@ecb.co.uk

Women's Cricket - Clare Connor
on clare.connor@ecb.co.uk

For further information about SportsAid visit www.sportsaid.org.uk

SportsAid is a registered charity no. 1111612.

The Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) is a Government backed initiative which aims to support performance level athletes whilst allowing them to continue their academic development.

The TASS programme currently offers support to women's cricket. Nominations are put forward by the ECB and cricketers on TASS will receive approximately £3,500 worth of services from their relevant Higher or Further Educational Institute in the form of strength & conditioning, lifestyle

support, physiotherapy, mentoring, medical insurance and some contribution towards travel expenses.

Those put forward must be competing at a high level, not part of a fully funded programme and studying at an English institution.

To enquire about eligibility, please contact Clare Connor at the ECB on 0207 432 1200. For further information on TASS visit www.tass.gov.uk

The Football Foundation is a partnership between the Premier League, The FA and Government, who between them provide an annual investment of £40 million into the development of grass roots football and sport generally. The Foundation provides financial support and advice to grass roots football and sports clubs to develop their facilities and to community projects that seek to use the power of football and sport as a positive force for good in

society. Cricket Clubs can benefit from this source of funding where the ground is shared with a football club or as part of a multi-sports site. Details about these grant aid schemes may be obtained from the Football Foundation, 30 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8FF Tel: 0845 345 4555. www.footballfoundation.org.uk

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is an independent grant making body registered with the Charity Commissioners and dedicated to the regeneration of the coalfield communities. Since its launch in 1999 the Trust has become a key agency promoting and achieving social and economic regeneration and supports initiatives which help to restore healthy and prosperous communities.

The Trust wants to improve community facilities – including the upgrade of recreational facilities – and grants are available to voluntary organisations

(including Clubs) and the normal maximum limit in England is £300,000. In Wales and Scotland the limit is £100,000.

Training/Coaching and Summer Camps are also eligible for grant aid.

Details from: the Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Silkstone House, Pioneer Close, Manvers Way, Wath Upon Dearne, Rotherham, S63 7JZ. Tel: 01709 760272.

Website www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

There are many Charitable Trusts through the country, which have funds to allocate to worthy projects. There are a wide range of organisations from National Charities to local trusts each with their own specific criteria and budgets. Sport related applications may be considered by particular trusts or foundations if they also meet the organisations criteria for financial aid. For example, the Prince's Trust funds projects that benefit young people.

Further information about Charitable Trusts in your area can usually be obtained from your Local Authority or County Sports Partnership. The Directory of Grant Making Trusts is also a recommended source of information.



Many breweries are willing to give substantial loans or even grants towards the cost of improving social facilities in clubhouses and community centres.

If an existing supplier cannot help, it may well be worth trying rival companies. Contact the relevant Brewery or other supplier for details.

FunderFinder does not make grants itself. It is a small national charity that produces software that helps groups identify charitable trusts that might give them a grant. You may be able to use it free at a library, resource centre or local development agency near you.

Ring FunderFinder on 0113 243 3008 to find out where.

FunderFinder also produces free "how to" software: Apply Yourself helps groups write effective

funding applications, and Budget Yourself helps groups write effective budgets and provides lots of advice about the whole budgeting process. You can download the programmes from FunderFinder's website www.funderfinder.org.uk

The Free Resources section of their website contains a lot of information about fundraising, including leaflets that you can download and links trusts and other websites.

Financial support possibilities for projects relating to sport are very limited at European level and at the present time the Commission does not have a specific budget for grant aid in relation to sports projects.

Nevertheless, sport can be incorporated into other programmes, for example, aimed at promoting social cohesion or in connection with regeneration areas of industrial or rural decline.

However, the European Union will become more active in the field of sport if the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty is ratified and support may be forthcoming in the following areas:

- Promoting health – enhancing physical activity
- Promoting education and training in sport
- Promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for people with disabilities
- Promoting gender equality in sport.

For further information contact the Government Office in your region, the telephone number of which can be found in your local Yellow Pages or refer to the following website for more detailed information:

www.ec.europa.eu/sport/index_en.htm



Directory of Social Change

The Directory of Social Change (DSC) publishes a number of useful general guides to fundraising including the following:

- The Directory of Grant Making Trusts is a standard reference work which may be purchased from the publisher or should be available at any large public library. The details are given of the objectives of each trust, its finances, the types of grants and target beneficiaries.
- The Complete Fundraising Handbook
- The Educational Grants Directory 2009/10
- A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need 2009/10
- The Guide to UK Company Giving 2009/10
- A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Needs
- A Guide to the Major Trusts, Volumes 1 and 2
- The Sports Funding Guide
- The Youth Funding Guide

- A Guide to Local Trusts in Great London/the Midlands/the North of England/the South of England
- Community Fundraising

Full details of all books can be found on the website and purchases can be made online. Alternatively, a full DSC publication list, together with costs and an order form can be obtained from:

The Directory of Social Change,
24 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2DP,
Tel: 0845 777707, Fax: 020 7391 4808.
Email: training@dsc.org.uk.
Website www.dsc.org.uk

National Council for Voluntary Organisations

NCVO provides advice and guidance on best practices in fund raising through their publications and free Help Desk. A full catalogue of events and publications is available from NCVO, Regent's Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, London, N1 9RL.
Help Desk: 0800 2 798 798 or visit our website at www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

Each project's design and specification should comply with, as a minimum, Sport England Technical Guidance Notes or ECB Technical Guidance Notes – whichever is the higher quality design specification.

www.sportengland.org
www.ecb.co.uk/techspecs

ECB technical guidance covers the full cricket project theme spectrum

- Test match and first class match staging
- Cricket Specific Indoor Centres
- Indoor cricket in multi use sports halls
- Fine turf construction and management
- Clubhouse and Pavilion design and construction
- Non Turf Pitch guide to purchasing and Non Turf Pitch Standards

Designers of projects should consult with the relevant organisations and technical specifications throughout the design stage.

27.1 What is the Cricket Board of Wales?

The Cricket Board of Wales (CBW) is an umbrella body partnership comprising the Welsh Cricket Association (WCA), Glamorgan CCC, Wales Minor Counties, Welsh Schools' Cricket Association and the Sports Council for Wales (SCW).

27.2 Who Does What?

The WCA regulates adult recreational cricket, runs the Welsh Cup, convenes the Welsh Coaching Forum and has an affiliated club membership of approximately 300. All clubs should affiliate to the WCA, all enquiries to Chairman Morley Howell on 01792 873335.

Glamorgan CCC is the professional First Class Club in Wales playing in the England and Wales Cricket Board's County Championship with 7,000+ members and a Junior Dragons membership. Glamorgan also manage the Welsh Cricket Academy.

Wales Minor Counties runs the Welsh team in the Minor Counties Championship.

Welsh Schools' Cricket Association runs inter schools competitions in Wales. Any interested schools need to contact Mr John Prickett on 01554 832539.

The Sports Council for Wales (SCW) helps fund junior development projects, contact 08450 450904 for the South East; 08450 450906 for the South West and 08450 450908 for the North East and 08450 450910 for the North West.

27.3 What are our Goals?

In Wales we have two main goals:

- Retaining and expanding opportunities for young people to play cricket
- Identifying and developing talented cricketers to play for Glamorgan, Wales and Team England

These aims are carried out through five main objectives, which are being reviewed for the next four year plan from 2009 - 2013.

1. Opportunities for young people to play cricket
2. Better cricketers
3. Quality Coaching
4. Good facilities
5. Efficient administration of junior cricket and close relationship between the recreational game and first class cricket

There has been a big increase in the number of different age groups playing competitive cricket across Wales. There are nine regional development areas, underpinned by Coaching Associations, overseeing every aspect of the game from the age of 16 downwards for boys and girls in schools, clubs and in regional representative cricket. Across Wales we have over 50 Clubmark Accredited Clubs offering regular coaching and competitive playing opportunities. The 'Chance to shine' scheme of bringing cricket back into schools has been successfully operating in 17 clubs over the past two seasons.

Each winter sees a busy picture of coaching for Welsh Squads at the National Development Centres at Neath, Llandrindod Wells, Newport, Cardiff and Towyn. In recent years Wales has produced the National U13 Club Champions, Newport CC, the ECB Under 13 County Cup, the winners ECB Under 15 County Cup Winners and the Under 16 winners.

27.4 Club Directory

Join a club, they are the best way to get into and stay in cricket. You can find out which clubs are nearest to you by going online:

Clubs A – C

<http://www.welshcricket.org/afbodac.htm>

Clubs D – K

<http://www.welshcricket.org/afbodk.htm>

Clubs L – M

<http://www.welshcricket.org/afbodlm.htm>

Clubs N – R

<http://www.welshcricket.org/afbodnr.htm>

Clubs S – Z

<http://www.welshcricket.org/afbodsz.htm>

There are around 180 cricket clubs in Wales with junior sections competing in eight junior leagues providing opportunities each season for approximately 6000 youngsters to play the game. Clubs can nominate their most talented young cricketers to represent their regions. You can contact one of the 10 Coaching Associations who can advise you how to join their introductory courses that they run for beginners to cricket.

27.5 U13 & U15 National Club Knockout

All junior club sections can enter the U13/U15 national Club Knockout competitions. The Welsh winners then go on to represent Wales in the UK finals. Contact Nigel Williams 01446 796173 for entry.

All senior affiliated clubs can enter the Welsh Cup by contacting Brian Crocket on 01639 892232.

27.6 Glamorgan County Cricket Club

With the backing of the ECB, Welsh Assembly and local authorities the SWALEC Stadium in Cardiff, the home of Welsh cricket, has now become the 100th Test arena. 2009 saw the stadium host the tremendously successful 1st npower Ashes Test Match - the first time a “home” Test match has been played outside of England. Whether you enjoy Test Matches, International One Day Internationals, First Class County Championship matches, the Pro40 or the Twenty20 competition, you can find them all at the home of Glamorgan Cricket. The easiest and best way to support Welsh Cricket is by joining Glamorgan as a member. Details of membership and tickets can be obtained by phoning the Club on 029 2041 9311.

Alternatively you can visit the website on www.glamorganccricket.com where you can find up-to-date information as well as ordering membership

and tickets on line.

27.7 Coach Education Programme

The Cricket Board of Wales (CBW) recognises that Coach Education plays a pivotal role in the overall role in the development of cricket in the county and will run various courses throughout the winter months to expand and improve its existing coaching base. The programme of courses and their contacts are listed below. You need to check availability of a course before sending an application form. For general enquiries regarding Coach Education, please contact the CBW Coach Education Co-ordinator through the CBW office.

27.8 UKCC Courses

Coaching Assistant (UKCC 1)

The UKCC Level 1 course will be suitable for you if you have limited cricket experience and / or no coaching experience.

It is designed to help you to “assist more qualified coaches, delivering aspects of coaching sessions, normally under the direct supervision of an ECB Coach”. This may include:

- Running Warm ups / cool downs
- Organising Small sided games
- Coaching Small groups

Course Structure

- 4 x 3 hour modules. These are normally delivered over a week.
- Practical coaching assessment
- Multiple Choice Questionnaire

We will provide you with a variety of resources to support your learning and enable you to fulfil the role of the coaching assistant. These will include coaching cards, a DVD and a workbook.

Conversion Course (Coach Award UKCC 2)

The ECB Conversion course is designed for coaches wanting to update their existing ECB Level I qualification to the ECB Coach (UKCC2) qualification.

By attending the conversion course, coaches will have an opportunity to receive the latest developments relevant to their coaching.

A major focus of the updated ECB courses is the importance of balancing the technical aspects (what to coach) with the way in which coaches are able to deliver a message (how to coach) with the ultimate aim of ensuring that players learn.

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) aims to help coaches, parents and teachers provide players with the appropriate training and practice, competition and recovery over the course of their career.

Also 'Teaching Games for Understanding' provides coaches with an alternative approach to the more traditional model of warm ups, skill and games by helping to develop players' tactical awareness and decision-making through modified games.

Achieving certification will enable coaches to align their knowledge and practice. This will also allow them to get on the ECB (UKCC) Coaching Pathway and will benefit players by ensuring that coaching is consistent and as up to date as possible. The course is designed for coaches who are actively coaching and want to update their existing qualification.

The prerequisites for coaches wishing to attend the conversion course are:

- Minimum ECB Level 1 or Coaching Award qualification
- To be actively coaching within a club or school environment. For assessment purposes coaches will need access to players for 6 x 30 minutes session during and post course.
- Current ECB CRB
- Attended within the last 3 years a GPCP/ Safeguarding and Protecting Children course
- Current First Aid Qualification

Course Structure

- 4 x 3 hr modules
- Assessment day which follows the same format as the UKCC2 qualification (maximum 6 hours)

Coach Award (UKCC 2)

The UKCC Level 2 course will be suitable for you if you have played cricket and have knowledge of some of the rules and techniques involved in playing the game. The Coach Award Course is designed to help you "prepare for, deliver and review cricket coaching sessions".

This role may include

- Planning coaching sessions
- Leading coaching sessions on developing a player's technique
- Running games to promote learning
- Developing ways of improving a player's fitness and concentration
- Managing net practice

Course Structure

- 8 x 3 hour modules. These are usually delivered on 4 days over a 4-week period.
- Practical Coaching Assessment
- Multiple Choice Questionnaire
- Supported coaching practice - this requires the coach to be able to work in a coaching environment and deliver a series of coaching sessions. This may be in a club or school environment that may be provided by county boards in cases where coaches have no existing options. Coaches should be able to be supervised by a more qualified coach whilst doing their supported practice. This will give you an opportunity to develop your coaching skills 'out in the field'.
- Current ECB CRB
- Attended within the last 3 years a GPCP/ Safeguarding and Protecting Children course
- Current First Aid Qualification

We will provide you with a variety of resources to support your learning and enable you to fulfil the role of the Coach. These will include coaching cards, a DVD and a workbook. Coaches will also be given a logbook to help them with their coaching practice out in the field.

Once you have read the descriptions of each role carefully, consider which is most suitable for you. Coaches requiring additional information on the course content can visit <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/coaching/>.

All courses will require attendance or evidence of attendance on a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop and a 3 hour First Aid Course as well as an enhanced Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check. Please contact Brian Crockett, Child Welfare Officer on 01639 892232.

Coaches Association

The England and Wales Cricket Board Coaches Association (ECB CA) performs a key role in supporting the ECB's Coach Education and Development programmes and its member coaches.

The ECB CA provides a range of high quality membership services and an infrastructure of local County Board Coaches Associations which take responsibility for, on behalf of the ECB, the organisation, delivery and assessment of the key elements of the ECB's Coach Education and Development Programmes.

Join ECB CA now! Benefits include:

Technical Bulletin, - Coaches Matter, 'Wings to Fly' DVD Series, Membership Card, Licensed Clothing & Equipment Catalogue, National Conference (Bi Annual), website, Hitting the Seam Newsletter twice a year, Yearbook, Insurance

Institute of Groundsmanship (IoG)

The Institute of Groundsmanship work with National Governing bodies developing training courses and to ensure that recognition of the profession and the need for quality standards at all levels is at the top of their agenda. They deliver a range of local, regional and national events including seminars, conferences and awards programmes, in conjunction with leading representatives from all facets of the industry.

For more information contact:

South Wales: Len Smith – 07800 885583
West Wales: Wayne Duggan – 07774 608089
North Wales: Gareth Phillips – 01270 625131

Umpire Training

For those of you interested in becoming an umpire, several courses are run through the winter and you may apply by contacting:

Carmarthen and District: Arwyn Thomas
– 01267 435324
Llanelli and District: Derek Rees – 01792 203559
Swansea and District: Derek Dennis
– 01792 849383
Pembrokeshire: D T Evans – 01994 240516
Regional Training Officer: John Owen
– 01495 785220

Association of Cricket Officials

England and Wales Cricket Board, Association of Officials ECB ACO is determined to characterise its membership as an essential component of the game; creating a strong and thriving organisation that everybody, but particularly the players, will appreciate, understand and respect.

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Women and Girls Officer

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Cricket Co Ordinators for Cricketers with a Disability**South Wales**

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Coaching Associations

(where to receive coaching or become a qualified coach)

Cardiff & Vale

Ceri Preece, 62 Bishop's Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 1LW, Tel: 07881 657995

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Mr Andy Neath: 93 Kelsterton Road, Connahs Quay, Flintshire, CH5 4BL,
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Gwent

Mr Andrew Van de Weyer: The Hollies, Top-y-Coed, Mamhilad, Pontypool, NP4 OJD, Tel: 01495 785364

West Glamorgan

Harry Lazarus: 3 Wimmerfield Crescent, Killay, Swansea, SA2 7BU: Tel: (01792) 202834

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