



Funding Opportunities

The organisations below are a source of potential funding for grants and loans. These exclude local charities and, for instance, football and rugby specific organisations such as the FA and the RFU which may provide separate and considerable funding to sports clubs rather than solely cricket clubs. Where cricket clubs do not own their ground and for instance if the club is a constituent part of a larger “sports club”, it is important to liaise with the overall organisation in charge before applying for funding. To qualify for funding for larger projects clubs will need to demonstrate the existence of a substantial lease (20 years +).

- **Sport England (www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund)**

Is the principal funder of monies from the National Lottery and the Exchequer. Priority is given to organisations who have not accessed Sport England funding before. The aim is to create a more resilient, sustainable, less grant dependent sport sector. There is a fund of £15 million per year with grants between £1,000 and £150,000.

- **London Marathon Charitable Trust (www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com)**

Is a major source of funding for sports projects within the London Boroughs of Southwark, Lambeth, Wandsworth, Richmond, Kingston, Merton, Sutton and Croydon and , since 2013 , for the remainder of Surrey where the Trust have disbursed over £2 million to Surrey based organisations alone. The grants awarded can be quite substantial, and specific grants are detailed on their website up to a suggested upper limit of £150,000. They also look at capital projects such as the purchase of grounds potentially at risk, (for instance as with Battersea Ironsides and Spencer grounds from Aviva in 2011).

- **Biffa (www.biffa-award.org)**

Provides funding for recreational projects between £10,000 and £75,000. There has to be a minimum of 104 days of public access. The project needs to be within 10 miles of a Biffa landfill site, or 15 miles if applying under the Main Grants Rebuilding Biodiversity theme. Application deadlines are in April, August and December.

- **Suez (www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk)**

Formerly, was Sita. Similar to Biffa 'they provide funding for recreational projects between £10,000 and £50,000. Owing to the smaller qualification distance, of 3 miles from a qualifying SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK waste processing site coverage throughout South London and Surrey is more patchy, however it is possible that your club could qualify for both a Biffa grant and a Suez grant simultaneously!!

- **Veolia (www.veoliatrust.org)**

Provides funding of £5,000 to £50,000 for projects of less than £250,000 for sports pavilions and changing. Again this is subject to your clubs proximity to a Veolia facility subject to your club's postcode. Clubs with a water supply by Veolia would appear to be best placed.

- **Viridor (www.viridor-credits.co.uk)**

Provides funding for projects between £1,000 and £100,000, for facilities, subject to postcode, within 10 miles of an active Viridor Landfill or ERF site.

- ***“Carry Bag Schemes” These schemes are quite new and derive from the 5p plastic bag levy imposed by the government. These are more geared towards community projects than sports projects, but are worth consideration as national schemes.***

Tesco (www.tesco.com) : Need to apply on line.. The nearest store chooses projects to put to public vote. Grants are available from £1,000 up to £4,000.

Asda (www.asdafoundation.org) : Similar to the Tesco scheme, by application to your local store. Grants up to £10,000.

W.H.Smith (www.blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/) :

By application. Small grants of up to £500 given. (Application periods are 1 October -31 March and 1 April – 30 September)

- **Surrey Playing Fields (formally Surrey County Playing Fields Association)**

Provides small grants up to a limit of £1,000, and also loans up to a limit of approximately £50,000 for larger projects. For more information refer to me at graham.jackson38@btinternet.com and I will be able to direct you towards your appropriate Borough Development Officer. The Surrey Playing Fields has been supporting cricket which is one of their biggest beneficiaries since its foundation in 1927.

- **ECB Interest Free Loan Scheme** (www.ecb.co.uk/development/facilities-funding/grants-and-loans)

Loans are available for larger projects from the ECB of up to £50,000 repayable within five years.

- **Surrey Cricket Foundation**

The “Cricket Force Scheme” enables clubs to buy a limited amount of material (usually up to about £500) for a nominal amount, to be used towards the upkeep and improvement of ground facilities at the start of each season. This is a self help scheme with the work being principally undertaken by club members. Additionally, the Surrey Cricket Foundation give grants (typically up to £5,000) to clubs for other cricket related schemes In the first instance apply to Simon Hards at the Surrey Cricket Foundation on 07824 866804.

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