

Buckinghamshire Cricket

County Grants Fund and
Creating Welcoming
Environments



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- We will open up for discussion at the end (please raise hand)
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ECB COUNTY GRANTS FUND

What is the County Grants Fund?

The County Grants Fund aims to support affiliated Cricket Clubs to create welcoming environments, provide enhanced facilities and playing opportunities, and to develop environmentally sustainable clubs.

The fund has three themes:

- **Creating Welcoming Environments**
- **Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities for Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket**
- **Tackling Climate Change**



Headline Information

- Buckinghamshire Cricket have received an initial pot of £90,000
- This initial fund is to be spent by end of 2022, with impact aimed for 2022/23 season
- Clubs may apply for up to **one** grant per ECB budget year (1 February to 31 January) but will not be able to apply for a second grant for the same project theme before 2025.
- Clubs should choose one project theme only.
- Priority will be given to applications from Clubs that are actively engaged with ECB programmes (All Stars, Dynamos, Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket).
- Clubs can apply for between £1,000 (minimum) and £10,000 (maximum) per application.

Please only apply when it is right for your club – there is no need to apply immediately as we do not want to rush our investments but please start a conversation with Emma ASAP

IT IS NOT FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED



Project Themes



THEME 1 - CREATING WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS

WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHICH ELEMENTS OF THEIR CLUBS PAVILION THEY FELT WERE UNWELCOMING, SOME COMMON RESPONSES FROM MEMBERS INCLUDED:

"It's a lovely old style pavilion but can appear unwelcoming to girls and families because it's not open and modern"

"Only photos of men's and youth boys' teams on the walls – need women's team picture up too"

"Changing facilities very small and a bit open to the outside"

"It could do with a fresh coating of paint and less of an 'old man's club' look."

33%

of people asked said their club did not yet offer an electronic point of sale e.g. a contactless card reader

Only 53%

of people asked said their club offered wifi access

WHEN ASKED ABOUT FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THEIR CLUB FACILITIES, A MAJORITY OF FEMALE MEMBERS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY:

"Doesn't really reflect modern day needs"

"Old fashioned bar, very traditionally male set up"

"It is just dated with old tables and seating and without any form of design"

"There is no TV or comfortable seating so it's not somewhere you would spend a social evening but it is practical and functional"

Theme 1 – Creating Welcoming Environments

To be eligible - Open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs registered for All Stars or Dynamos in 2021-22, or actively involved with Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket. It is an expectation that any junior programme will include and actively engage with girls

- **Social Space** – furniture / decoration / flooring / patio / decking / heating / glazing
- **Toilet Facilities** – sanitaryware / tiling / flooring / baby-changing facilities
- **Catering** – kitchen units / appliances / professional catering equipment / barbecue
- **Arrival and Access** – lighting / signage / car park / disabled access
- **Digitising** – WiFi / Broadband hardware (excludes subscription fees) / TVs / PA or Music systems / Electronic Point of Sale equipment



Theme 2 - Providing Enhanced Facilities and Playing Opportunities for Women's and Girls' Cricket and / or Disability Cricket

To be eligible - Open to ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs actively engaged in competitive female only cricket and/or disability cricket

- **Non-Turf Match Pitch** (must be an ECB Approved System)
 - **Non-Turf Practice Facility** (must be an ECB Approved System)
- or
- **Enhanced Changing Facilities:**
 - Create individual shower spaces with drying areas
 - Improved toilet provision – sanitaryware / tiling / flooring
 - Decoration / mirrors / hand dryers / grooming points
 - Personal possession lockers



Theme 3 - Tackling Climate Change (supported by Sport England)

To be eligible - Open to any ECB affiliated Cricket Clubs

- **Flood Resilience*** – building protection / targeted drainage** / ditch or culvert clearance
- **Drought Resilience*** – rainwater harvesting / irrigation*** / bore holes
- **Energy Saving** – Insulation / LED lighting / Solar PV / Solar Thermal / energy-efficient heating systems
- **Water Management** – Water-saving sanitaryware / greywater recycling / efficient appliance

** Cricket Boards should prioritise Clubs at risk of flood or drought in the first instance*

*** Any drainage scheme other than small, specific projects will require a full feasibility study and the support of a fine-turf consultant. Large scale drainage schemes are unlikely to be suitable for this scheme.*

**** Irrigation schemes will not be considered if using mains water.*



Things to be aware of or to think about

- Ineligible projects (large scale pavilion projects, any project already funded by ECB / EWCT)
- No retrospective funding
- Minimum eligibility criteria:
 - Affiliation
 - Constitution
 - Insurance
 - Security of tenure (minimum one year)
 - Financial accounts
 - ECB Safe Hands adoption
 - ECB Inclusion and Diversity adoption
- Partnership funding is required- to be detailed at EOI stage
- Clubs must have a 5 year Club Development plan linked to the project



Things to be aware of or to think about

- Bucks Cricket Focus areas:
 - Women and Girls Cricket
 - National Programme delivery- All Stars, Dynamos
 - Urban Cricket



Key Considerations

- **Not a Small Grant Scheme Replacement** – We want to work with your club to ensure project is developed properly, and that there will be return on investment
- **Engage your members when developing your project** – what improvements do they want?
- **There is not a rush** – remember you can only apply for a project theme once, so develop the project that will have the biggest impact on your club



The Process

Pre-application:

- Plan your project properly, and engage with your members (Facilities survey – particularly if Creating Welcoming Environments theme)



GREAT
EXPERIENCES



POSITIVE
MEMORIES



SENSE OF
BELONGING



LIFE LONG
ENGAGEMENT

- Get competitive quotes, minimum of 2, and choose your preferred supplier
- Do you need planning permission?



The Process

Pre application Stage:

Prior to applications being opened we will send out an Expression of Interest form which must be completed before applying on IMS

Application Stage:

- Application via IMS system <https://ims.ecb.co.uk/Login.aspx>
- 2 club contacts required
- Buckinghamshire Cricket panel will meet 4 times a year to assess applications and forward them to ECB when approved
- Clubs must not proceed with their project until Grant Offer received from ECB

If successful:

- Projects must be completed within nine months of receiving Grant Offer letter
- Clubs will be required to provide an evaluation report after two months of project completion



Buckinghamshire Cricket Decision Making – Supporting the process

- The County Grant Fund has been set up to be managed locally and to support local priorities
 - We will therefore be looking to ensure funding is appropriately split across the project themes. A criteria will be developed for this
- There will be lots of opportunities for County Grant Funds between now and 2025 but there is also a finite amount of money each year, so we want to ensure each project we support will have desired outcomes rather than simply supporting on a first come, first served basis.
 - Therefore, we expect and hope to work with clubs in the development of projects as opposed to seeing them for the first time at full application stage
- Buckinghamshire Cricket will work with clubs to discuss and develop projects. However, to ensure impartiality and due diligence, we are creating a sub-committee of our Board to peer review projects before we decide to approve and send to ECB



Buckinghamshire Cricket Decision Making – Supporting the process

- Please contact Emma Boswell-Harris emma.boswell-harris@buckscc.org to arrange a meeting to discuss your project – we will either visit your club or arrange a phone call / zoom meeting depending on the nature of your project
- The Bucks CGF panel will meet once a quarter (December, February, May, September) and comprises of:
 - BCB Chair: Steve Ayres
 - BCB MD: Rich Hudson
 - BCB Director: Graham Rance
 - BCB Director: Mike Sutliff
 - ECB Regional Facilities Planning Manager-Recreational Game: Neil Higginson
Neil.Higginson@ecb.co.uk
 - LEAP (Bucks Sports Partnership) Project Officer: Muhsin Raqib



Next Steps

- Please familiarise yourself with the guidance notes – tonight has only given headline information
- If you have a project in mind, ensure it is representative of the wider club's feedback, and that it aligns to the project themes and aspirations
- Consider if your project is a 2022 project, or one for future years – remember only one project per theme between now and 2025
- Identify who from your club will lead on your project – remember you will need two contacts
- When you feel you have a project, please contact Emma to arrange a meeting



Questions

