



COVID-19

**SPORT ENGLAND
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY FUND
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Who could benefit from this?

- This fund is primarily aimed towards rugby/ sport clubs who are unable to receive any of the other relevant Coronavirus government funding
- Therefore clubs who hire, licence or rent facilities and do not have a rateable value would be considered a priority
- However this should not preclude any club applying that could evidence clear need.
- Regional or county level organisations that have already paid out money for activities that are now cancelled and are not able to claim money from elsewhere.

Sport England state that all other government funding options should be considered first before applying and that this fund should be used as a last resort.

What can it be spent on?

- The fund has been developed to help sports clubs meet their obligations, in particular their fixed costs, which are no longer supported with revenue as a result of Coronavirus.
- This might cover expenditure on:
 - Rent
 - Utility costs
 - Insurances
 - Facility or equipment hire
 - Core staffing costs (including bar workers, casual coaches) that cannot be met by other government funds (see Government Job Retention Scheme)
 - Retrospective losses dating from 1 March, 2020 running through to the 31 July 2020.

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How much grant funding is available for clubs to access?

- The grants available are between £300 and £10,000

Who will be a priority?

- Clubs who deliver activity in [disadvantaged areas](#), including areas of [rural deprivation](#)
- Clubs who work with one or more of the following groups: women and girls, disabled people, lower socio-economic groups, Black, Asian and minority ethnic groups (BAME), LGBT+, older people, or those with long term health conditions
- Clubs who are maintaining an element of self-employed workforce not covered by other Government funding (for example self employed coaches)

Questions to consider before applying?

- Has your rugby club delivered or enabled community sport in the last 12 months and are you proactively staying in touch with rugby participants in this period?
- Can your rugby club demonstrate clear financial need as a result of the current situation?
- Can your rugby club demonstrate the consequences of not receiving funding, and how this impacts on your ability to deliver rugby?

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What Information do you need to have prior to completing the application?

- All club contact details
 - Including person making the application and
 - Details of the club
- Legal status of the club (for example)
 - Incorporated – eg limited by guarantee, registered society
 - Unincorporated
 - Charity or CASC
 - Charitable Incorporated Organisation
 - They will require company or charitable registration number and VAT number if applicable
- Understanding the financial loss to your club as a result of Coronavirus and be able to evidence this
 - The more evidence and specific information that can be provided – the better
- Information and knowledge of the club's reserves (and cash flow forecasting) during this period and an understanding of how they have been used.
- Having reserves is not a reason alone that an application will not be considered it is considered good practice– however it will be a question of amount of reserves versus amount of grant requested

How do I apply for the fund?

- The application form can be found on the Sport England website [here](#). Sport England will aim to get in touch with every applicant within 7 to 10 working days of your submission.