

NEW COMMUNITIES CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

APPENDIX 3 - VILLAGE SPORTS FACILITY GRANTS

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Parish Councils, their representatives or sports clubs and organisations. The application must come from the organisation with legal ownership or long-term tenure of the facility or land in question.

The applicant must have day-to-day responsibility for the building or land in question.

The facility or land will have full community access and have insurance cover, including for public liability.

2. What projects are eligible ?

The project must cater for a recognised sport (in accordance with Sport England guidelines) and must meet all appropriate health and safety requirements.

Eligible projects are for: -

- New/improvements to sports pavilions, tennis courts, changing facilities as part of other community facilities, multi-use games areas, artificial training pitches, bowls greens, artificial wickets, practice nets and floodlighting.
- Car parks associated with sports facilities on recreation grounds
- New/improvements to disabled access to any sports facility, which is substantially used by the community.
- Purchase and improvements to recreational land.

3. Sports Clubs

All sports clubs that will be using the new/improved facilities, must be of amateur status and non-profit making, and must have a written constitution and an elected committee. A copy of the club accounts must accompany the application. Club membership must be open to all and membership fees must be reasonable and not prohibitive.

4. Club Accreditation Scheme

All sports clubs should be aware of their Governing Body Club Accreditation award and have either received this or be working towards it (this should be highlighted within the Club Development Plan). For Bowls clubs, a junior development plan should be submitted instead.

5. Sports Development Plan

The project should cater for a proven local need and should be part of a development plan (grants under £5,000 a 1 yr plan / grants £5,000 to £40,000 a 3 yr plan) taking into account:

- Current Situation/Club Structure
- A profile of Users
- Aims and Objectives
- Constitution
- A profile of coaches and officials
- Marketing and Publicity
- Regular activities, coaching programmes and events
- Facility and equipment need
- Funding and sponsorship
- Governing body club affiliation number
- Child Protection and Equality Policy
- Action Plans highlighting the proposals to increase participation, especially with specific groups, and the development of coaches through club accreditation.

6. Contact Officer

For more information and an application pack please contact the Resource Officer, Sustainable Communities on 01954 713359, or by email at sustainablecommunities.grants@scamb.gov.uk