

1. How do clubs apply to the Return to Cricket Grant Scheme?

Clubs will need to contact their <u>County Cricket Board</u> to discuss their situation and potential eligibility. If the County Board determines that a Club or League may have a reasonable case for a grant, an application form can be issued.

The Club or League will be required to submit the completed application form to their ECB Regional Facilities Planning Manager (RFPM) for consideration, together with the following information:

- A brief summary of why the Club or League is facing significant hardship
- Confirmation that other sources of funding has been sought
- Confirmation that deferment or suspension of payments or subscriptions have been considered

2. What evidence indicates that hardship and shortfalls are faced?

Supporting information including financial documents and correspondence with HM Government, Sport England / Sport Wales will be assessed by your ECB RFPM.

3. How much grant can Clubs apply for?

Adult only Clubs can apply for a grant up to £1,000.

Clubs with a Junior Section* (including All Stars Cricket / Dynamos Cricket) can apply for a grant up to £3,000.

*A Cricket Club with a Junior Section is defined as a Club that offers appropriate coaching and competition to cricketers under 18 years of age. This includes Clubs which registered for All Stars Cricket in 2019 and / or showed intent by registering to run All Stars Cricket / Dynamos Cricket for the first time in 2020.

4. How much grant can Leagues apply for?

Leagues can apply for a grant up to £2,000.

5. Are there any restrictions on which Clubs can apply for funding?

All Clubs must have affiliated to ECB** via its County Cricket Board in 2019 or 2020.

**Includes Clubs which affiliated to ECB nationally, via the African Caribbean Cricket Association (ACCA) or National Asian Cricket Council (NACC), in 2019 or 2020.

6. Are there any restrictions on which Leagues can apply for funding?

All Leagues, including Junior or Open-Age leagues, must have affiliated to ECB via their County Cricket Board in 2019 or 2020.

7. Are there any differences between applying as a Club or a League?

Leagues will be required to provide a slightly different level of supporting documentation to clubs, however, Leagues can apply for funding to cover the same essential costs. Please refer to the Return to Cricket Guidance Notes for further information.

8. Is partnership funding required?

No.

9. How quickly will applications be processed by ECB?

ECB will aim to issue an Offer Letter within 10 working days, once all the required evidence and supporting information has been submitted to the ECB RFPM.

10. Where should Clubs and Leagues direct queries or request additional support?

Please contact the ECB Facilities Help Desk by emailing <u>grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk</u> and the team will endeavour to respond to you within 7 working days (or sooner based on the need).