

#FUNDS4RUNS



ECB #Funds4Runs Community Cricket Fund 2021

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the ECB #Funds4Runs Community Cricket Fund 2021?

- ECB #Funds4Runs is a new funding scheme, supported by LV=GI.
- The fund aims to grow participation and support sustainable playing opportunities, particularly in focus areas of the recreational game, by supporting the delivery of cricket activity in urban communities and / or areas of deprivation in England and Wales.

Who can apply?

The scheme is open to the following Organisations in England and Wales:

- County Cricket Boards / Foundations
- Affiliated Cricket Clubs and Leagues
- All Stars or Dynamos Cricket Centres
- Charities delivering cricket activity
- Community organisations delivering cricket activity

Who are the projects targeted at?

Priority will be given to recreational cricket activity located in urban communities and / or areas of deprivation, aimed at the following groups:

- Children
- Women and Girls
- Disability
- Diverse Communities

Will you consider projects not located in urban communities or areas of deprivation?

Applications may be considered but priority will be given to projects located in the focus areas and aimed at the specified target groups.

What type of recreational cricket activity will be considered?

- All Stars Cricket
- Dynamos Cricket
- Competition / Tournament (not already funded by ECB)
- Summer School programmes
- Coaching
- Other Cricket Activity

All activity must be offered free of charge to participants.

How much funding can be applied for?

- Typically, awards will be between £1,000 (minimum) - £3,000.
- In exceptional circumstances, awards over £3,000 will be considered subject to approval by the #Funds4Runs panel

Is partnership funding required?

Partnership funding is not a requirement of this scheme, however, for projects requesting over £3,000, a partnership funding contribution will be looked on favourably.

When does the scheme open?

- The scheme opens on 1 February 2020
- The scheme will close 30 September 2021 (or whenever the funds run out, whichever is earlier).
- All projects must be completed by 30 November 2021

How do Organisations apply?

- Organisations should download an Expression of Interest Form (EOI) from the ECB website at: www.ecb.co.uk/funds4runs
- There will be two types of EOI available - One specifically for County Cricket Boards / Foundations and one for all other Organisations.
- Organisations should carefully plan and cost the proposed project then submit the completed EOI to ECB at: funds4runs@ecb.co.uk for an initial assessment.
- If supported, the Organisation will be required to register on the ECB Investment Management System (IMS) and complete the online application form and upload supporting documentation.

How long does the application process take?

- Once the online application has been completed to ECB's satisfaction, an Award Offer Letter will be issued within 30 days.
- Organisations will be required to accept the Offer within 30 days of receipt.
- On receipt of the Award acceptance by ECB, payment will be issued to the Organisation's bank account usually within ten working days, provided that if the recreational cricket activity contemplated by the project is not permitted to take place when the Award acceptance is received, EWCT reserves the right to delay payment of the Award until the planned recreational cricket activity is permitted to resume. Where EWCT exercises this right, payment will be issued to the Organisation's bank account usually within ten working days of permitted resumption.

- Should further COVID-19 restrictions or related measures limit the full delivery of the project, the Organisation must notify the EWCT via email at funds4runs@ecb.co.uk immediately and provide details of a proposed contingency plan for the EWCT's approval, together with a statement of project expenditure to date at the time of cessation of the recreational cricket activity. The EWCT reserves the right to approve, reject or amend any contingency plan in its absolute discretion. The EWCT reserves the right to require repayment of any proportion of the Award that has not been spent in accordance with the terms of the Offer Letter, Terms and Conditions and/or approved contingency plan (for any reason) by 30 November 2021.

Where can I find further information?

- For more detailed information, please read the Guidance Notes carefully www.ecb.co.uk/funds4runs
- If you still have any queries, please contact ECB at: funds4runs@ecb.co.uk