

# Grass Pitch Improvement Fund Closure – FAQs

## How do I find out the status of my application?

The status is specified on the Investment Management System (IMS) dashboard under “Current Status” and on the application itself.

## Someone else in our club or organisation has started an application – how do I find out the status of our application?

If neither the initial applicant or second signatory are able to log on to IMS, please ask them to contact [grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk](mailto:grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk) to reset their passwords.

If neither applicant is available (and you are an officer of the club) please create an account at [ECB IMS](#) and request to join your organisation. Your association/status in the organisation will be approved by your Recreational Cricket Board and you will be able to see the status of any live applications.

Should you need to remove any associated officers of the club, please ask them to email [grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk](mailto:grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk) in the first instance.

## What are the GPIF application statuses and what do they mean?

### Pre-submission

- **Not Submitted** – we have closed to new applications and this application cannot be progressed at present.

### Expression of interest (EOI) stage

*Applications at this stage will continue to progress as per the GPIF scheme guidance notes, but any award of funding is likely to be deferred to the 2026 cycle (commencing April 2026) as per the ECB Funding Agreement with Sport England and the National Lottery Fund. Please continue to progress your application as advised through the ECB Investment Management System*

- **EOI Submitted / EOI County Admin Reviewed / EOI Referred / EOI Manually Assigned / Peer Review** – awaiting scheme criteria review by Facilities Investment Team.
- **EOI Supported / EOI National Admin Approved / Referred** – initial expression of interest has passed initial criteria review and applicants are encouraged to submit (or revise) a full application for approval.

### Full Application Stage

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- **Application Submitted (Submitted / Manually Assigned)** – full application awaiting review by Case Officer.

- **Application Approved (Finance Approved / Case Officer Approved)** – full application reviewed by Case Officer, with grant award decision subject to Programme Lead and Sport England approval.

#### **Application Approved and Funding Granted**

*Your award is unaffected by this closure, and following the receipt of a grant contract offer letter, your project will need to be completed, and the grant claimed, by the date specified in section 3.1.1 of your contract offer letter.*

- **Facilities Director Approved / Chief Financial Officer Approved** – Awaiting Sport England Review for final sign off **Sport England Approver Approved / Contract Issued/Contract Reviewed and Accepted / Claim Uploaded / Project Summary Requested / Post Project Review Approved** – Project is contracted

#### **My organisation has already begun works assuming this funding was guaranteed, what should we do?**

If the contract offer letter has not been issued, then funding is not guaranteed. Please note that ECB / EWCT do not retrospectively fund projects.

#### **My organisation no longer wishes to apply, should I withdraw the application?**

Yes, please do so that provisional funding may be freed up for other applicants.

#### **When will the scheme reopen?**

At present, we have applications in progress that meet our current funding allocation for this scheme. The scheme may reopen once those applications have all been assessed and/or more funding becomes available, but this is unlikely to be until 1 April 2026 at the earliest.

#### **Who can I contact for further support?**

If your question has not been answered and you have a current application in progress, please contact your ECB Case Officer using the messaging function within your application by adding a Comment on the 'Actions' page in IMS. Alternatively, you can contact the ECB Facilities Investment Team by email at [grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk](mailto:grantmanagement@ecb.co.uk)