



What is the Playing Fields Legacy Fund (PFLF)

PFLF's main objective is to get more people, especially the young and disadvantaged, playing outdoor sport through more effective use of playing fields.

Over many years there has been a significant decline in the quantity and quality of playing fields across the country. There is no statutory obligation for local authorities to provide leisure facilities; and, as community playing fields are inherently loss making, there has been a chronic lack of investment in their management.

Through making small grants, the PFLF enables local organisations to lever in much larger amounts from funders such as Sport England and the Football Foundation. For a number of successful applicants, a grant from the PFLF has been transformational. The maximum grant amount is £10,000 but awards are usually below this limit.

Applicants should consider PFLF's funding priorities when requesting a grant:

- Increasing the number of people participating in sport across the country
- Providing seed money to stimulate new investment in items such as drainage, levelling, returfing, ATPs, MUGAs and pavilions.
- Establishing voluntary playing field groups in parts of the country where none exist, particularly in the inner city areas.
- Training leaders of local voluntary organisations who are managing the playing fields. This can include helping them to make applications for funding from organisations such as the Lottery, Football Foundation and Sport England.
- Helping the voluntary groups to create partnerships with county associations of national sporting bodies (e.g. The FA) for funding and advice.

Application process

Only legally constituted not for profit organisations can apply. Applicants are encouraged to contact us to discuss their project before submitting a formal application. The Application Form can be found on our website and should be submitted with supporting documentation by post or email.

Applications are assessed on the following criteria:

- Sports participation increase / improvement
- Evidence of need
- Partnership working
- Long term sustainability
- Value for money

Recipients of PFLF grants include the following:

- South Elmsall Town Council £4,914 for creation of football pitches
- Charlton Kings CC £8,600 for land purchase
- Hurley Kings FC £5,000 for pitch improvement works
- Claypole Parish Council £5,000 for creation of junior football pitches
- Sherston Magna CC £6,200 for installation of practice facilities
- Alveley CC £10,000 for drainage works

This seedcorn funding from PFLF has secured projects worth over £1million.

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