

## NEW SPORT ENGLAND FUND

**£195 million to help the sector through coronavirus**



Sport England, which runs Club Matters, **is making up to £195 million of funding available** to help the sport and physical activity sector through the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis.

The package includes a £20 million Community Emergency Fund, which is now open for clubs and community organisations to bid into.

Grants between £300 and £10,000 are available.

The fund's been developed to help organisations meet their obligations, in particular fixed costs, which are no longer supported with revenue as a result of coronavirus, such as rent, utility costs, insurance, core staff costs, and facility or equipment hire.

Chief executive, Tim Hollingsworth said he hoped the package would help clubs get through these "extremely challenging times".

"Sporting events are being cancelled, gyms and leisure centres are closed, clubs and community groups are not operating, and children and young people are all at home," added Tim.

"As the body responsible for the growth of sport and physical activity at a grassroots level, we have an important role to play both in ensuring that we support those with short term cashflow

concerns and immediate loss of income, as well as those facing medium and long term survival challenges and financial difficulties.

“We want the sector not just to come through this crisis but to be in a position to thrive again in the future and this package will ease the pressure on a huge number of the organisations who are central to that.”

The funding package also includes £55 million to support our sector during an ongoing period of restrictions, to fund new and innovative ways to keep people active and, when the period of restrictions is over, to help organisations get back to business and adjust to a different environment.

Today’s announcement follows [the recent decision to offer major flexibilities to those who currently receive funding](#) – including the ability to change timings, key performance indicators, targets and conditions, and redirect money to new activity in response to coronavirus.

[Find out more](#)

## How Club Matters can support you at this time

We've [updated our website with a variety of resources](#) to help clubs get through the next few weeks and months.

From physical infrastructure to making sure your committee is still functioning, there are lots of things that can be done during this time to ensure that your club can keep running or keep it in the best position possible.

We're also producing a series of resources, case studies and toolkits to guide through what you may need to do during this time. We'll continue to update these across the week but they'll include:

- Business continuity planning template
- Securing your premises checklist
- Emergency financial planning template
- Chairing online meetings and AGMs guide
- Preparing your committee guide
- Understanding the financial support available.

[Find out more](#)



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