



North West Cricket Union Club Facility Fund Application 2019

The North West Cricket Union, with funding from Cricket Ireland are pleased to be in a position to offer all of our member clubs a chance to access funding toward ground and equipment improvements. Clubs are asked to submit an application to the Union via email to david.bradley@northwestcricket.com no later than Friday 6th December 2019, these applications will then be discussed and funding allocated to successful clubs.

This fund has been set up as part of the Cricket Ireland 2016-2020 Strategic plan, with the National Governing Body aiming to assist clubs to improve grounds, pavilions and equipment. This is year two of the fund. The amount of each grant will be limited to a minimum of £250 with a maximum of £2000, clubs are required to match the funding they apply and are allocated.

Notes:

- Grants will be given for between £250 and £2000, the club will be required to match fund the project, (i.e. A club applying for £2000 will be required to have a project of £4000 minimum and funds in place to complete)
- Forms will be forwarded to Union Administrator David Bradley not later than noon 6th December 2019, no applications will be considered that are entered after this date
- Clubs with successful applications shall be notified by the NWCU, and payments will be issued to the club in question upon presentation of an invoice and copy of bank statement showing payment leaving bank (payments made in cash will not be eligible) for the completed project.
- Funding levels are limited, the NWCU reserves the right to decide on which projects will be funded based on the needs of individual clubs and the benefit which projects will bring to the playing of cricket in the NWCU region
- The NWCU reserves the right to accept applications but limit the total funding allocated to a percentage of that applied for (e.g. a club may apply for £2000, but the allocation may be limited to any percentage as seen fit by the NWCU)
- Priority will be given to those applicants who have completed and submitted a current NWCU affiliation form in full.
- Priority will be given to those clubs who have completed or can actively show they are working towards Sport NI Clubmark
- Applicants will be notified by email by 18th Jan 2020 as to whether they were successful or not and the amount of funding allocated
- Projects must be completed by 30 April 2020, with proof of payment for project forwarded to NWCU. Projects not completed by this date will have funding withdrawn unless otherwise agreed with NWCU



ELIGIBLE CLUBS MUST:

1. Be in good financial standing with the Union and its affiliated groups
2. Have in place a non-discriminatory constitution. A copy to be forwarded with application
3. Provide copy of an up to date bank statement to include the 3 most recent months from date of application
4. If approved for a grant from the Fund, the Club agrees to host at least one CI representative match over each of the following two seasons (if required), and/or two CI representative team training sessions per season for the next two seasons (if required) – for which a venue hire fee would apply.
5. Agree to host NW Junior Representative or NW Cup Final matches if required - a fee as agreed will still be payable for such matches Refusal to host such a match if asked may result in the club being suspended from future application processes
6. Ensure funds are directed to a specific project or item of equipment, applications must be accompanied by two quotations.
7. For multi-sports clubs they must have a dedicated 'cricket' bank account to ensure any funding awarded can be accessed only by the cricket section
8. The Matched Funding must be a 'cash' contribution, labour or 'in-kind' contributions will not be accepted
9. Be a Sport NI Clubmark Accredited club, or be able to provide evidence they are currently working toward being a Level 1 Accredited club

EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE WILL FUND:

- Artificial pitches
- NEW Ground keeping equipment (i.e. mowers, scarifiers,)
- Covers
- Sight Screens
- Club house/pavilion improvements

EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE WONT FUND

- General running costs
- Loam and associated supplies for end of season work
- Repairs/servicing to existing machinery
- Repairs/maintenance to the club house/pavilion
- General non-specific drainage work

GRANTS WILL BE PAID UPON COMPLETION OF PROJECT, ADVANCE PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.

Proof of payment for project to supplier/contractor will be required

- **Invoice from supplier/contractor marked as paid**
- **Proof of payment via a bank statement showing payment going out of bank**

Once proof of payment has been provided a payment will be forwarded to cover the grant value awarded.