



COVID-19 Support Fund

The COVID-19 Support Fund was made available by The R&A and administered by England Golf. This fund aimed to support short-term projects and areas which could help clubs to become resilient with the long-term aim of supporting future sustainability.

In England, 775 clubs and facilities applied for funding of up to £10,000 each. The total amount requested was £7.2 million, unfortunately with only £2.55 million available, it was not possible to support all requests received.

England Golf has undertaken a comprehensive assessment process to determine which applicants will be offered full or partial funding awards. This process has looked at the following areas:

- What the COVID-19 Support Fund will support
- Evidence of need and requirement following COVID-19
- What impact this funding will have on the club or facility
- The sustainability of the funded area or project
- The financial effect of COVID-19 on the business
- Adherence to funding criteria

All 775 applications were anonymised and initially assessed on project alone. This has ensured complete objectivity. Following initial assessments, a funding award panel completed a number of checks to support final decision-making. The verification process included scrutiny by non-executive Board Members and a county representative. A team of county representatives were consulted on the development of this process.

Due to the high number of applications, we are unfortunately unable to provide individual feedback to an unsuccessful applicant. We can, however, share some consistent themes from those applications which were unsuccessful. Please note - not all reasons apply to every application.

- Limited details were provided on the use of funding. For example, there was little or no itemisation or breakdown of costs.
- Insufficient information was provided on why the funded area or project was a requirement. In particular, a lack of detail as to why it was needed



and its level of importance to support resilience and future sustainability following COVID-19.

- Inadequate information on the proposed impact. For example, outputs and outcomes including metrics and details of who would benefit from this funded project.
- Limited information on how the applicant would ensure the funded project or area would continue to be sustainable post-funding.
- Details relating to the effect of COVID-19 on the business did not provide a clear picture or sufficient detail to determine financial need.

Upon return of all signed Service Level Agreements, a full list of those clubs who have been awarded funding through the COVID-19 Support Fund will be made available at www.Englandgolf.org/covid19fund